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I am again expressing my disappointment that Leelanau County Commissioners feel a need to pray at the beginning of county board meetings. If it is that important to them, they can - and should - pray before they attend the meeting, rather than make a public display of their Christian faith. Making a public display of prayer makes it appear that it is only for "show", and I believe it is. There's a reason for separation of church and state. Leelanau County Commissioners are refusing to separate their faith from their duty to serve ALL county residents, regardless of which religion they practice. It is selfish and makes them appear to be fake if they continue the practice of opening each meeting with prayer. A moment of silence is much more appropriate.

Thank you for taking time to let me express my concern, and passing it along to the Board.

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