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## **Behavior and conduct of Leelanau County Commissioners and other elected officials [*'The way I see it'*] --by Stephen P. Mikowski, Lk. Leelanau MI 49653 2022-08-29\_lccmtgs fc**

**NOTE: The below statements and questions read and copies given to County Commissioners & Clerk (for the record) at Sept 9, 2008 Leelanau County Board of Commissioners Exec. Comm. meeting.**

**It appears appropriate and timely for commissioners & other elected officials to review these in light of the apparent gross mishandling of the removal of the Finance and Human Resources functions/duties from the Clerk (News reports starting May 2021.) causing a dark cloud over our community. It's apparent that Commissioners have failed to properly perform their duties in this matter according to yellow background questions consistent with good governance. Thus, the first order of business TODAY is for this BOARD to apologize to the Clerk and Residents for apparently making bad, wasteful and unprofessional decisions in this matter. If not, any *new administrator* may have difficulties functioning ethically, effectively and to the best of their ability. Apologize now to demonstrate your competence to govern properly in all matters. Don't hesitate! Apologizing will leave a positive legacy to your posterity!**

### THE FOUNDATION

#### **POLITICAL LEADERS**

"The great principles of right and wrong are legible to every reader; to pursue them requires not the aid of many counselors. *The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest.*"

—Thomas Jefferson

***As commissioners, in directing the administration of government, are we practicing the "art of being honest" with The People at all times?***

**FOR THE RECORD** "I never really set out to be involved in public affairs, much less to run for this office... Now, no one expects us to agree on everything, whether in Juneau or in Washington. *But we are expected to govern with integrity, and goodwill, and clear convictions, and a servant's heart.*"

—Alaska Governor and Republican VP Nominee Sarah Palin

***As commissioners, in directing the administration of government, are we meeting the "expectation to govern with integrity, and goodwill, and clear conviction, and a servant's heart"?***

**THE GIPPER** "'Trust me' government asks that we concentrate our hopes and dreams on one man; that we trust him to do what's best for us. My view of government places trust *not in one person or one party, but in those values that transcend persons and parties. The trust is where it belongs—in the people.* The responsibility to live up to that trust is where it belongs, in their elected leaders. That kind of relationship, between the people and their elected leaders, *is a special kind of compact.*"

—Ronald Reagan

***As commissioners, in directing the administration of government, do we place the "trust where it belongs—in The People" and do we have "a special kind of compact" with The People of Leelanau County?***

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