

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Special Session – Tuesday, October 15, 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=2792#video>

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 12:59 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:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited and followed by a Moment of Silence.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	District #1	Vacant	
	#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
	#3	Doug Rexroat	PRESENT
	#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)

None.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action:

Leland Dam Walkway and Railing Project –

Interim Administrator Lewis offered opening comments on the agenda item. He expressed his thoughts and opinions and explained the overall objective of the dam project, which is to replace the Leland Dam Bridge with the use of Ipe, Thermally Modified Ash, or Treated SYP for long term durability with low maintenance. He said that Ipe and Thermally Modified Ash products meet the objective.

The bid notes can be found at the following link:

https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/notes_ril.pdf

Lewis stated there was not a request for alternative to the bid document and felt that there are only three options that he can present and reviewed them:

Option 1: Accept low base bid from Easling Construction – using only Ipe product, a South American product and not sustainable.

Option 2: Accept low Alternative #1 bid of Fisher Contracting – using only Thermally Modified Ash, a North American product and sustainable.

Option 3: Reject bids, rebid project permitting a combination of Ipe, Thermally Modified Ash or other desire wood products in the project; or other sole source wood products and will need to establish parameters regarding the use of each product, i.e. post, decking.

Lewis continued that the Board of Commissioners could chose an additional Option 4: Accept modified Alternative #1 bid of Easling Construction – using a mixture of the Ipe and Thermally Modified Ash. This option should be considered only on the basis of being in the best interest of the County.

Drain Commissioner Steve Christensen was present for the agenda item and stated his opinion would be to use Fisher Contracting for the proposed project.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

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MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE BID FROM EASLING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE IPE PRODUCT OF \$108,646.00 AND FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO FUND #805. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – Comments continued and Drain Commissioner Christensen offered comments.

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Commissioner O'Rourke called the question, seconded by Commissioner Rexroat. AYES –3 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat)

NO – 3 (Allgaier, Ross, Wessell)

MOTION FAILS.

Commissioner discussion ensued. Chairman Wessell requested the Clerk to repeat the motion before taking the vote.

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MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE BID FROM EASLING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE IPE PRODUCT OF \$108,646.00 AND FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO FUND #805. SECONDED BY REXROAT.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 4 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Wessell)

NO – 2 (Ross and Allgaier)

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

None.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner O'Rourke stated he loves this group.
- Chairman Wessell stated he respects Commissioner Ross's persistence and values.

Adjournment:

Motion by Rexroat to adjourn.

Chairman Wessell adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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