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Please forward this to the Commissioners and include in the letters in the handout portion of tonight's meeting.

Thank you

To the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners  
From : Jill Wellman, Centerville Township resident  
Re: Comments regarding Government reorganization

**SURREPTITIOUS** is defined as kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of. This seems to be the way that the resolution offered by Commissioner Robbins that reorganizes county government was brought forth. It was a last minute addition to the agenda, only the Republican members of the Board seemed to be aware of it, and the County Clerk was not informed and in fact it was done when she was out of town. It leads one to speculate what is behind this action. If it is such a good idea, why not offer it as a suggestion, let it be debated in the meeting, discussed in media and among the public, and do a cost/benefit analysis.

So because of this secretive action it leads to speculation on what the underlying motives really are. It is doubtful that it saves money, since the cost of two new professional hires, as well as their staff, would undoubtedly cost more than the current system. Greater efficiency – according to all I've heard, there are no complaints with the current system and in fact the audits have been exemplary. So is it revenge against someone in current government, or is there someone in mind already to take over these new positions who would be more likely to toe the line and follow orders? You may be offended by the fact that I am questioning your motives, but it is your surreptitious actions that cause my suspicion. Had you presented this openly, and as a consideration worthy of study, you might have had my support but I can't but feel that your methods

denote a less than positive motive.