

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Special Session – Wednesday, August 28, 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://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2754#video>

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell 9:06 a.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:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Commissioner O'Rourke and followed by a moment of silence.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	District #1	Vacant	
	#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
	#3	Doug Rexroat	ABSENT (prior notice)
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Kama Ross	PRESENT
	#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Public Comment: (3 minutes – Agenda Specific)

The following individuals spoke: Rick Robbins, Alan Campbell, Scott Perry, Tim McCalley, and Steve Yoder.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner O'Rourke said he would like to thank everyone who spoke this morning.

Commissioner Allgaier welcomed the audience members.

Commissioner Ross stated it is really brave of everyone to be in the same room and she applauds everyone for trying to work together.

Chairman Wessell announced that the Sheriff contacted him in regards to having a tour on the new boat and if anyone is interested to please reach out to the Sheriff.

Clerk Crocker stated if Commissioners are present for the boat tour, then it will need to be posted so the public can attend.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action:

Administrator / CFO Search –

Chairman Wessell welcomed an opinion from each Commissioner on how to move forward with the Administrator search and each Commissioner stated their thoughts.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Commissioner consensus to schedule interviews in November and December and have Interim County Administrator Richard I. Lewis stay on board and overlap with the new hire.

Chairman Wessell called for a break at 9:59 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:09 a.m.

#241-08282024 Special Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN PROCEEDING WITH THE HIRING OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF THE MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION BE REVIEWED AND BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE & ALLGAIER.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Wessell asked if anyone would like to amend the motion to include having a goal of the search by the end of December.

#241A-08282024 Special Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO AMEND THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN PROCEEDING WITH THE HIRING OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF THE MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION BE REVIEWED AND BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION, AND TO HAVE GOAL OF THE SEARCH BY THE END OF DECEMBER. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion ensued.

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

AYES – 4 NO – 1 ABSENT – 1

MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION BY LAUTNER AMENDED THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN PROCEEDING WITH THE HIRING OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF THE MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION BE REVIEWED AND BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION, AND TO HAVE GOAL OF THE SEARCH BY THE END OF DECEMBER. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE & ALLGAIER.

Discussion ensued.

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

AYES – 5 NO – 0 ABSENT – 1

MOTION CARRIED.

Facilities Director Job Description:

Interim Administrator Lewis gave a brief overview of the agenda item and answered Commissioner questions.

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MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE POSITION OF FACILITIES DIRECTOR, THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND WAGE SCALE AS PRESENTED BY THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND THAT THE POSITION BE MADE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND POSTED; AND FURTHERMORE, THAT EFFECTIVE UPON THE RETIREMENT OF THE CURRENT MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR THAT THE POSITION OF MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR BE CHANGED TO MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion ensued.

ROLL CALL: Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Lautner – YES; O’Rourke – YES; Rexroat – ABSENT.

AYES – 5 NO – 0 ABSENT – 1

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

The following individual spoke: Rick Robbins.

Commissioner Comments:

- Chairman Wessell stated he heard Mr. Robbins’s caution and that we will not do something not well. If the Board can’t meet the goal, then we won’t do our task.
- Commissioner Lautner said she is just a little bit disturbed about the fact that we had a young Commissioner on this Board that struggled with her schedule and had no sympathy from this Board. She continued that Commissioner Ross got after her after one meeting because she felt she could tell her what her duties were to the point that it made her cry. Lautner said there was no sympathy for the former young Commissioner and we continued to plow on with County business because that is what we do. She stated she is seeing a little bit of something that disturbs her.
- Commissioner Ross commented it is called learning by mistakes. She said yes; by putting too much pressure on this Board is not right and we all handle it differently. Ross stated it is hard to do this balance and wants to do it well.
- Commissioner O’Rourke commented that the problem is on the Leelanau Enterprise because they don’t publish what is required of a commissioner. We get people here that have never sat on a Board and just because you are not qualified doesn’t mean that you can’t get in and learn and be a patriot for the health, safety, and welfare of the County.

Adjournment:

Chairman Wessell adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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