

**LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING – Monday, October 26, 2020**

*Approved 12/15/2020*

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Public Hearing called to order by Chairman William J. Bunek at 9:00 a.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	Anthony Anzorge	PRESENT
	#2	Debra L. Rushton	PRESENT (via Zoom)
	#3	William J. Bunek	PRESENT
	#4	Ty Wessell	ABSENT
	#5	Patricia Soutas-Little	PRESENT
	#6	Carolyn Rentenbach	PRESENT (via Zoom)
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Purpose of the Public Hearing —

Public Comment on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation CDBG (Community Development Block Grant):

Chairman Bunek stated the reason for the Public Hearing is to seek public comment.

Administrator Janik gave an overview of the reasons for the Public Hearing. Leelanau County was notified earlier this summer that the County is eligible through the CARES Act for approximately \$368,000.00 and holding the Public Hearing is a requirement of the Grant. There is no competition with other agencies for this funding; this is what would be a dedicated award to the County for eligible expenses, as well as agencies within the County and non-profits as well. The paperwork has been submitted to show the interest in the funding. Janik explained the process that has taken place to this point. Leelanau County has a liaison officer that Janik has been in touch with weekly. Janik said he had a Zoom meeting with all of the eligible Townships and Villages, and now Fire Departments. He has also spoken with the Benzie/ Leelanau District Health Department and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB). The way the law is written, any potential expenses from January 20, 2020, (the date of the first positive test in the Country) through December 31, 2020, are the eligible dates for expenditures. We have been very proactive in tracking expenditures for Leelanau County – Plexiglass, additional cleaning, overtime, etc. Now that we have a liaison, if we wish to allocate funds to a COVID-19 related project we can submit the information and our liaison can let us know in advance if the item is eligible or not. Janik continued that the two biggest units of Government are the Health Department and the GTB that will be joining with us in expenditures. Janik referenced the conference call he had last week. Leelanau Christian Neighbors and food distribution is also reimbursable. Non-profits are also eligible and they must apply through the County and then we reimburse the agency. Janik continued to outline the process to be used to comply with the CARES Act requirements.

Janik responded to questions from Commissioners regarding the funding and how it is determined what is eligible and Janik further responded that he is working with the liaison which is guiding him through the process. Approved expenditures must be items that were not in approved budgets already. If items are eligible for reimbursement through another CARES Act, they cannot apply through this program – there can be no double-dipping.

Discussion ensued regarding possible expenditures that are COVID related.

About 20% of the units that submit funding requests will be audited.

Chairman Bunek stated the call-in number for Public Comment for this Public hearing.

There was no public present for comment and no calls were received.

Adjournment:

Chairman Bunek adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:16 a.m.

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William J. Bunek, Chairman  
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk  
Clerk-Leelanau County Board of Commissioner