

**LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

Approved 10/08/19

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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 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

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

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
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

Guests present.

Communications, Proclamations, Presentations —

► Eurasian Milfoil Eradication Update: Brian Price, Biologist for the Lake Leelanau Lake Association and John Popa, of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association. Power Point presentation EWM is a submerged perennial plant. This is an invasive aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia and Northern Africa. It was introduced to North America in the 19th Century and it is now one of the most widely distributed invasive aquatic plants on the continent. Price explained why it needs to be controlled and what they are doing about it. Price responded to questions from Commissioners. Popa thanked Commissioners for their time and requested approval for a letter of support.

Approval of Minutes —

Regular Session – Tuesday, July 16, 2019:

#223–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – none.

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

Special Session – Thursday, August 1, 2019:

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – Commissioner Rushton requested a correction on page 17, third paragraph, third sentence to “the Great Lakes Boat”, not Board.

#224–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER AMENDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019, AS CORRECTED. AMENDMENT SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

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

Executive Session – Tuesday, August 13, 2019:

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – Commissioner Rushton noted repetitive wording at the top of page 8 “motion by Rentenbach” and have one of the redundancies eliminated.

#225–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER AMENDED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019, AS CORRECTED. AMENDMENT SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

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

Regular Session – Tuesday, August 20, 2019:

#226–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – none.

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

Executive Session – Tuesday, September 10, 2019:

To be moved to the October 8, 2019 meeting.

Approval of Agenda/Late Additions or Deletions:

Commissioner Ansorge requested that Action Item #9(c), Ironman, be moved to next month's meeting.

Commissioner Lautner why the 2% "Grant" Allocation meeting wasn't on the agenda as there was a vote taken at the Executive Board meeting of September 10, 2019, and she referenced page 9. She felt it would have more teeth if it could be added. Chairman Bunek suggested it be added as Action Item #9(c).

Commissioner Lautner requested that Late Addition Items #1 & #2 be held until next month, if there is no hurry as she has not had time to read them. Chairman Bunek stated that they were sent via email.

Commissioner Wessell asked if postponing this would delay the Court. Honorable Marian Kromkowski responded that they need to post the Probate Register position as she needs to hire someone and until the job descriptions are finalized, she doesn't want to have something out there that is going to change and asks respectively for it to be added.

Chairman Bunek suggested that these both be added. Bunek reviewed the additions and deletions.

#227-09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

Late Addition #1, Probate Register Job Description – added as Action Item A

Late Addition #2, Juvenile Officer Job Description– added as Action Item B

Traverse City Ironman Triathlon Discussion – removed as Action Item 9(c) (update to be provided)

Grand Traverse Band 2% Allocation funding – added as Action Item 9(c)

Late Addition #3 Out of state travel for Chairman Bunek – added as Action Item 9(d)

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 1 (Lautner)

MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Janik gave a brief update on the Ironman. It is not that there is opposition to the Ironman event, the perception is that the proper procedure was not followed regarding proper closing of roads. Janik commented on discussion with individuals that he has spoken to and no one could produce the proper documentation for road closing. Janik continued that Commissioner Ansorge quoted specific law and the process was not followed. There is a process for any time a road is closed. It must be done in writing to the Road Commission if it is a local road and to the Department of Transportation and State Police if it is a State road. There is a meeting tomorrow and Janik outlined the meeting and that the goal is to ensure that the process is followed in 2020. It makes sense to wait for the legal opinion and that Commissioner Ansorge is correct regarding the process.

Commission Rushton believes that there are certain reasons that roads can be shut down in an emergency; but in this specific incidence – where there is an event or special event – there are procedures / processes that must be followed.

Commissioner Ansorge agreed.

Commissioner Wessell commented that sometimes he believes there is an overreaction and he is uncomfortable with moving right to the Attorney General before talking to others for resolution.

Public Commissioners:

► Stella Otto – Kasson Township. Otto addressed the impact of the Ironman on her. She does not support the event.

► Deanne Hewett North. North spoke in full support of the Ironman event.

► Ben LaCross, Lake Leelanau. LaCross stated that he certainly appreciates Commissioner's Wessell's comments. The Resolution caused a lot of consternation for the event and the county. LaCross recapped his prior appear before Commissioners regarding the event, addressed the event, and first time glitches. He also addressed being a participant in the event.

► Andy Belanger, Cedar. Belanger commented that he has raced in Ironman events for 5–6 years throughout the country. This was the most well supported event he has raced in. He commented on the support, the 1,300 volunteers, the 80 brand new bikes that were donated back to the community and other benefits.

► Chuck Steinmetz, Elmwood Township. Steinmetz stated that he, too, participated in the race and has also raced throughout the country and the world. The support that he saw out on the bike course was as good as any place he has raced – this is a new event and improvements will be made.

► David King, Elmwood Township resident. King stated that he also raced in the event. He appreciates following process. King read from a prepared statement.

► Chairman Bunek read from a letter from Priscilla Bachman regarding the Ironman.

Action Items —

Probate Court – Probate Register Job Description:

Judge Kromkowski was present before Commissioners regarding the Juvenile Register position. The change was outlined by Judge Kromkowski – Probate Court is totally separate from the Juvenile Court and she is happy to answer questions.

MOTION BY WESSELL TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE JUVENILE REGISTER JOB DESCRIPTION AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE.

Discussion – Commissioner Rentenbach thought that they were dealing with Late Addition #1, which is the Probate Register.

#228–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL AMENDED TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE PROBATE REGISTER JOB DESCRIPTION AS PRESENTED. AMENDED SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE AND RENTENBACH.

Discussion ensued on the mix-up in the paperwork and a cross in attachments. In the Probate Register position the words the Judge is requesting be removed are: Adoption, Child Protective Proceedings and Family Court.

Voice vote 5–2 (Lautner/Rushton opposed)

Commissioner Ansorge called for a roll call vote.

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

AYES – 5 NO – 2

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Rushton addressed her vote and stated that during the confusion and shuffling of the paperwork she did not have a chance to read this paperwork as thoroughly as she would have liked and therefore she voted no.

Probate/Family Court – Juvenile Register Job Description:

Judge Kromkowski addressed the job description before Commissioners.

#229–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE JUVENILE REGISTER JOB DESCRIPTION AS PRESENTED.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 1 (Lautner)

MOTION CARRIED.

Sheriff/Emergency Management – AED Devices:

#230–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE LEELANAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COURTHOUSE AND ROAD PATROL VEHICLES FROM ZOLL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,700.00 THIS YEAR OR \$21,000.00 OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS; MONEY TO COME FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY, TRANSFERRED TO FUND #101–225.426–970.010. SECONDED BY RUSHTON.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Emergency Management – EMPG Grant Agreement Renewal:

#231–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY SOUTAS-LITTLE TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOWING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE FY2019 EMPG WORK AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS GRANT AGREEMENT, AND TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR THE REQUIRED QUARTERLY REPORTS. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – none.

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

Information Technology – Approval of Dell Workstations Purchase:

Information Technology Director Ron Plamondon was present.

#232–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE REQUEST TO WAIVE THE BOARD POLICY ON BID REQUIREMENTS AND PURCHASE 22 NEW DELL WORKSTATIONS AT A COST OF \$38,593.72, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM DATA PROCESSING FUND #636. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner if any of these are for the Township and is there any plans/deals for helping Townships to obtain computers. Plamondon explained the process and that the Township can utilize the same process that the County uses. Plamondon responded to Chairman Bunek as to why we don't go out for bids and explained the Midwestern Higher Education Compact Legislation. Further explanation offered by Plamondon.

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

Equalization – Approval of L–4029:

#233–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY ANSORGE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES A MILLAGE RATE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MILLAGE LEVEL (COLUMN 9) AND PLACE THAT MILLAGE RATE IN COLUMN 10 AS THE MILLAGE RATE REQUESTED TO BE LEVIED ON DECEMBER 1, 2019, AND RETURN THE L–4029 TO THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – Chairman Bunek noted that this form can amended at a later if necessary due to elections.

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

Planning – MMRMA RAP Grant Application, Master Plan Workshop:

#234–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE MMRMA RAP GRANT TO BE SUBMITTED FOR A WORKSHOP ON MASTER PLANS. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Request for Letter of Support for the Eradication of Eurasian Milfoil:

#235–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, FROM WILLIAM BUNEK, CHAIRMAN OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN SUPPORT OF THE ERADICATION OF EURASIAN MILFOIL. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – Commissioner Lautner questioned if this is specific to Lake Leelanau and if so, will it be stated in the letter. Chairman responded yes on both questions.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Senior Services – Potential Extension of Service:

#236–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY SOUTAS-LITTLE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW LEELANAU COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES (LCSS) TO WAIVE THE BOARD POLICY ON BID REQUIREMENTS AND WORK WITH THE LEELANAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO REVIEW AND NEGOTIATE LEELANAU COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES' SERVICE CONTRACTS AS PRESENTED, TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2020. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – the Administrator noted that if successful, those will come back to the Board for approval.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

County Clerk – County Board of Election Canvassers – Request for Reappointments:

#237–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REAPPOINT JOHN HARBOTTLE AND ERIC LIND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS, EACH TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2019, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023. SECONDED BY SOUTAS-LITTLE & RENTENBACH.

Discussion – none.

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

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Administration – LEC Roof Project – Fund Transfer for Additional Flashing:

#238–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY RUSHTON THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE INCREASE IN COSTS FOR THE LEELANAU COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,115.00 WITH FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND #470 REGARDING THE TWO ISSUES DESCRIBED IN THE CENTURY A&E CORRESPONDENCE OF AUGUST 26, 2019. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – none.

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

Administrator Janik stated that the targeted completion date was October 1, 2019, and he believes that they are done and he will be conducting a contractors meeting on September 20, 2019. They have been working basically seven days a week on this project and have had very good weather.

Administration – Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution:

#239–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY WESSELL THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY, LEELANAU COUNTY RESOLUTION #2019–007. SECONDED BY RENTENBACH.

Discussion – none.

**ROLL CALL: Wessell – YES; Ansorge – YES; Bunek – YES; Lautner – YES; Rentenbach – YES; Rushton – YES; Soutas-Little.
AYES – 7 NO – 0
MOTION CARRIED.**

**Leelanau County Resolution #2019–007
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 acquisition 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 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 transform Columbus Day to 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

WHEREAS, since 1990, numerous municipalities throughout the United States have incorporated the principles of the First Continental Conference by voting to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day and to use the day to honor the culture, heritage, and contributions of their native citizens and neighbors; 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 Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to celebrate their continued existence and culture; and to honor and appreciate their commitment to protecting and preserving the earth, her resources, and her creatures.

Grand Traverse Band 2% Funding:

#240-09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COMMISSIONER RUSHTON TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY REGARDING PROPER PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH 2% GAMING ALLOCATIONS.

Commissioner Lautner offered further comments and questions if this was to also meet with the Tribe and Janik responded that it was to first meet with Grand Traverse County.

SECONDED BY ANSORGE.

Discussion – Chairman Bunek indicated that next Tuesday there is an Airport Authority MEETING and he has asked the Administrator (Janik) if they could meet with Grand Traverse County officials either before or after the meeting to see how to address this. An informal discussion could be held at that time and perhaps a more formal meeting at a later time. Motion restated by Commissioner Lautner who added she would hope that there could be a paper trail with a positive outcome and have an idea of what to do with the 2% allocations and meet with the Grand Traverse Band and see if there could be an agreement reached. Commissioner Rushton said she thinks the discussion should be broader – the terms of the original compact have not been followed, so she thinks that during the course of the conversations with Grand Traverse County that should be aired and see what direction the counties would want to pursue and not want to make a steadfast decision.

Commissioner Wessell supports the conversation and would prefer to not have a decision made and would like it brought back before the Board. Rushton added that

they need to see if they even want to talk. Chairman Bunek agreed with Wessell, but noted that precedence has been set with a decision outside of the full Board. Lautner hopes that this doesn't take on a life of its own. Brief discussion ensued.

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

Board of Commissioners – Out-Of-State Travel:

Administrator Janik indicated that he promoted this and highly recommended to Chairman Bunek that Bunek attend the White House Summit with county leaders that are sponsored by both the National Association of Counties and the Michigan Association of Counties. It is not every day that you can meet at the White House and talk directly with your officials. This is the same event that Commissioner Rushton attended a couple of years ago. The costs are minimal and it is a great opportunity.

#241–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY RENTENBACH THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR CHAIRMAN WILLIAM J. BUNEK TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ATTEND A WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT IN OCTOBER; FUNDS TO COME FROM #101–100.101–860.000. SECONDED BY WESSELL & LAUTNER.

Discussion – none.

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

Review of Financials:

Administrator Janik indicated that Commissioners have received an email this afternoon from County Attorney Cohl regarding Sheriff Borkovich's purchase and he knows most Commissioners have probably not read it. Janik said he has not fully read it, but it did come this afternoon and it is linked to the financial discussion. Commissioner Ansorge commented that he would look to staff to what are the options to get out of this. Janik commented that he briefly looked at it and that Attorney Cohl is in agreement with the County Clerk. Janik continued that the option is for the person that made the purchase to pay for the item. Ansorge just wants to know the options. Janik confirmed with the Clerk. Commissioner Rushton commented that in the letter it said an opinion could be sought from Lansing. Janik said that is an option, if there is a wish to pursue this further. Janik said that it is the opinion of the Auditors and the Corporate Counsel that it is not a proper purchase. Rushton said that the Sheriff does have the option for further opinion. Comment from Chairman Bunek that the Sheriff could be asked to allow it to be open to all the public and then it may be allowable, instead of only for certain people. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wessell commented that he would want to go back to the same legal authority to know if that would solve the problem; he does not want to assume that it would.

Commissioner Lautner questioned if a letter needs to be sent to the Sheriff explaining where the Board of Commissioners sits on this and the Board's due diligence and what the Board policy is on this and explain to him why the County cannot pay this bill. Janik responded that there was a lengthy meeting with two Commissioners present where it was explained about policy about purchasing/acquisitions, use of credit cards. We have had numerous meetings about this – some were private between the Clerk and Sheriff and the Administrator and some had others in attendance. Lautner commented that along the same lines that the Board of Commissioners chooses not to cover this per Board policy or something along that line. It is not just the County's rules and Janik added that you also have the Attorney and our Auditor's opinion and in agreement with the Clerk. Commissioner Lautner continued that perhaps he needs to be sent an invoice. Administrator Janik commented that the Clerk needs to reply on the public comment made by the Sheriff and the memorandum from the Sheriff on the use. Commissioner Soutas-Little said that the Sheriff was copied on this. Janik will follow-up with the Sheriff.

No other discussion on financials.

Commissioner Soutas-Little commented that the Sheriff was copied on the email.

Committee Reports, Recommendations, and Resolutions:

None.

Special Reports by Staff, Commissioners, and Affiliated Agencies:

None.

Public Comment:

► Warren (last name not provided), Solon Township. Warren addressed the Commissioners regarding the Ironman event appreciating their work, the Ironman event, volunteers, and its impact. He was happy about working this out.

Commissioner Comments:

► Commissioner Wessell said he had a conversation this week with Chairman Bunek and Wessell believes that Commissioners work well most of the time; however, he does struggle with how we do business together. He asked Commissioners to indulge him as he read from a book, written by a very conservative *Washington Post* columnist, Arthur Brooks and he did chair, until retirement, the American Enterprise Institute. Brooks is well respected in his field. His book is about how we ought to get along – Wessell found this paragraph, which he would like to read and Commissioners can "cuss at him later":

"None of us is infallible. Whether you are a person of the left, the right, or the center, there are reasonable people of goodwill who do not share your fundamental convictions....All of us should be willing –even eager– to engage with anyone who is prepared to do business in the currency of truth-seeking discourse by offering reasons,

marshaling evidence, and making arguments. The more important the subject under discussion, the more willing we should be to listen and engage—especially if the person with who we are in conversation will challenge our deeply held—even our most cherish and identify-forming—beliefs....”

“Our willingness to listen to and respectfully engage those with whom we disagree contributes vitally to the maintenance of a milieu in which people feel free to speak their minds, consider unpopular positions, and explore lines of argument that may undercut established ways of thinking. Such an ethos protects us against dogmatism and group-think, both of which are toxic to the health of academic communities and to the functioning of democracies.”

Commissioner Wessell stated he believes that we all need to listen better, talk less, and be willing to debate and dialog. Sometimes we do that well and sometimes, and he is speaking to the presentation of last week when Stanley Pruss was speaking – there were opinions of what he was going to say before he even began to speak. Brief comments ensued and he will not take offense if anyone wants to read to him next week out of their book.

Approval of Financials –
Claims and Accounts:

#242–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277,944.06. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

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

Post Audit Claims and Accounts:

#243–09182019 Regular Session

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO APPROVE POST AUDIT CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,964,012.54. SECONDED BY WESSELL.

Discussion – none.

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Bunek at 8:20 p.m.

William J. Bunek, Chairman
Leelanau County Bd of Commissioners

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