

10-14-20 – Commissioner Report to Centerville Township Board

1. Early Childhood Program

Contract with the Benzie/Leelanau District Health Department to implement the Early Childhood Program for 2020 was approved October 13th by the Board of Commissioners on a 7/0 vote.

2. Anti-bias Training

The anti-bias training is scheduled for November 5th at 9:00 am and will be televised on YouTube. In Addition to Dr. Diane Carpenter Emling, a panel of individuals from the GTB and other organizations also will be included in the training program.

3. COVID Testing Locations

The Benzie Leelanau Health Department, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Michigan National Guard joined together to offer no-cost, drive-thru COVID-19 testing to the public Oct. 19, 20 and 22.

Testing is available to any Michigan resident regardless of symptoms. In order to be tested, **you must bring a driver's license or state ID**. A doctor's order **is not needed**.

Tests are for diagnostic purposes (this is not an antibody test) and will be sent to a laboratory for analysis. Results will be available via online portal, and any individual with a positive test result will be contacted by their local health department.

Below are the locations, dates and times in which testing will take place.

Monday, October 19

Turtle Creek Stadium parking lot (Home of the Traverse City Pit Spitters)
333 Stadium Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49685 12:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

Sleeping Bear Dune Climb parking lot 6748 S. Dune Hwy.
Glen Arbor, MI 49636
12:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 22

Crystal Mountain Resort parking lot
12500 Crystal Mountain Dr.
Thompsonville, MI 49683
12:00 - 4:30 p.m.

4. Leland Recycling Site

The Leland Interim Recycling site is now open for public use. The site is located on the corner of East Oak Avenue and South Edward Avenue. A huge 'thank you' to the owners of South and North Manitou Islands, LLC , Megan & Jimmy Munoz and Sarah & Michael Grosvenor, for allowing recycling bins to be placed on their Manitou overflow lot. **When dropping off recycling, please be sure to enter and exit from Edwards street ONLY.**

Engineering drawings are being prepared for the permanent Popp Road site and work is moving forward with the hope of scheduling a Leland Planning Commission public hearing before the end of the year.

5. Leelanau County Road Commission Open Seat

Applications for the vacant Road Commissioner position closed on September 24th with six people applying. Interviews with candidates will be held beginning November 9th.

6. Sugarloaf Update

The hearing scheduled on Friday, 9/25, in District Court before Judge Cooney on the Sugarloaf blight ordinance complaint filed by Cleveland township was adjourned. The Sugarloaf owners filed a motion to move the case to Federal Court, which takes precedence over local court action, citing that their company was not based in Michigan. The local court case has been placed on indefinite hold pending Federal court action.

7. High Speed Internet

My thanks to Jim Schwantes for sending out the Agri-Valley survey in his newsletter update. At Tuesday's BOC meeting the Board of Commissioners approved three contracts for Agri-Valley to place their equipment on the Omena, Central, and Maple City county-owned towers. Kris Schaffer from Elevate Net has his equipment on the Maple City Tower tested and will be ready to begin offering service soon.

8. Joint Meeting of the Leland and Grand Traverse Boards of Commissioners and the Northwestern Regional Airport Commission

Tuesday, October 13, a joint workshop was held to discuss Airport Governance Options. At issue is should the Airport continue under the current Commission structure or become an Authority. Issues of concern to me in previous discussions included eminent domain, transparency, and public input. The draft articles of incorporation have provisions to address these issues. The articles of incorporation other material distributed at the meeting, can be viewed at <https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2000> The Zoom of the entire meeting also is available at the above link for those who want to watch the workshop. It also was recorded on YouTube.