

## County ACCOUNTABILITY

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**\*\*\*The following read/paraphrased at First Public Comment Period at above meeting.**

*[Book review: Wall Street Journal By Marc Levinson February 6, 2023 EXCERPT: Para. 4 and 5] Mr. Flyvbjerg identifies two common flaws in developing large-scale projects: inadequate planning and prolonged execution. Managers and politicians have a bias for action, he says, often treating planning as an annoyance that must be endured before the real work begins. Imposing tight deadlines for completion may end up adding costs and time, because the easiest way to craft a tighter schedule is to short-circuit the planning process. Rushed planning can result in problems that crop up later, generating delays that push up the cost.]]]*

**Commissioners generally make good decision...** We all know that this commission/commissioners ran for public office to serve the people in the best possible least cost way. That service means making every effort to learn about every issue and fully understanding their fiduciary obligation/duty before taking any action. **(WALLET ON TABLE)** This also means that before approving any action EACH COMMISSIONER is willing to pay 100% of the cost due to confidence that so much benefit will accrue to each LC resident/inhabitant

All the above applies to **prior** BOC Actions & **accountability** of this BOC. This must include the admitted to past **bad decision of May 11, 2021** of removing the Finance and Human Resources duties without even beginning to think about a plan of how to do it! It appears that up to \$300,000 of taxpayers money has been misspent/wasted...and continuing. So, **to best serve The People by being accountable, we respectfully request that this BOC take immediate action to cause report(s) to be prepared by independent party/parties to:**

- \* Understand how such a **bad** decision happened on 5/11/21
- \* Prepare a financial report as to the total and ongoing costs of wasted \$\$\$money and resources caused by the prior commission's bad decision
- \* Establish guidelines/rules so such a **bad thing cannot happen again** in Leelanau County, and **apologize** to the Clerk & Leelanau County Taxpayers
- \* Take any other actions to avoid this type of harmful fiasco in the future

**Failure to do these things in a timely manner appears to indicate to us an unfitness to serve in public office.**