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To the BOC re: the Sheriff

On April 2, our Sheriff travelled to a Trump political rally in Grand Rapids. He was in uniform with his badge, indicating he was representing our county. He then appeared multiple times on cable TV and in one excerpt was shaking Trump's hand. He also appeared next to Trump on the front page of the Grand Rapids Press. Neither the Grand Rapids police chief nor the Kent County Sheriff were in attendance.

This was an invitation only event for supporters. Included were all 83 sheriffs but few attended. Trump's remarks were vicious and contemptible. Anyone who has followed this criminally indicted former president is aware of the purpose for this kind of rally. The sheriff's attendance implies that Leelanau County residents share Trump's positions.

The question is- who is our sheriff representing and who paid for this excursion?

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