

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Special Session –Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Tentative minutes

Proceedings of the meeting are being recorded (audio and video). The video of the meeting can be found at the following link: <https://leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2739#video>

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 1:04 p.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/Private Prayer:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America was recited at the prior meeting and the moment of silence was observed, so neither were repeated.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	District #1	Jamie Kramer	PRESENT
	District #2	James S. O'Rourke	PRESENT
	District #3	Douglas Rexroat	PRESENT
	District #4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	District #5	Kama Ross	PRESENT
	District #6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	District #7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Public Comment: (3 minutes agenda specific)

None.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action:

County Administrator Search Update: Review Applications and invite to interview. MLI Consultant Chet Janik was present before Commissioners. Janik gave opening comments. The goal today is to select candidates Commissioners may want to interview, the day, and the time. Several candidates have requested confidentiality. When Commissioners come out of closed session, you decide in an open session who you want to interview. All seven Commissioners rated the candidates.

#129-05142024 Special Session

MOTION BY KRAMER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(f) TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT TO A PUBLIC OFFICE FOR THE CANDIDATES THAT HAVE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

ROLL CALL: Kramer – YES; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – YES; Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Session began at approximately 1:07 p.m.

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MOTION BY REXROAT TO RESUME OPEN SESSION. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Open session resumed at approximately 1:50 p.m.

Chairman Wessell called for a brief recess at 1:51 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 1:55 p.m.

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MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING EIGHT CANDIDATES: AHMED ABOU-ISMAIL, KIPLING BELCHER, MICHAEL BELSKY, TRACY BYARD, JAMES KIESSEL, MARK JUSTIN, ANNA NELSON, AND ROBERT REINSHUTTLE. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, O'Rourke)

NO – 1 (Lautner)

MOTION CARRIED.

Interview Dates:

MLI Consultant Janik commented on an Administrator Conference May 21-23. Lengthy discussion ensued about dates and the number of interviews per date. Consensus that interview dates should be back-to-back. Commissioners cannot attend via Zoom. Commissioner Allgaier has a trip that has been in place for 10 months and will not be available the last week of May. Several May dates discussed and calendars reviewed.

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MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. AND ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Allgaier commented that will she cannot attend those dates and will have to observe online the first round. Allgaier requested that the second round of interviews be scheduled for June 10 beginning at noon.

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MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE THE SECOND ROUND OF INTERVIEWS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024, BEGINNING AT NOON. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioners thanked Janik.

Public Comment: *(5 minutes any topic)*

Bill Weisner.

The written public comments or handouts can be found at the following link:

<https://leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2739#handouts>

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion Rexroat to adjourn.

Chairman Wessell adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk
Clerk, Leelanau County Board of Comm.