

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, January 4, 2022
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<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2239#video>*

Meeting called to order by Chairman William J. Bunek at 12:00 p.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 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.

Roll Call:	District #1	Rick Robbins	PRESENT
	#2	Debra L. Rushton	PRESENT
	#3	William J. Bunek	PRESENT
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Patricia Soutas-Little	PRESENT
	#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Public Comment:

None.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion:

Today's meeting is continued Review of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Empire Village:

Empire Village will not be here and requested that they be asked that they be placed on the next agenda.

Chairman Bunek requested that ALICE be heard when they arrive.

Meals on Wheels:

Lisa Robitshek, Manager of Meals on Wheels was present regarding her proposal which had been provided earlier to Commissioners. Robitshek explained the proposal and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Leelanau Christian Neighbors:

Mary Stanton of Leelanau Christian Neighbors (LCN) was present regarding her proposal. Stanton explained the history of the LCN, their organization, the services they offer. Stanton explained their proposal and responded to questions from Commissioners.

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed):

Beth Linnea Vehey was present before Commissioners. Vehey reviewed her proposal and also shared a PowerPoint slide with Commissioners. Vehey responded to questions from

Commissioners. The slideshow can be viewed at the following link:
<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2239#handouts>

Leelanau Children's Center:

Greta Campo with the Infant Toddler Childcare Initiative was present. Campo said the Leelanau Children's Center is an anchor partner for the Infant Toddler Childcare Initiative. Campo reviewed her proposal of the pilot program looking to support the licensing and requirements to open 5 new home-based child care facilities in Leelanau County and responded to questions from Commissioners. A handout was distributed to Commissioners previously per Janik. The information can be viewed at the following link:

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Chairman Bunek called for a brief break at 1:39 p.m.
Chairman Bunek called the meeting back to order at 1:50 p.m.

Leelanau Investing For Teens:

Rebecca Tenbrink, Executive Director and Founder of LIFT (Leelanau Investing For Teens) was present before Commissioners. Tenbrink explained the affects that COVID has had on youth and their request before Commissioners. Tenbrink was joined by Associate Director Audrey Sharp.

Child & Family Services:

Gina Aranki, Executive Director of Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan was present before Commissioners Aranki explained the services provided by the agency. Aranki explained her proposal that was distributed to Commissioners and responded to questions from Commissioners. The information can be viewed at the following link:

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Leelanau Mental Health Liaison:

Sue Miller, representing the League of Women Voters and other agencies. She reviewed and explained the proposal and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department Space Update:

No information today. The individual working on this has contracted COVID and has not been available.

Air Quality Equipment:

Administrator Janik outlined this and referenced the unit that is currently in use. The information can be viewed at the following link:

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Other Issues:

Janik is getting a lot of calls from individuals that have not been asked in and wanted to know if they have been rejected. Chairman Bunek thought another date could be scheduled.

Next Meeting Dates/Agenda Items:

Discussion on possible meeting dates for Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., done by 2:00 p.m.

Discussion on the following submissions for consideration: Empire Township – agreed; Cedar/Maple City Lions Club – agreed; Cherryland Election was a summary page; Glen Lake Association – boat washing and septic testing – Commissioner Allgaier to get back with Administrator Janik; Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department – update by Administrator Janik for potential space; Leelanau Youth League – does not qualify; Power Book Bags – does not qualify; SB/Bingham District Library – agreed; Filtration System for the Government Center – Administrator Janik will continue to research and possibly proceed without rescue funds.

Administrator Janik reviewed the list of those that have submitted proposals and not submitted.

Public Comment:

Chairman Bunek called for Public Comment.

- Beth Linnea Vehey

Commissioner Comment:

- Commissioner Soutas-Little commented on the infant toddler start up program that Greta Campo addressed. She wished to fill in some pieces and explained the partnership and the entities involved. Soutas-Little addressed the grant and other aspects. Soutas-Little offered additional comments in support of the program and thanked Commissioners for the good questions.
- Commissioner Wessell commented on all of the needs within the County and thanked the Commissioners for their support.
- Commissioner Robbins commented on needs and worked off of Commissioner Allgaier's comments. The one think that the County doesn't have is a walk-in clinic. Robbins commented on taking care of the elderly and their medical needs.

Adjournment:

Chairman Bunek adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

William J. Bunek, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk
Clerk – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners