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Please send the following message to all County Commissioners and post this message on line.

BOC Recent Actions

My head is still spinning from the proposals to “rescind” a face mask order by the BLDHD for local schools in an effort to better protect local children from being among those who have contracted the COVID-19 Delta variant, and now, to “reduce to 0.000 mills” the VOTER APPROVED Early Childhood mileage of 0.2488. Fact is that these proposals were introduced and supported only by Republican BOC members. I fear we are seeing a pattern in our local government that mimics national efforts to replace science with quackery and facts with disinformation.

The BOC has no authority to rescind a Health Department order nor do they have the power to override the voters decision in a mileage regardless of the percent turnout or the closeness of the vote. I was stunned by Mr Bunek’s statement as quoted in the Enterprise that “When the people make the wrong decision we (BOC) are here to make sure that doesn’t go on”. Wrong decision??? Last I looked we still live in a democracy and not an autocracy and I’m willing to bet the majority of Americans would like to keep it that way.

I ask the Republican members of the BOC to start focusing on their job and stop the grandstanding - it is a dangerous road you are going down. The two issues cited should in no way be partisan. Your focus should be on the health and welfare of all Leelanau county residents and being champions of our democratic process. Remember that the voters have trusted your integrity by voting you into your positions ... but when you lose their trust they will vote you out.

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