

From: [Michelle Crocker](#)
To: [Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Chet Janik](#); [Alison Middleton](#)
Subject: FW: action
Date: Friday, October 8, 2021 11:19:02 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Please see Public Comment below from Allan Dalzell.

Michelle

From: Ty Wessell <twessell@leelanau.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>
Subject: Fwd: action

Allan Dalzell has asked me to forward this email on to you as public comment for the Annual Budget Public Hearing. Please distribute. Thank you.

Ty Wessell

From: Allan Dalzell <ardalzell@aol.com>
Date: October 8, 2021 at 9:28:22 AM EDT
To: ty.wessell@gmail.com
Subject: action

To: Commissioner Ty Wessell
From: Allan Dalzell
Date: October 8, 2021

Re: Board Action on Additional Departments

Commissioner Wessell, please forward this message to the entire membership of the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

Dear Commissioners:

For the record, I have to mention that I have been a friend of Ty Wessell ever since he arrived in Northport as superintendent of Northport Public School. I also need to make you aware that I am a conservative on most issues, vote most of the Republican ticket, and usually support decisions of our current Republican commissioners. Ty and I discuss many issues and often do not agree, whether it be county issues or larger issues, but we are willing to agree to disagree but on the issue of adding departments to the current county organization we AGREE.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you all that I, and many others, do not support the establishment of a finance director or a human resource director and therefore do not

approve of the budget as it now stands. Please remove the funding for these positions. It is interesting to me that when the issue came up in 1995 and the only member of that board, that is still on the board, supported the move at that time and now wants to remove it from the clerk's office (but not for political reasons?).

If this move is not for political reasons, then what is the reason? I have not seen any evidence that supports this move and adding to the cost and size of our county government.

This is not to say that I will never support the establishment of these positions but at this time the four Republican commissioners have not given and concrete evidence of their necessity.

Especially to commissioner Bunek, who in his Enterprise forum column states, "I stand on my principles of fairness and FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY in serving all the citizens of Leelanau County". Where is your fiscal responsibility in establishing two new departments without any evidence of their need?

Once again. PLEASE REMOVE THESE ITEMS FROM THE CURRENT PROPOSED BUDGET. Remember, this is what a budget hearing is about.

Thank you for making a responsible decision.

Allan Dalzell
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