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My name is Larry Mawby. I reside in the Village of Suttons Bay, and I appreciate this opportunity to provide public comment ~~on the subject of prayer at your meetings~~. The Oxford English Dictionary's second definition of Prayer is: ~~2~~. An entreaty made to a person; an earnest request or appeal. And so, now here is my prayer.

Oh, Leelanau County Board of Commissioners:
I entreat you to respect all people to consider not yourselves & your personal desires, but assume the burden of governance, consider all persons, living, dead, or yet unborn, of every race or creed; consider all those in your deliberations, & make your decisions the best you can, compassionate & selfless.

I entreat you to consider, too, all life here in this place, birds that fly in the air, fishes that swim in the water, all animals that live upon this land; insects, too. Microbes everywhere. And plants, do not forget the plants: the trees, vines, grasses, all of them. Consider all these lives in your solemn deliberations. Choose your actions wisely in your stewardship of this place & all thereon.

I entreat you to set aside pettiness, rancor & other ills that beset our human hearts. For you have a great obligation to govern all for the betterment of all. Do not take this obligation lightly, or dismiss it as too difficult; respect your office and its duties.

I pray that you will hear this my entreaty, and look upon it with favor, and do your utmost to live it every day and in every way. Sincerely, I remain, a citizen.