

9-9-20 – Commissioner Report to Centerville Township Board

9-8-20 BOC Executive Committee Action

1. Benzie/Leelanau Early Childhood Program

At yesterday's BOC Executive meeting Michelle Klein, Personal Health Director, and Lisa Peacock, Chief Health Officer, gave an excellent presentation laying out their plans for Parenting Communities and the Health Department's EC program for 2021 including goals, benchmarks, and overall mission for the coming years.

The BOC motion to approve the Benzie/Leelanau Health Department Early Childhood proposal passed the Board on a 7/0 vote, forwarding the proposal to next Tuesday night's meeting where the final vote will be taken.

Here is the link to the video if you wish to see the presentation:

<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=1981#video>. The EC presentation and discussion begins at 1 hour, 21 minutes, 51 seconds into the meeting. I have attached the report they presented below.

2. Anti-bias Training

BOC will participate in anti-bias training to be taught by Diane Carpenter Emling, a local author and retired Northwestern Michigan College sociology professor. Ms. Emling wrote, Institutional Racism & Restorative Justice. Other community leaders representing who helped develop the resolution passed by the Board at their last regular meeting will help design the training modules. The seminar will be broadcast via YouTube for anyone who wants to watch. A date for the seminar will be set soon. This is the first of ongoing seminars that the Board will participate in.

3. COVID Testing Locations Expanded

The Northern Michigan Regional Lab at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Gaylord office, is being refitted to test for COVID and other lab tests. This will increase the testing capacity in our region.

The Benzie Leelanau Health Department is now going to be offering COVID testing every Tuesday morning in their Lake Leelanau office and every Wednesday morning in our Benzonia office, from 9-12 each day. They will bill insurance, but

will also test those who are uninsured. This is by appointment only – call 882-4409 for an appointment.

4. 2020 L-4029 Tax Rate Request

Chairman Bunek proposed lowering Leelanau County's 3.4276- mill operational tax levy by 0.0002 mill. He said this would reduce the current revenue by \$40,000 for 2021, resulting in a saving of between \$1 and \$2 dollars for each taxpayer. Leelanau County maintains the lowest operational millage property rate of any of Michigan's 83 counties.

5. Leland Recycling Site

Agreements, site plan, and Drain Commission and Road Commission approvals have been forwarded to Tim Cypher for review and issuing a special use permit. American Waste is ready to place recycling bins as soon as we receive the green light.

Popp Road permanent site continues to move forward through the process.