

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Approved 5/16/2023

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<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2506#video>

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ty Wessell at 7:03 p.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Commissioner Allgaier led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and it was followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:	District #1	Jamie Kramer	PRESENT
	#2	James O'Rourke	PRESENT
	#3	Doug Rexroat	PRESENT
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Kama Ross	PRESENT
	#6	Gwenne Allgaier	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Wessell commented that he would like to move the minutes from the Executive Session of Tuesday, April 11, 2023, and Special Session also on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, to next month's meeting as he would like to review those further. No other requests voiced.

#108-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE MINUTES #1-#9: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (ARPA) – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022; SPECIAL SESSION, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022; SPECIAL SESSION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022; SPECIAL SESSION, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022; SPECIAL SESSION, TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022; COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (STUDY SESSION), MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022; ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023; REGULAR SESSION, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023; CLOSED SESSION, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023. SECONDED BY ROSS.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda / Late Additions or Deletions:

Chairman Wessell stated that he would like Action Item #15 Per Diem Discussion/Recommendations like removed and referred to legal counsel. Wessell also noted that there are two late addition items and he would place them as Action Item #16b Late Addition #1 – LCSAPC – Stipends to Local Schools for Proms and Action Item #16c, Late Addition #2 – Administrator Proposed Negotiation of Salary/Fringe Increase for Assistant Finance Director position. Action Item #16d will be potential Closed Session request.

#109-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke in person (3-minute limit):

Justin Reed; Bill Wiesner; and Steve Mikowski.

The written comments can be found at the following link:

<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2506#handouts>

Commissioner Comment:

- Chairman Wessell gave his time to the County Clerk.

County Clerk Michelle L. Crocker displayed and explained the black box used on election day for the tabulator. She illustrated what the Precinct Workers do on Election Day regarding the black box and explained each portion of the container.

Crocker also commented on the partial, statewide recount that was done in December and the hand count of the ballots for the eight precincts in Leelanau County that were part of the request, matched 100% to the machine count reported on election night and canvassed.

Communications, Proclamations, Presentations —

86th District Court Update:

Chief Judge of the 86th District Court, Honorable Robert A. Cooney was present along with Court Administrator Dawn Wagoner and Deputy County Administrator Melanie Catinella. The 86th District Court – 2022 Annual Report can be found at the following link, beginning at page 2:

https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/04182023_regular_session_pkt.pdf

Judge Cooney and Wagoner responded to questions from Commissioners regarding the part-time Magistrate in Leelanau County, upgrades to systems, staff losses, caseload, revenue vs. expenses, Probation Officers, and events within the Court system.

Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Update, Steve Currie, Executive Director:

Administrator Allen welcomed Steve Currie, Executive Director for Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). Currie updated Commissioners on happenings at MAC, the current leadership, increasing costs for juvenile justice and the need across the state, property taxes, personal property taxes and other topics. The slide show can be found at the following link, beginning at page 31:

https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/04182023_regular_session_pkt.pdf

Currie responded to questions from Commissioners.

Consent Agenda Items:

Chairman Wessell read the following statement: The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one motion without discussion. Any Commissioner may ask that any item on the Consent Agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such request(s) will be automatically respected and will not need a second.

No requests were received to remove any items.

#110-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Leelanau County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition – Acceptance of Prevention Network C3 Grant:

#111-04182023 Regular Session

● TO ACCEPT THE \$57,000.00 C3 GRANT AWARD FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT, AS PRESENTED.

Sheriff's Office – Fingerprint Service Fees:

#112-04182023 Regular Session

● TO ALLOW THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO RAISE FINGERPRINTING FEES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS TO \$20.00 + \$5.00 FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CARDS AND FOR NON-RESIDENTS TO \$40.00 + \$5.00 FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CARDS.

Sheriff's Office – Approval of Five-Year Renewal Agreement for Inmate Phone Services with Stellar Services, LLC.:

#113-04182023 Regular Session

● TO WAIVE ITS BID POLICY AND APPROVE THE FIVE-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STELLAR SERVICES FOR INMATE PHONES, VIDEO VISITATION, AND INMATE TABLET SERVICES, AND APPROVE THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN SAME, PENDING CORPORATE COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Proposed Façade Project Assessment Agreement:

#114-04182023 Regular Session

● TO WAIVE ITS BID POLICY AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MACHIN ENGINEERING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER NORTH WALL FACADE, PENDING COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL; FUNDS TO COME FROM #101.100.101.967.000.

Maintenance – Mini Splits Cooling System for the Law Enforcement Center – Sergeant's Room:

#115-04182023 Regular Session

● TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A MITSUBISHI COOLING ONLY SYSTEM FOR INSTALLATION AFFECTING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SERGEANT'S ROOM, FROM D & W MECHANICAL OF TRAVERSE CITY, AS PRESENTED; FUNDS TO COME FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUILDING FUND #470.000.000.970.010.

Maintenance – Mini Splits Cooling System for the Law Enforcement Center – Computer Room, Lutz Roofing:

#116-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO WAIVE ITS BID POLICY AND APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM LUTZ ROOFING OF SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI, TO INSTALL ONE PITCH PLAN AS PRESENTED, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.00; FUNDS TO COME FROM TO BE DETERMINED. [#470.000.000.970.000]**

#117-04182023 Regular Session

Maintenance – Mini Splits Cooling System for the Law Enforcement Center – Computer Room, D & W Mechanical Inc:

- **TO WAIVE ITS BID POLICY AND APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM D & W MECHANICAL INC., OF TRAVERSE CITY, TO INSTALL A MINI SPLIT COOLING SYSTEM WITHIN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER COMPUTER ROOM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,681.00; FUNDS TO COME FROM TO BE DETERMINED. [#470.000.000.970.000]**

Maintenance – Drinking Fountain/Water Bottle Purchase:

#118-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO ELKAY WATER BOTTLE/DRINKING FOUNTAINS SYSTEMS FROM PRO DRINKING FOUNTAINS FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, MODEL #LZS8WSLK AS PRESENTED; FUNDS TO COME FROM #101.100.101.970.010.**

13TH Judicial Circuit Court – MMRMA RAP (Risk Avoidance Program) Grant – Acceptance of Grant:

#119-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO ACCEPT THE RAP GRANT FROM MMRMA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,280.15.**

13TH Judicial Circuit Court – Proposed Agreement with BIS Digital:

#120-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO WAIVE THE BID POLICY AND APPROVE THE 13TH CIRCUIT COURT TO PURCHASE VIDEO & AUDIO RECORDING EQUIPMENT FROM BIS DIGITAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,560.29. FUNDS TO COME FROM #101.325.131.970.000.**

Parks and Recreation – Proposed Termination of Maple Valley Nursing Home License for Use of Park Property as a Septic Field:

#121-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO GIVE JOHN KASBEN, OWNER OF THE MAPLE VALLEY NURSING HOME OF MAPLE CITY, MI, 90 DAYS TO COME UP WITH BIDS AND WITH A PLAN AND RETURN WITH AN APPROVED SET OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS TO BE READY TO GO OUT FOR BIDS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OR RECONSIDER THE OCTOBER DEADLINE. THE PLANS TO BE APPROVED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

County Clerk – Proposed Staffing Extension:

#122-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THAT LEELANAU COUNTY MOTION #179-06212022 BE EXTENDED THRU DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND THAT THE HOURLY RATE BE INCREASED TO \$24.39 TO REFLECT THE PAY ADJUSTMENT IN THE ADOPTED UNION CONTRACT.**

Prosecuting Attorney – Approval of MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) Contract Amendment #5, to the Title IV-E Reimbursement Agreement:

#123-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN LEELANAU COUNTY AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS), WHICH DELETES SECTION 3.4 PAYMENT AND MODIFIED THE MONTHLY PAYMENT CALCULATION IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE B.**

Boards and Commissions – Planning Commission Appointment Recommendation:

#124-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO APPOINT MR. CRAIG BROWN TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, TRANSPORTATION CATEGORY, TO A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2023.**

Human Resources – Job Description Review – Assistant Finance Director:

#125-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR AS PRESENTED, PENDING REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY LEGAL COUNSEL.**

Administration – Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) – Proposed Fee Increase (FY 2024 Compliance Plans and Cost Analysis):

#126-04182023 Regular Session

- **TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED MIDC FY24 (COMPLIANCE PLANS AND) COST ANALYSIS FOR SUBMISSION BY APRIL 26, 2023.**

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEMS –

Maintenance – Lawn Care RFP Update:

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE BID FROM SPINNIKEN LAWN & IRRIGATION, FOR LAWN CARE SERVICES AS PRESENTED, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM #631.000.000.801.000, PENDING COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. SECONDED BY KRAMER.

Discussion on cost comparative from prior contract and was it the same vendor.

#127-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER AMENDED THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE BID FROM SPINNIKEN LAWN & IRRIGATION FOR LAWN CARE SERVICES AS PRESENTED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$490.00 PER MOW AND AN OPTIONAL SEASON START DETHATCHING QUOTE OF \$2,250.00, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM #631.000.000.801.000, PENDING COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AMENDMENT SECONDED BY KRAMER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

13th Judicial Circuit Court – Youth Residential Treatment/Short Term Detention Facility Funding Update:

Chairman Wessell commented that in front of Commissioners each should have a paper regarding Youth Treatment/Detention Facility Frequently Asked Questions. This document may have also been emailed to Commissioners earlier. Family Court Administrator Cameron Clark was present via zoom and addressed the Agenda Item and responded to questions.

https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/faqs_regarding_youth_facility_04182023.pdf

#128-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY ROSS THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE UP TO \$3,866.00 TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR LEELANAU COUNTY'S SHARE OF A SPACE NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR A PROPOSED YOUTH TREATMENT/DETENTION FACILITY CONDUCTED BY REDSTONE ARCHITECTS, INC. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion.

ROLL CALL: Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Kramer – YES; Lautner – NO; O'Rourke – YES; Rexroat – NO.

AYES – 5 NO – 2

MOTION CARRIED.

Drain Commissioner – Request for Upfront Payment of Lake Bluffs Drainage District:

Drain Commissioner Steve Christensen, Interim Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt and GEI Consultants Senior Project Manager Brian Cenci were present for the Agenda Item.

Administrator Allen congratulated Interim Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt for the leg work on financing and confirmed with Treasurer Gallagher. Costs reviewed analysis based on source documents provided to her (Hartesvelt).

#129-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PAY THE \$253,700.00 FEES UP FRONT FOR THE COUNTY SHARE OF THE LAKE BLUFFS TRAIN AND BILL THE LEELANAU COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR \$21,801.00. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DTR. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion ensued with Hartesvelt and Cenci responding to questions. Administrator Allen responded that the Treasurer was in agreement to paying this upfront and acknowledged that is different from last week.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority (NLCMHA) Update:

Administrator Allen stated that by signing the proposed agreement does show support. Allen continued that there have been two updates to the agreement dated April 5, 2023, that was presented last week. Both updates are very minimal. The version that Commissioners will approve tonight is dated April 11, 2023. Allen outlined the updates – at least five (5) of the Board members shall be primary consumers or family members, and of those five (5) Board members at least three (3) of the Board members shall be primary consumers. The other change was a misspelling of the MDHHS as it was reflected as MDHHC and that has been corrected.

Commissioner Allgaier asked about the concern expressed during public comment tonight.

Chairman Wessell responded that the individual that spoke during public comment (Justin Reed) was a previous Board member of Northern Lakes Community Mental Health and he was one of the consumers on the Board. He was disagreeing with how some of the Medicaid funds were being spent. The individual has addressed the NLCMH Board as well as the Grand Traverse County Board. Wessell continued that he has told him (Reed) that he would take his concern to the Board meeting in Traverse City on Thursday. The concerns are unrelated to the enabling agreement and are more operational.

Allen made a brief suggestion to adding the agreement date of April 11, 2023, to the draft/proposed motion received, as requested, from the County Clerk.

#130-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THE UPDATED RESOLUTION (#2023-005) AND AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 11, 2023, BY AND BETWEEN CRAWFORD, GRAND TRAVERSE, LEELANAU, MISSAUKEE, ROSCOMMON AND WEXFORD COUNTIES FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, PENDING COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – none.

Roll Call: Allgaier – YES; Kramer – YES; Lautner – NO; O'Rourke – YES; Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES.

AYES – 6 NO – 1 (Lautner)

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – NLCMHA Review and Recommendation of Authority Funding Breakdown, by County:

Administrator Allen said she checked with a variety of different sources regarding the funding breakdown that was in the document that speaks to financial commitment of the Counties. This is a formula that was established by the State in 1993 and reinitiated in 2003 which is non-negotiable. It was established when Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties were together. If Leelanau County was to request a change in the formula, she was informed it would create a restructuring and Leelanau would be paying significantly more than what is in this document. Allen continued that she knows this is not what everyone wants to hear and she is happy to do more recon on this.

Commissioner Lautner questioned how we could be paying more when we're already paying more per client. It sounds like a "veiled threat" to her.

Chairman Wessell stated that it is his understanding that in the Mental Health Code it says that Counties should pay 10% of the cost of services in that County. Leelanau County is way under 10% of the cost of all of the mental health services in Leelanau County and those that live in Leelanau County and go to Traverse City / Grand Traverse County to be served. If we open it up, we will have to comply with that State code and it could be very costly.

Commissioner Lautner asked how other counties would not go up significantly.

Commissioner Rexroat stated he would assume Grand Traverse would be subject to that same increase.

Chairman Wessell stated that his suggestion would be that Administrator Allen work with other County Administrator's on that. We should be very careful that we don't open something up that we can't afford. Wessell continued that he thinks we can, absent a motion tonight, do it through homework. Maybe even our Cooperate Counsel, who is here today, can help us with that.

Commissioner O'Rourke stated he sees where Chairman Wessell is coming from and it could cost us a lot more.

Commissioner Rexroat said he agrees with Commissioner Lautner's assessment and thinks that it is worth looking into further. It's one thing to tell us we would go up more. He would assume if everyone went up more, who knows how the cost sharing ratio would end up. That wouldn't be a single ended thing. Leelanau County would be the only one that ends up in that pie. Rexroat would like to see a better analysis of how that would work out. It's a legitimate question and agrees with Wessell's idea of continuing to look into it further without stepping into something we don't want to step into. Rexroat would like to dig into it a little deeper instead of someone just telling us. He said he doesn't disagree with them, he would just like more facts to back it up.

Chairman Wessell directed County Administrator Allen to bring it back to Commissioners in a timely fashion and Corporate Counsel.

No motion.

Late Addition #1 – Leelanau County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition – Funding Request:
Audrey Sharp, Associate Director of LIFT in Suttons Bay and Co-Chairman of Leelanau County Substance Abuse Coalition was present before the Commissioners.

Administrator Allen said that this is a follow-up to a presentation received from the Leelanau County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition in terms of support for their efforts. In the past the County has utilized funds and previously those funds were to support the Proms and to keep teens safe. Allen asked if Sharp may want to speak to how these funds will be utilized.

Sharp commented that Prom is really important for our teens, the chaperones, and an opportunity for parents to be involved. She personally attended an "all Leelanau County prom" and they were interrupted during the pandemic. Some schools are doing their own, others are consolidating. The funds are used for water, snacks, decorations and this is an event kids want to attend. The funds were appreciated last year.

Commissioner Lautner questioned the combination proms – Glen Lake, Leland, Northport, and Suttons Bay. Leelanau Schools, T.C. West Senior High, and St. Mary's are separate. Lautner asked if the \$1,000.00 is for each school and Sharp confirmed.

#131-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION TO PROVIDE A \$1,000.00 STIPEND TO EACH SCHOOL TO ASSIST WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SENIOR PROMS, AS PRESENTED; FUNDS TO COME FROM #101.100.101.967.019. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE.

Discussion – Commissioner Rexroat asked what the fund was. Allen responded that the fund was established as part of the county's budget to be able to allocate up to \$30k for this project. Part of the rational is funds from the Opioid Settlement discussion. She said Leelanau County has received over \$80k to date from the Opioid distribution. Commissioner Rexroat asked if the Opioid funds can be used in certain ways. Allen responded that it is for prevention, treatment, and activities. Commissioner asked if this is an appropriate use of those funds. Allgaier asked Sharp if she's going to be there? Sharp responded yes she will be attending as will Rebekah Tenbrink. Commissioner Kramer commented that she has concern. It is a great use of funds; however, it needs to be branded and have some tie to the bigger cause which is super important and the effort should be made from the allocated costs. Commissioner Lautner stated she got her question answered.

AYES – 7 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Late Addition #2 - Offer of Employment to Interim Finance Director:

Administrator Allen said that late addition #2 is in regards to a request for the Board to authorize the County Administrator to move forward with an offer of employment to Interim Finance Director Cathy Hartesvelt of Assistant Finance Director. With the consent agenda, you approved the creation of the position, which now allows her the opportunity to extend an offer based on the application received. Part of that is in regards to her current salary. Allen is proposing that we maintain that for her potential new role of Assistant Finance Director. Even though this is higher than the high end of what that position was stated as. The justification for that is because she is returning as an individual retiree, she is no longer eligible for retirement benefits (MERS) and we heard earlier what that percentage was approximately when the ladies were giving their description in terms of how retirement is figured for the budget perspective and this increase is pretty much spot on at 8% for the salary adjustment. Allen said that is the justification to maintain the current salary. This would require the Board to waive the policy 5.05 which has restrictions on re-hiring an individual who has retired from the County. There are specific things in regards to them being able to receive their past vacation time and personal days. This is requesting the Board to waive that policy to offer her the benefits.

#132-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY ALLGAIER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAIVE BOARD POLICY 5.05 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, AND THEREFORE APPROVES A PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE OF UP TO \$6,392.01 FROM THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SALARY RANGE OF \$67,103.00, FOR THE ASSISTANCE FINANCE DIRECTOR POSITION, AS WELL AS AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE BENEFITS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. SECONDED BY REXROAT/ROSS.

Discussion – Allen responded to Commissioner Lautner's question that the pay would revert back to the scale should the position be refilled at a later date.

AYES – 7 (Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioners thanked Hartesvelt.

Closed Session:

#133-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ALONG WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR AND INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR, ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO [MCL 15.268(c)], AND FOR REVIEW OF A WRITTEN ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED LEGAL OPINION FROM CIVIL COUNCIL, per MCL 15.268(h). SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

#134-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO AMEND THE MOTION THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INCLUDE CHIEF DEPUTY JENNIFER ZYWICKI AS A RESOURCE. SECONDED BY O'ROURKE & REXROAT.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O'Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

AMENDMENT PASSES.

#133-04182023 Regular Session Closed Session by Rexroat – seconded by Allgaier –

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ALONG WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR AND INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR, AND JENNIFER ZYWICKI AS A RESOURCE, ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO [MCL 15.268(c)], AND FOR REVIEW OF A WRITTEN ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED LEGAL OPINION FROM CIVIL COUNCIL, per MCL 15.268(h). SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – Chairman Wessell addressed the public.

ROLL CALL: Rexroat – YES; Ross – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Kramer – YES; Lautner – YES; O'Rourke – YES.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved to closed session at 8:40 p.m.

#135-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY REXROAT THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESUME OPEN SESSION. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER & LAUTNER.

AYES – 7 (Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer, Lautner, O'Rourke)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Open Session resumed at 9:35 p.m.

Review Of Financials:

Interim Finance Director responded to questions.

Committee Reports, Recommendations, and Resolutions:

None.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners, and Affiliated Agencies:

- Administrator Allen gave an Opioid Settlement update and today was the deadline to submit inclusion in the second round Opioid Settlement distributions. The Board first approved Leelanau County's participation in the statewide Opioid Settlement Resolution #2017-018 in December

2017; therefore, this is just an update on the county's continued participation in the second round of the settlement agreements and inclusion documents were submitted to confirm the County's intent.

The MIHI or Michigan Highspeed Internet office is hosting additional broadband listening sessions across central and northern Michigan. The most local are in Cadillac on May 10 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and in Traverse City on May 11 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Allen is planning on attending the one in Traverse City. They have not made any decisions and this is a listening and information gathering session. Planning and Community Development Director Trudy Galla sent her an email and she will forward it onto the Commissioners tomorrow.

On May 4 at 1:00 p.m. there will be a Special Session of the Board to go over bids for the Health Department Environmental Division project. There is also a session at 2:00 p.m. for the Capital Improvement Plan and Goal setting.

Allen referenced FY2024 Veteran's CVSF, there has been a request to apply for the CVSF Grant and the deadline is Friday, May 12. The suggestion was to apply for a grant, they're up to \$50k. Leelanau County is eligible for this and the discussion was to possibly use for the memorial to include the Space Force Division. The topic was discussed at Building and Grounds and Allen stated that she is not opposed to the idea. There's no harm, no foul to apply. It would be a major renovation to our current memorial. If Commissioners are all ok with it, Allen will pursue the Grant Application. Allen continued on that ARPA plan is due at the end of this month and we are in the process of finalizing that report. Allen said she will be on vacation next week.

- Consensus to have Administrator Allen apply for the CVSF grant for 2024.
- Commissioner Kramer stated that she doesn't know much about the Opioid Funds and what we have planned for them. She would suggest to Commissioners moving forward to maybe think about this as she is sure there have been losses in the County due to the Opioid Crisis and maybe looking into those families and what we can give back.
- Administrator Allen responded that there have been requests from different departments as well as the Sheriff's Office, to utilize funds, and you've heard today that we've had a significant increase in opioid issues here in the county. Allen thinks it might behoove us to ask for recommendations, or something of that nature, so that we might bring the next step to bring to the Executive Committee meeting.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke in person:

Bill Wiesner, Steve Mikowski, and County Clerk Michelle L. Crocker.

Commissioner Comment:

None.

Approval of Financials —
Amendments & Transfers:

Interim Finance Director Hartesvelt explained the amendments and additional ones that will be submitted next month along with further explanation from Chief Deputy Zywicki.

#136-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AMENDMENTS #23-002, #23-003, #23-004, #23-005, AND #23-006. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Miscellaneous Fund Transfers and Amendments:

None.

Claims and Accounts:

#137-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$416,446.29. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Post Audit Claims and Accounts:

#138-04182023 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE POST AUDIT CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,244,787.76. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 7 (Lautner, O’Rourke, Rexroat, Ross, Wessell, Allgaier, Kramer)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion by Rexroat to adjourn.

Chairman Wessell adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Ty Wessell, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

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