

**LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION – Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

*Approved 12/15/2020*

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Meeting called to order by Chairman William J. Bunek at 7:00 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 and the moment of silence was dispensed with as it was recited at the prior meeting.

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

Communications, Proclamations, Presentations:

● Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority Presentation: via Zoom.  
Laurie Fisher, Chief Financial Officer and Joan Blamer Action Director were both via Zoom. They thanked Commissioners for the yearly expenditures by the County and outlined all of the services that they provide. They updated Commissioners on the services and also the 2019 Fiscal year report, which can be found at the following link or in the County Clerk's office. Fisher and Blamer responded to questions from Commissioners, who thanked them for all of their work.

<https://www.northernlakescmh.org/about-us/annual-report/>

Commissioners thanked Fisher and Blamer for all of their work.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Commissioner Ansoerge would like to exclude the Executive Board minutes of September 8, 2020, until the next meeting.

*#198-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY ANSORGE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF: DECEMBER 17, 2019; MARCH 17, 2020; JULY 21; 2020, JULY 29, 2020; AND AUGUST 11, 2020. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.**

Discussion – none.

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

Commissioner Rushton noted on the August 18, 2020, minutes on page 5, last motion, third line – where she asked for the inclusion of the word “equality” and would like it to reflect “equality”, not “equity” just in that one line of the motion.

MOTION BY ANSORGE TO APPROVE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE: SPECIAL SESSION OF JULY 29, 2020, AS PRESENTED; THE REGULAR SESSION OF AUGUST 18, 2020, AS CORRECTED; THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF JULY 29, 2020, AND THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 13, 2020.

Discussion – Commissioner Soutas-Little has a correction on the Special Session minutes of July 29, 2020, page 3, third paragraph from the bottom, “a deed” should be “the deed”.

*#199-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY ANSORGE AMENDED THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF JULY 29, 2020, AS PRESENTED-CORRECTED; THE REGULAR SESSION OF AUGUST 18, 2020, AS CORRECTED; THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF JULY 29, 2020; AND THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 13, 2020. AMENDMENT SECONDED BY RUSHTON.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Agenda / Late Additions or Deletions:

Chairman Bunek stated that to his knowledge there were no late additions.

*#200-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY ANSORGE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY WESSELL.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment:

Chairman Bunek announced the call-in number for Public Comment, 231-256-8109.

- Sue Miller from Lake Leelanau. (Call in) Miller offered thanks to Commissioners for moving forward on the Benzie/Leelanau District Health proposal for providing Early Childhood Services. Miller continued with comments.

If the phone is busy, try again. It is now available.

Action Items –

Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department – Early Childhood Program Update, Proposal:

Health Officer Lisa Peacock and Director of Personal Health Michelle Klein of the Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department were present before Commissioners. There was no request to review information from the prior week. Commissioner Rushton did receive her requested information and asked for an update if there was anything new from last week and Klein responded with all of the undertakings that have occurred. Discussion ensued with

questions and answers. Commissioner Rushton requested that the newsletter that was referenced be emailed to all Commissioners.

*#201-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY SOUTAS-LITTLE THAT THE LEELANAU BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BENZIE/LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES, AS PRESENTED, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$640,910.00, PENDING COUNSEL AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND APPROVAL. FUNDS TO COME FROM #101.525.601.967.002. SECONDED BY WESSELL.**

Discussion.

**AYES – 7 (Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Sheriff's Office – Request to Establish a LCSO Marine Safety Fund:

*#202-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF THE MARINE DIVISION 1994 FOUR WINNS OPEN BOW 203 HORIZON COAST RUNNER, 200 HP EVINRUDE MOTOR, AND FOUR WINNS TRAILER BY AUCTION. SECONDED BY WESSELL.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Renewal of Law Enforcement Agreement with Suttons Bay Village:

*#203-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY RUSHTON THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY TO SUPPLY THE VILLAGE WITH ONE FULL TIME DEPUTY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021. SECONDED BY WESSELL.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Acceptance of CESF Grant Award, Purchase of Decontamination Units and Supplies:

*#204-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY RUSHTON THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE CESF GRANT AWARD FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,719.36; FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A REVENUE ACCOUNT TO BE DETERMINED ONCE THE GRANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansonge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Prosecuting Attorney/Courts – Acceptance of CESF Grant Award, Computer Equipment Purchase:

*#205-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY RUSHTON THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE CESF GRANT AWARD FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,471.22; FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A REVENUE ACCOUNT TO BE DETERMINED ONCE THE GRANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. SECONDED BY WESSELL.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Planning/Community Development – RAP (Risk Avoidance Program) Grant Application, Aerial Photos:

*#206-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MMRMA RAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2021 AERIALS AND SUBMIT PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 2, 2020. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Prosecuting Attorney/Courts – Acceptance of CESF Grant Award, Computer Equipment Purchase (continued):

*#207-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE CESF GRANT AWARD FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,643.92; FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A REVENUE ACCOUNT TO BE DETERMINED ONCE THE GRANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. SECONDED BY WESSELL.**

Discussion – this is being handled under the topic as earlier stated – this is the Court portion, where the prior recommendation was the Prosecuting Attorney portion.

**AYES – 7 (Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Equalization – Approval of 2020 L-4029 Tax Rate Request:

*#208-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE A MILLAGE RATE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MILLAGE LEVY (COLUMN 9) AND PLACE THAT MILLAGE RATE IN COLUMN 10 AS THE MILLAGE RATE REQUESTED TO BE LEVIED DECEMBER 1, 2020, AND RETURN L-4029 TO THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Equalization/Treasurer –Approval of Addendum for Title Search Services, ASK, Inc.:

*#209–09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ASK SERVICES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM #516-000.000-801.000. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.**

Discussion – none.

**ROLL CALL: Lautner – YES; Rentenbach – YES; Rushton – YES; Soutas-Little – YES; Wessell – Yes; Ansorge – NO; Bunek – YES.**

**AYES – 6      NO – 1**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Leelanau County Towers – Proposed Government Center Tower RFP Update:

*#210–09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY RUSHTON THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO WAIVE THE POLICY ON BID REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SWAGER COMMUNICATION IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING TOWER AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,200.00; FUNDS TO COME FROM FUND #518.000.000.801.000. SECONDED BY LAUTNER.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration – Indigenous Peoples Day – Thursday, October 1, 2020:

*#211–09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED AND HIGHLIGHTED AREAS AS PRESENTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. SECONDED BY RUSHTON AND LAUTNER.**

Discussion – Commissioner Wessell, as requested, read the highlighted areas.

**ROLL CALL: Wessell – YES; Ansorge – YES; Bunek – YES; Lautner – YES;**

**Rentenbach – YES; Rushton – YES; Soutas-Little – YES.**

**AYES – 7      NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Leelanau County Resolution #2020-015**

**A Resolution to Recognize the First Day of October as Indigenous Peoples Day**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Leelanau is situated on a peninsula of unique and unparalleled beauty, which provides a bounty to its residents through fertile land and access to Lake Michigan and the Grand Traverse Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Leelanau would not exist nor its residents enjoy its beauty and bounty but for the annexation of its lands from the homelands of the Anishinabek people, who lived here since time immemorial and to the present day; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Leelanau understands that the historical relationship that brought it into being, now wishes to recognize with gratitude the roots, history, and contributions of the Anishinabek people towards its existence; and

**WHEREAS**, an international movement began in 1977 to initiate an Indigenous Peoples Day by a delegation of native nations to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous Nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to use Columbus Day as an opportunity to educate the public about Indian cultures that pre-existed European contact and still exists and thrives today; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1990, numerous municipalities throughout the United States have incorporated the principles of the First Continental Conference by voting to institute an Indigenous Peoples Day and to use the day to honor the culture, heritage, and contributions of their native citizens and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Congress passed a joint resolution requesting the President designate November as National American Indian Heritage Month by a proclamation of the President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Leelanau County wishes to extend recognition to, and appreciation of, its Anishinabek citizens and neighbors, and their shared history;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Leelanau County shall forthwith recognize the First Day of October as INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY; and,

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Leelanau County shall recognize the National American Indian Heritage Month of November; and,

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY and National American Indian Heritage Month shall be used to reflect the ongoing challenges posed to indigenous people of this land, and to celebrate their continued existence and culture; and to honor and appreciate their commitment to protecting and preserving the earth, her resources, and all living beings.

Chairman Bunek offered comment / questioned if this replaces last years prior or do, they all stand. Brief comments about this is now in place until another resolution is adopted.

Administration – Non-Union Personnel Policy Revisions:

*#212-09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REVISIONS, AS PRESENTED, TO THE NON-UNION PERSONNEL POLICY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PENDING LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. SECONDED BY LAUTNER & RENTENBACH.**

Discussion – Commissioner Rushton questioned the effective date and Janik responded it will be as soon as the Attorney signs off. Janik also noted that these changes are to be in compliance with Federal law.

**AYES – 7 (Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek, Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Review of Financials:

None.

Committee Reports, Recommendations, and Resolutions:

None.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners, and Affiliated Agencies:

- Commissioner Lautner updated Commissioners on the Housing Action Committee meeting. Most of the group will be doing a housing summit down the road. Commissioner Wessell added brief comments on the Housing Action Committee.
- Commissioner Wessell reminded Commissioners of the on Community Mental Health survey for Commissioners. It is being done online via Survey Monkey.
- Commissioner Rushton updated Commissioners on the Opioid Task Force and hopes that they can start to get their core groups back meeting. She gave comments on the work that is being done. Rushton will have more information as the Force moves along. Commissioner Wessell complimented Rushton on her leadership of the Task Force and also complimented Greg McMorrow. Administrator Janik noted that Alan Campbell joined the meeting and was so impressed that he will be doing an article. Discussion on a lab that the State Police will be bring here that employees and others will be able to walk through and it is specifically designed for parents, grandparents, and care-givers. Rushton explained the trailer and the teaching opportunity.
- Commissioner Lautner offered further comments on the Housing Action Committee meeting and the presentation from the Sleeping Bear Gate Base Council. Lautner expanded on the presentation and the information is available on their website.

Public Comment:

Chairman Bunek stated the number to call in anyone wishing to call in for public comment. No public comment received.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Approval of Financials – Amendments and Transfers:

*#213–09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2020 AMENDMENT #20-009. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Claims and Accounts:

*#214–09152020 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,176.62. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansorge, Bunek)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Post Audit Claims and Accounts:

#215-09152020 Regular Session

**MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE POST AUDIT CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT \$5,008,004.76. SECONDED BY RUSHTON AND WESSELL.**

Discussion – none.

**AYES – 7 (Lautner, Rentenbach, Rushton, Soutas-Little, Wessell, Ansoerge, Bunek)**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Bunek at 7:57 p.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