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To the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

For the record.

Michelle Crocker is an effective, efficient and dedicated County Clerk, recognized by the Michigan County Clerk Association for her 25 years of outstanding service. Yet the four Republican commissioners on the BOC seemed hell bent on punishing Clerk Crocker by taking away her responsibilities over finance and HR and by hiring two new department heads. One has to ask why — especially since at least three of the four commissioners are always complaining when it comes to spending taxpayers' money.

The four commissioners' surprise vote in May was unwarranted and comes with a hefty price tag. Their reasoning for adding these two positions is not based on any data or analysis of any kind. It is certainly not based on Clerk Crocker's record. No problems have been identified, even though this question has been asked repeatedly. The commissioners' surprising 4/3 blitzkrieg vote confounds. It has all the markings of a power grab.

The old "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" seems to apply here. Especially at the tune of at least \$180,000 per year of the taxpayers' money. Money that could be spent on a host of much-needed programs and projects the county actually needs: seniors and affordable housing immediately come to mind.

I urge the BOC to reconsider and to go with what is already working well and effectively. It's the fiscally responsible move to make.

Thank you for your time.
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