

**Leelanau County Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Session – Tuesday, July 9, 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=2755#video>*

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 2:49 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:

Forego - 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	Absent ( <i>prior notice</i> )
	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*)

Eric Lind; and Kathy Dawkins.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action:

Acceptance of Commissioner Kramer's Resignation:

Chairman Wessell turned the meeting over to Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis. Lewis noted updated resignation change that has been provided to Commissioners by the Clerk. Lewis continued that the resignation needs to be accepted or not. He continued with a motion that he wrote and suggested, which was moved as follows:

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**MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT #1 COMMISSIONER JAMIE KRAMER, LETTER DATED JUNE 29, 2024, AND AN UPDATED EMAIL OF JULY 9, 2024, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND FURTHER THE COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSES THEIR APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATION AND EFFORTS OF SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT #1 AND LEELANAU COUNTY. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**Absent – 1 Kramer**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Process and Discussion Regarding Potential Appointment of a Commissioner:

Interim Administrator Richard I. Lewis said Commissioners have 30 days if you begin today, to make an appointment. How would Commissioners like to proceed? If you wish to fill the position, you would accept letters from those wishing to serve for consideration by the Board. You could review them and make a decision. Comments continued.

Commissioner O'Rourke said he completely agrees. He said to advertise, and there are three people on the ballot. He continued to set a time to go through it and Lewis offered comments and was looking at dates.

Commissioner Rexroat commented that he does not think that in this short of time, the voters in that district should decide and doesn't think that any of the applicants should be candidates. The Board rarely votes 4-3 along party lines. He is in favor of letting the voters decide.

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Discussion – County Clerk Michelle Crocker responded to questions from Commissioners regarding lack of an appointment. Discussion ensued between Commissioners.

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**MOTION BY O'ROURKE TO CALL THE QUESTIONS. SECONDED BY REXROAT.  
AYES – 6 (O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Lautner)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**ROLL CALL: Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – NO; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – NO.**

**AYES – 4      NO – 2**

**VACANT – 1**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointments to Boards, Commissioners, and Committees:

Chairman Wessell will make the recommendations at next Tuesday's meeting for replacements to the Board, Commissions, Committees that Jamie Kramer served on. He said BATA, Substance Abuse, and Senior Services Advisory Committee. If Commissioners have an interest in any of these, he would request they contact him of their desire.

Comments continued.

Public Comment: (5 minutes)

Bill Wiesner.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Rexroat thanked Commissioner Kramer for her time and commitment and it does take a lot of time. If you agree philosophically. She will be missed and appreciate her service to the County.

- Commissioner Allgaier will miss her voice and she totally enjoyed Jamie being on the Board. Allgaier said she is sorry about her (Kamer's) struggles in her personal life and appreciates and describes this commission as pretty much of a joy and all are reasonable and she appreciates that.

Adjournment:

Motion by Rexroat to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Wessell at 3:17 p.m.

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Ty Wessell, Chairman  
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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