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Please forward to all Commissioners and post publicly. Thank you.

To the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners:

It has come to my attention that this evening's meeting will include a legal opinion about the validity of our Board of Health's doing everything in their power to combat the spread of COVID as well as questioning their expenditure of COVID funding in the past year, including the suggestion that it was used for employee bonuses. I find this insulting and denigrating to the Board of Health and I am appalled! If those commissioners with these questions had observed even one of the vaccination clinics they would have known first hand the dedication of the department employees, the incredible organization skills involved, the unsurpassed skills of volunteer coordination, and the swift response to setting up sites to make them accessible to every county resident. They managed this in addition to maintaining their high standards for service in their existing areas of responsibility. I doubt very much that anyone received a bonus for this extraordinary work, but I would definitely prefer such an expenditure of my tax dollars to the Commission creating an ongoing and unnecessary expenditure of two additional government offices that existence have not even been justified.

I agree that budget considerations are essential for the maintenance of county services, but to consider cutting the budget of an effective and essential department while starting two superfluous offices is inexcusable.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad