From: <u>Tina Greene</u>
To: <u>Clerk</u>

**Subject:** To the Board of Commissioners: Meeting September 9, 2021

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:33:19 PM

Please enter this letter into the record for the Emergency Meeting scheduled 9/9/21 at 6pm tonight. Thank you

It is our responsibility to protect those most vulnerable, our children, our elders, those compromised in their health and yes, even those who choose not to be vaccinated. As hospitals fill with those who have fallen ill, primarily those who have not been vaccinated, there will be little room to treat the vulnerable population on our peninsula and outlying area.

For the board of commissioners to do anything but support our local health department would be a deliberate act of civil disobedience. It is not within the board's scope to reject or object to the BLDHD's health orders. That has been verified by county counsel. Public Health experts are who we should be looking to for guidance and safe measures.

The press release (9/3/21) from the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department (BLDHD) is based on recommendations from the CDC, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), The American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Family Physicians indicates the wearing of masks indoors for all teachers, staff, students and visitors for K-12 regardless of vaccination status.

Respectfully,

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