

LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Session – Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Corrected and Approved – 09/15/2018

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Meeting called to order by Chairman William J. Bunek at 9:00 a.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

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| Roll Call: | District #1 | Anthony Ansorge | PRESENT |
| | #2 | Debra L. Rushton | PRESENT |
| | #3 | William J. Bunek | PRESENT |
| | #4 | Ty Wessell | PRESENT |
| | #5 | Patricia Soutas-Little | PRESENT |
| | #6 | Carolyn Rentenbach | PRESENT (via Zoom) |
| | #7 | Melinda C. Lautner | PRESENT |

Guest present.

Public Comment:

Chairman Bunek stated the telephone number to call for any individuals wishing to make public comment.

► Steve Mikowski, Lake Leelanau. Mikowski commented on the proposed Leland Township recycling site and requested rejection of the proposal and stated his reasons.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action –

Jury Commission Vacancy Recommendation:

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MOTION BY ANSORGE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINT JUNE SCHAUB TO THE JURY COMMISSION FOR THE BALANCE OF A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2021. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none

**AYES – (7) Ansorge, Wessell, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little
NO – 0
MOTION CARRIED.**

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) Grant – Prosecuting Attorney's Office:

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tristian Chamberlain was present before Commissioners to explain the grant application that includes and allows the Prosecutor's Office, District Court, Circuit Court and Probate Court/Family Court to pursue the purchase of laptops for remote access due to COVID-19. This will aid in the ability to work remotely; he outlined the equipment that would be purchased. All of the grants are subject to approval. The bid is for \$15,271.18 plus an additional \$3,378.16 for prior purchases due to COVID-19. Process explained by Chamberlain and he responded to questions from

Commissioners. Administrator Chet Janik responded that this is different than the Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) the County has already been approved for. Chamberlain confirmed that nothing will be purchased prior to approval of grant funds. Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE DEPARTMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE TO APPLY FOR THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUND GRANT IN THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF \$18,589.34, FOR THE PURCHASE OF DESCRIBED EQUIPMENT, WITH FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS, AND WITH REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – Chamberlain responded to questions from Commissioner Lautner regarding employees working remotely, bidding, and the County inventory list. Commissioner Rushton would like *“potential purchase of the described equipment upon being awarded the grant”* added to the motion language. She understands that the Departments have said they won’t pre-order, but the argument could be made that the approval was given prior to the grant. Discussion ensued on the use of the equipment and the need in the Prosecuting Attorney’s office to also move into a paperless environment.

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MOTION BY WESSELL AMENDED THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE DEPARTMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE TO APPLY FOR THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUND GRANT IN THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF \$18,589.34, FOR THE *POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF DESCRIBED EQUIPMENT UPON BEING AWARDED THE GRANT*, WITH FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS, AND WITH REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE. SECONDED AMENDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – Chamberlain explained that the Prosecutor’s Office would like to go to a paperless system, which will help offset the costs that the program offers from the Federal government. Bunek commented on the reasons why he cannot support the request and the “free” money. If this is needed, the County should be responsible for the purchase, not the Federal government borrowing from our great-grandchildren.

AYES – 6 (Wessell, Ansorge, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little)

NO – 1 (Bunek)

MOTION CARRIED.

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) Grant – Sheriff’s Office:

Undersheriff Steve Morgan and Jail Administrator, Lt. Todd Roush, were present regarding the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund and monies available for them. Morgan explained the use of the needed equipment for both corrections and law enforcement. The equipment is an automatic system for decontamination and Morgan described the use. If there was a known COVID exposure, the cleaning and decontaminating of the area can be done quickly. Morgan further explained the request and responded to questions from Commissioners.

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MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SUBMIT A CESF GRANT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,719.36. IF AWARDED THE GRANT, ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF THE DESCRIBED EQUIPMENT WITH FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE ACCOUNT LINE DESIGNATED BY ACCOUNTING, WITH REIMBURSEMENT TO COME FROM THE STATE. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion.

AYES – 6 (Wessell, Ansorge, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little)

NO – 1 (Bunek)

MOTION CARRIED.

Review and Approval of Economic Development Administration Grant:

Commissioner Soutas-Little and Paul Winston, LIFT (Leelanau Internet Futures Team) Committee Member, updated the Board via a Power Point presentation, on file with the Clerk's office and at the following link:

https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/leelanau_boc_eda_review_v5_07292020.pdf

regarding the County-wide survey to businesses which are based from home. The survey accounts for what type of service the home is provided with, the speed of the service, the dependence percentage needed during a pandemic, impact of essential business activities during a pandemic, snapshot of respondents of the survey, and the distribution of the respondents across the districts.

Winston indicated that there has been a follow up to the survey by contacting respondents via email asking if high speed service would help. They had a 45% response rate so far. Winston continued that most indicated that high-speed internet would help with job retention and growth. Winston continued with review/response.

Commissioner Soutas-Little informed the Board that the second tower was to be on Miller Hill and when searching deeds, that site is owned by Glen Arbor Township. There is a clause in ~~a~~ *the* (corrected and approved on 09/15/2020 to delete "a" and insert "the") deed that if the property is used for anything other than a park, it may revert back to the State. The Glen Arbor Zoning Administrator and the Glen Arbor Township Supervisor, who is also a member of LIFT, are looking to see if there is an acceptable answer to deed. Comments continued about the potential for high-speed internet and for 9-1-1 purposes. Revisions to the grant packet does include job loss and an appendix from the survey. Comments continued on exploration of options and survey results. Soutas-Little complimented those that have been so involved with this.

Winston and Commissioner Soutas-Little responded to questions, as did Emergency Management / 9-1-1 Director Matt Ansorge.

Commissioner Soutas-Little said she wanted an opportunity for Commissioners to review it so it is not unfamiliar when it comes back with a location and/or dollars. Soutas-Little continued in response to Commissioner Ansorge, that the grant has a rolling submission timeframe. The probability of having this funded is enhanced and there is a lot of encouragement from several organizations. Brief comments ensued.

Potential Approval of Leland Township Recycling Sites Agreements:

Planning and Community Development Director Trudy Galla was present today on behalf of the Solid Waste Council regarding possible Leland Township site locations. Galla distributed a couple of aeriels for reference for Commissioners. Galla presented the information on the proposed sites.

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MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE A RECYCLING SITE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF E. OAK STREET AND S. EDWARDS AVENUE IN LELAND. COSTS TO COME FROM FUND #230. SECONDED BY SOUTAS LITTLE.

Discussion – Galla responded to questions from Commissioners regarding two sites going into Leland Township. The plan in the unincorporated Village of Leland is considered a temporary site, as it is not currently being used for parking right now. It may change by next summer, but it is a temporary site. Commissioner Soutas-Little commented that with COVID there is a great more need for convenient recycling drop-off sites and people not wanting to travel far. The site has been reviewed and it will be temporary site until Popp Road is able to be up and usable. Commissioner Lautner offered comments that she hopes this ends up becoming a more permanent site or something in that area. She offered comments on Popp Road, but she is like Commissioner Ansoerge and referenced other sites. Brief comments continued with Galla responding to questions from Commissioners. This is to be a temporary site, and the hope is that Popp Road will be a permanent site. Discussion on order of motions, curbside recycling, funding, amending the recycling plan, related costs, timeline and location.

AYES – 6 (Lautner, Bunek, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell)

NO – 1 (Ansoerge)

MOTION CARRIED.

Galla responded to questions regarding location and they have looked at a lot of sites in Leland and it just hasn't worked out. Galla further detailed information about the Popp Road location.

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MOTION BY RENTENBACH THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE A RECYCLING SITE AGREEMENT WITH LELAND TOWNSHIP FOR THE TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY ON S. POPP ROAD WITH COSTS TO COME FROM FUND #230. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – Galla responded to questions. David McCulloch, SWC Member, thanked the hard work that Planning Department and the Solid Waste Council.

AYES – 4 (Rentenbach, Bunek, Soutas-Little, Wessell)

NO – 3 (Ansoerge, Lautner, Rushton)

MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION BY RENTENBACH THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUBMIT THE REQUIRED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO LELAND TOWNSHIP FOR THE NECESSARY PERMITS FOR THE POPP ROAD SITE, FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE DOCUMENTS BY STAFF. COSTS TO COME FROM FUND 230 AND THE 2% ALLOCATION FUNDS. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 4 (Rentenbach, Bunek, Soutas-Little, Wessell)

NO – 3 (Ansoerge, Lautner, Rushton)

MOTION CARRIED.

Government Campus Tower Update/Potential Recommendation:

Emergency Management/911 Director Matt Ansoerge, presented the RFP comparison for a new tower build between Tower Communications Expert LLC, and Grand Traverse Engineering & Construction. Included in the documentation is also the wind averages from the Cherry Capital Airport showing the max wind as well as gusts. The RFP does include the maximum load for the possible new site. The engineering structure analysis has been completed, and this new location will be designed with five co-locations. It is still early, and at this time there has been no contact with any cell phone companies about contracts for the new proposed tower. Administrator Janik is looking into a partnership with a professional service to oversee this project.

Commissioner Ansoerge questioned about fiber locations in and around the Government Center and the usage of such service for an opportunity of a choice of service. Fiber is only for smaller ISP (Internet Service Providers) from the County, not AT&T and Verizon, as they run their own for their use only.

Public Comment:

Chairman Bunek announced the telephone number for the public to call if they wished to offer Public Comment.

► Stephen Mikowski, Lake Leelanau. Mikowski offered comment against the recycling sites within the Lake Leelanau community and does not support today's decision. Mikowski offered further comments on the "elites".

No phone calls received.

Commissioner Comments:

► Chairman Bunek commented that the Provemont pond recycling location property is a covered landfill with a parking lot now and stated that having a recycling site there is a lot better than a landfill.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Bunek at 11:12 a.m.

William J. Bunek, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Zywicki, Chief Deputy Clerk
for Michelle L. Crocker, County Clerk