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To the Board of Commissioners, Leelanau County

I oppose creating new positions in the Leelanau County Government, such as a Finance and Human Resources Director. This will divert funding needed by other needs in the county, such as Senior services, other community services to provide for the welfare of Leelanau County residents, Emergency and Safety services, etcetera. We have a dire shortage of housing affordable to those making the median wage in Leelanau. We also have a shortage of health care providers, including mental health care providers. I would like to see the County address these issues rather than create new bureaucracies.

I don't see the reason to spend money to fix something that is currently functioning well. The functions that would be performed by the proposed expansion are already performed well with the current arrangement of the administrator working with the clerk. The proposed organizational changes are NOT in the interest of economy and efficiency of our Leelanau County government

Thank you

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