

LEELANAU COUNTY **2022** APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES/AUTHORITIES

AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN (AAA)

ONE SEAT OPEN / ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER / TWO-YEAR TERM

Contact: Heidi Gustine / [Darcia Brewer](#) Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan
1609 Park Drive/POB 5946, Traverse City, MI 49696 231-947-8920

Meets on the first Thursday of every other month at 9:30 a.m. at the above location.

The Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan is a federally designated Area Agency on Aging. It is tasked with the responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive and coordinated system of services to area residents, age sixty (60) and over with priority given to serving the needs of older persons who are identified as having the highest economic and/or social needs. The Board is comprised of fifteen members from Northwest Michigan, one of whom is appointed by the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (BATA)

ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER / THREE-YEAR TERM

Contact: Kelly Dunham / [Mary Meredith](#) Bay Area Transportation Authority
3233 Cass St., Traverse City, MI 49684 231-941-2355

Meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass St. location and other others.

This is a seven-member body responsible for governing the Bay Area Transportation System through its appointed transportation director. The Leelanau County Board of Commissioners appoints a commissioner annually and one, at-large citizen to a three-year term.

BENZIE/LEELANAU DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

ONE SEAT OPEN / ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER / TWO-YEAR TERM

Contact: Dan Thorell / [Dodie Putney](#) Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department
7401 E. Duck Lake Rd., Suite 100, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653 231-256-0200

Meets on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 4:00 p.m. at either the Benzie or Leelanau Health Department location. The November meeting will be held on the third Thursday.

This Board consists of six members, two county commissioners and one at-large member from each of the two counties. This Board is responsible for the policies, programs and operations of the Health Department in Leelanau and Benzie counties.

BENZIE/LEELANAU ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF APPEALS

ONE SEAT OPEN / TWO COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBERS / TWO-YEAR TERMS

Contact: Dan Thorell / [Dodie Putney](#) Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department
7401 E. Duck Lake Rd., Suite 100, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653 231-256-0200

Meets on an as-needed basis, alternating meeting sites between Benzie and Leelanau counties.

The purpose of this Board is to review appeals of Health Department decisions on sewage disposal and water supply issues. The committee has the authority to affirm, reverse or modify the Health Department decision and shall, in writing, state the basis for their determination. Hearing times shall be determined by the committee, which will be comprised of three members (1 Commissioner and 2 at-large citizens) from both Leelanau and Benzie Counties.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BRA)

FIVE CITIZEN MEMBERS / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [Trudy Galla](#), Director, Leelanau County Planning & Community Development
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9812

Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at the Government Center.

This Authority will facilitate the implementation of Brownfield plans; promote the revitalization, redevelopment and reuse of certain property including, but not limited to, tax reverted, blighted, or functionally obsolete property; and authorize and permit the use of certain tax increment financing. The Leelanau County Board of Commissioners appoints five at-large citizens.

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS

ONE SEAT OPEN / Any Category (*Architect, Electrical, Plumbing/Mechanical, Building*) / FIVE CITIZEN MEMBERS / FIVE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [Amber Weber](#), Building Official, Leelanau County Building Safety Department
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9806

Meets on an as-needed basis.

This five-member board hears appeals for decisions made by the County Construction Codes and may allow construction variances in certain situations. Categories include Architectural, Building, Electrical, and Plumbing/Mechanical.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

ONE SEAT OPEN / TWO CITIZEN MEMBERS / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: Barb LaRue/[Jaimie Dent](#) Department of Health and Human Services
701 S. Elmwood-Suite 19, Traverse City, MI 49684 231-941-3900

Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., generally at the above location.

This agency provides policy guidance for the operations of the Leelanau County Department of Human Services. Leelanau County appoints two at-large citizens.

LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY (LBA)

ONE SEAT OPEN / THREE CITIZEN MEMBERS / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [John A. Gallagher III](#), Leelanau County Treasurer
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9838

Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the above location.

A Land Bank Authority is a public authority created to efficiently acquire, hold, manage, and develop tax-foreclosed property, as well as other vacant, blighted, obsolete and abandoned properties. Among its functions, a Land Bank can help facilitate use and development of property, establish "clear title" on properties it acquires, borrow money, and issue tax-exempt financing.

NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (CMH)

ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER / THREE-YEAR TERM ([Term expires March 31.](#))

Contact: ____/[Deb Lavender](#)
105 Hall St., Traverse City, MI 49684 231-922-4850

Meets on the third Thursday of every month at 3:30 p.m. at various locations throughout the region.

This Authority provides a comprehensive array of mental health services appropriate to the conditions of individuals within the geographic service area (Crawford, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford Counties). One Commissioner and one at-large citizen from Leelanau County will serve on this board.

NORTHERN MI REGIONAL ENTITY (NMRE) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES POLICY OVERSIGHT BOARD

ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER /THREE-YEAR TERM

Contact: Eric Kurtz/[Carol Balousek](#), Northern Michigan Regional Entity
1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770 231-487-9144

Meets on the first Monday of odd numbered months at 10 a.m. at 1068 Cross St., Gaylord, Michigan, unless otherwise posted.

The Oversight Board is comprised of one appointee from each of the twenty-one (21) counties served by the Northern Michigan Regional Entity. The Leelanau County appointee shall have experience, expertise, knowledge and/or interest in substance use disorder issues.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (NRAA)

ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER / THREE-YEAR TERM

Contact: Kevin Klein/[Luanne Zak](#), Cherry Capital Airport
727 Fly Don't Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 231-947-2250

Meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at the above location.

This Commission is the governing body for the Cherry Capital Airport in Traverse City. The airport is jointly owned and operated by Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties. This is a seven-member board, (5 from Grand Traverse County and 2 from Leelanau County) one member shall be a commissioner appointment, and the other member shall be a citizen-at-large.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P & R)

ONE SEAT OPEN / FIVE CITIZEN MEMBERS / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [Casey Noonan](#), Chairman
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9711

Meets on the third Wednesday every month at 3:00 p.m., with the exception of July and November, at the above location; committee meetings are scheduled as needed.

The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of ten (10) persons, including the Chair of the Road Commission or another road commissioner designated by the Board of County Road Commissioners; the County Drain Commissioner; the Planning Commission Chairman or his/her designee; and seven (7) other members appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. The seven appointed members may include no less than one (1) and not more than three (3) County Commissioners. This Commission oversees three County parks – Old Settler's Picnic Grounds, Myles Kimmerly Park, including the 4-H Arena, and the Veronica Valley County Park, as well as propose park rules and regulations to the County Board of Commissioners.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

THREE SEATS OPEN* / TEN CITIZEN MEMBERS / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [Trudy Galla](#), Leelanau County Planning & Community Development
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9812

**Open categories include – Agriculture; Municipal Government; Tourism*

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the above location.

The Leelanau County Planning Commission is an 11-member commission whose primary duty is to oversee preparation and implementation of the County Plan. This includes solid waste management, economic development, growth management, and transportation issues.

SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL ORDINANCE BOARD OF APPEALS (SESSRC)

TWO SEATS OPEN / FIVE CITIZEN MEMBERS / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [Buzz Long](#), Leelanau Conservation District
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suite 205, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9783

Meets on an as-needed basis.

This Appeals Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners. The Appeals Board may affirm, reverse, or modify the Code Enforcement Agency's action, or remand the matter to the Code Enforcement Agency for more information. The Appeals Board may not grant variances from the requirements of the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance.

SOLID WASTE COUNCIL (SWC)

FIVE SEATS OPEN / NINE CITIZEN MEMBERS and TWO, EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS / TWO-YEAR TERMS

Contact: [Trudy Galla](#), Leelanau County Planning & Community Development
8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 231-256-9812

Meets on the first Tuesday of every other month at 1:00 p.m. at the above location.

The Solid Waste Council is a 14-member council charged with the responsibility of updating and carrying out the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (VAAC)

ONE SEAT OPEN* / ONE COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER / TWO-YEAR TERM

Contact: [Michael Roof](#), Director, Grand Traverse County Veterans Affairs
2650 LaFranier, Traverse City, MI 49686 231-995-6070

Meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the Grand Traverse County Public Service Building.

This committee meets monthly to oversee the operations of the Veterans Affairs Department. The Leelanau County Board of Commissioners appoints one at-large citizen to serve on this committee to oversee the operations of our contract for Veteran Affairs services. The appointee must have served honorably in active duty in the armed forces, volunteers, or regulars.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD *(Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce nominates the applicant)*

ONE SEAT OPEN / TWO COUNTY APPOINTEES / THREE-YEAR TERMS

Contact: Matt McCauley / _____, Networks Northwest
600 E. Front Street, Suite 104, Traverse City, MI 49686 231-929-5000, fax 231-929-5012

Meets on the second Monday of every other month starting in February at 6:00 p.m. at MI Public Works. No meetings scheduled in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

This body is a group of individuals who are or represent employers and acts as the governing body on programs related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Board members are individuals employed as chief operating officers of businesses or business owners in a ten-county area of Northwest Lower Michigan. Two members represent Leelanau County; appointees are chosen by this Board. **Interested applicants must apply directly to Networks Northwest.**