

KUDOS – Praise and Honor Received for achievement...

- This week, April 9 – 15, 2023 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators “Dispatchers” Appreciation Week – It is held annually during the second week of April to honor dispatchers for their commitment, service, and sacrifice. To show our gratitude we will be baking cookies for the dispatchers on Wednesday, and other fun activities have been planned by Emergency Management/911 Director, Matt Ansorge

KUDOS are also in order for Rebecca Goff, on completing her 911 Dispatcher training – and was signed off for duty last Friday. Congratulations Rebecca! We have one additional Dispatcher in training, and once her training is completed there will be just one more vacancy to fill, and I understand efforts are underway to identify a final ideal candidate.

- As previously mentioned, KUDOS to Patricia Soutas – Little is being recognized by The Rotary Club Suttons Bay/Leelanau County as the *11th Recipient of the Owen Bahle Award for Service* on Friday, May 5, 2023 at The Leland Lodge, if any commissioners are in need of tickets please confirm attendance by Friday 4/14/2023 ticket purchase (\$55 pp).
- This past week Trudy and I visited with several of the County Township Supervisors (to discuss the EPA Grant of \$250K coordinated by the Leelanau County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LCBRA). It provides Townships, residents and commercial property owners to identify/nominate potential Brownfield sites for assessment and cleanup planning. There are two sessions planned in April 17 & 18, and the flyers are available on the table. KUDOS to Trudy for helping inform our community... More meetings with Supervisors are scheduled in the coming week.
- Darcy Weaver, HR Director, has contacted **9 Bean Rows** about SHARE OPTIONS for employees and elected officials for personal purchase through a CSA – Community Supported Agriculture. A growing social and agricultural movement that encourages small farm preservation and profitability by directly linking local growers with local community members. KUDOS to Darcy and Rob Serrine for working w/ 9 Bean Rows.
- Efforts to design the new County Web Site have been initiated and we anticipate that the effort will move forward – KUDOS Trudy & Laurel for spearheading this!
- KUDOS Commissioner Allgaier for signing up for the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Conference later this month in Lansing and...

For helping to track grant opportunities such as the Rural Readiness Grant Program from The Office of Rural Development (ORD) with funding up to \$50K for planning, capacity building activities – for more details please contact Trudy Galla.

Project Updates & Action Items:

- RFP's for the Environmental Health Department Project proposed for the Government Center Lower Level have been distributed ahead of schedule with ***Bid's required by Friday, April 28, 2023 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at the May meeting.***

In preparation for the May meeting, it has been requested by the Health Department that we move forward with the draft of a ***Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)*** for the project and if there are no objections, we will request the County's Legal Counsel Cole Stoker to initiate this process.

- The initial timeline for ***Phase II & III of the County HVAC*** project is RFP forwarded to legal in *May and Bids due by early June with a presenting the Bids to the Commissioners in June/July for review and approval.* It is my assessment that this project will be essential, as the current systems are becoming obsolete and failures/replacements are becoming more common and costly to the County.
- A discussion regarding BATA is scheduled this Friday with Nate Alger, Kelly Dunham and myself, to speak to the issues at the root of GT County's concerns and how we can collectively move forward. A follow up meeting with the County's is pending this initial meeting.
- The County's ARPA Fund report is due to the US Treasury – by April 30, 2023. Reporting efforts are being coordinated between Finance and the Treasurer's office to complete this required report.
- As previously reported, Leelanau County has received **\$ 82,884.28 in settlement funds to date.** There is the potential for the County to join in additional Settlements. I will be moving forward with presenting the documents for signature, based on the Board's previous motion to authorize the Administrator to enter into the Settlement Agreement, unless there is opposition.
- A follow up call is scheduled for later today with Rebecca L. Oien, Tribal Manager to discuss several action items and joint initiatives discussed earlier this year with the Tribal Counsel.
- Leelanau County, Cherryland Electric, and Leelanau Township, are in discussions to construct a new communication tower in Leelanau Township. Legal counsel is assisting with drafting a potential agreement to advance the discussions and the project.