

**LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION – TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006**
Minutes – meeting taped.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert Hawley at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hawley.

Roll call:	District #1 – Jean I. Watkoski	ABSENT (present @ 9:25 a.m.)
	#2 – Mark Walter	PRESENT
	#3 – William J. Bunek	ABSENT (present @ 9:01 a.m.)
	#4 - Mary P. Tonneberger	PRESENT
	#5 – David W. Shiflett	PRESENT
	#6 – Robert L. Hawley	PRESENT
	#7 – Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS:

1. Department Update – Register of Deeds, Barbara J. Kirt.

Register of Deeds Barbara Kirt appeared before the Executive Committee and presented comparative statistics for 2001 – 2005 relative to the Register of Deeds office. Kirt also commented on the new privacy act and how that impacts operations in her office. Hawley questioned Kirt relative to if she had signed off on the space at the new Governmental Facility and she has not. Brief comments regarding the proposed corridor and that it is on only one side of the building and the amount of space that it consumes.

2. Facilities Update – David Gill.

Administrator Gill informed Commissioners of the office modifications that are being made for the District Court Probation Officer that will be stationed here in Leland. The modifications will allow clients to enter the Probation Officer’s office without going through the Prosecutor’s Office. The Probation Officer is currently located in Traverse City. Gill thought the plan was to have him here full-time. People are starting to realize that Leelanau County citizens shouldn’t need to drive to Traverse City. As soon as the new building is complete there will be a Friend of the Court officer here and the reason there isn’t one here now, is that there isn’t enough room. The case load has gotten big enough in District Court to have someone here, plus they probably don’t have enough room in Traverse City.

As to the dam, the gate has arrived and is sitting in a bay. There is one more pouring that needs to go in and then it will be ready to begin operation. Everything is still on track.

Gill is working daily with the architects and will have them back with hard questions for the Commissioners this month.

Chairman Hawley questioned progress on a road trip to visit Holland. Gill indicated that he requested that he needed a bus and six weeks’ lead time. Commissioner Tonneberger questioned if Gill knew when the Commissioners would be back. Gill commented that hard issues will need

to be decided – windows, HVAC and roof systems. Gill wants to make sure that that is all covered before they come back. Gill is making a list, as are the architects. Commissioner Bunek questioned if Commissioners can get the list before the architects return so that Commissioners can do their own research if they want. Gill confirmed that that was possible.

Commissioner Bunek questioned is there was any information available regarding the meeting with EDC. Gill indicated that that meeting is being set up for March and it was in the Commissioners report, although Gill does not have a date yet. The EDC is still working with John Kasben regarding Maple Valley Nursing Home. Gill also noted that the Economic Development Corporation was working out of the Chamber of Commerce office and now they will be meeting at the County building. The EDC also lost their support staff, so the County will now provide support staff to the EDC and they will pay for that out of their budget. Chairman Hawley questioned exactly what that meant. Gill indicated minute takers, someone to send out agendas; basically, general clerical items. The EDC meetings are starting to generate an audience and current accommodations just weren't big enough so they will be meeting January 19, 2006, in the River Office Meeting room.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

MOTION BY BUNEK TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SUPPORT WALTER.

Discussion.
ALL AYES.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Mikowski of Lake Leelanau. Mikowski commented on two documents he presented at the last Board meeting of 2005 that were not noted in the minutes and requested that that be corrected. Mikowski commented on several topics: the Leland Township meeting, the Supervisor's behavior, the sewer policy and also referenced a letter from the DEQ to the Township with a copy to the County. Comments continued regarding the DEQ and a proposed policy as suggested by the DEQ, a fragile sewer system, homeowners subsidizing the system. Mikowski distributed the four questions that he requests be answered, as well as two other articles he commented on: "*Demography is Destiny,*" posted Friday, January 6, 2006, by Michael D. LaFaive and Michael J. Hicks – Mackinac Center for Public Policy and "*China trip teaches about more than just apples,*" from The Fruit Growers News, November, 2005. Copies of the documents are on file with the County Clerk.

9:25 a.m. Commissioner Jean Watkoski present.

ACTION ITEMS:

Sheriff Department – Funding for system maintenance fee:

Undersheriff Scott Wooters appeared before the Committee regarding funding for the system maintenance fee associated with the use of the 800 mghz portable radios. These radios were

purchased through a homeland security grant and each radio used will have a \$200.00 per year system maintenance fee.

MOTION BY BUNEK THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF THE ALLOCATION/TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM 101-225.301-775.000 TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTRACT SERVICES ACCOUNT NUMBER 101-225.301-801.000 FOR FUNDING OF SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEES. SUPPORT TONNEBERGER.

Discussion.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Sheriff Department - Additional funds for medical duties:

Jail Administrator Cheryl King appeared before commissioners regarding the need to increase the nurses' hours in order to be able to administer injections for an inmate. The inmate's injections may increase to twice daily. Brief comments continued.

MOTION BY TONNEBERGER THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL NURSING HOURS ABOVE THE 15 HOURS ALLOWED IN THE CONTRACT; THESE HOURS ARE SPECIFIC TO INJECTIONS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AN INMATE'S HEALTH AND PREVENT THE NEED FOR HOSPITALIZATION. FUNDING SOURCE IS 101-225.351-835.000. SUPPORT WATKOSKI.

Discussion – The current nurse's contract is \$40.00 per hour, the cost for injections is projected to be much less and the nurse is hoping to arrange with another individual for the days she cannot be here. Again this applies to this one inmate and is an unusual situation.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Sheriff Department - Temporary full-time Corrections Officer:

Jail Administrator Cheryl King was present to request a temporary full-time corrections officer to replace a regular full-time officer, who will be on family leave for three months beginning in February. The full-time officer will draw short-term disability pay while on leave, so there should be no additional funds needed. The previous approval for temporary help was not used up.

MOTION BY WALTER THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY FULL-TIME OFFICER TO COVER STAFFING SHORTAGE CREATED BY AN OFFICER ON FAMILY LEAVE. FUNDING SOURCE TO BE 101-225.351. BUDGETED WAGES WILL COVER THIS TEMPORARY POSITION, AS THE OFFICER WHO IS ON LEAVE WILL BE PAID BY THE COUNTY'S SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE. SUPPORT TONNEBERGER.

Discussion – The temporary officer will probably not be employed for the full three months by the time interviewing and background checks are completed.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Sheriff Department – Informational item:

Undersheriff Scott Wooters advised the Committee that one of the road patrol deputies will be out until late April. They are hoping to use part-time Community Work Program Deputy Scott

Robinson to fill in for the deputy that is off work. Currently the work load for that program is low, so they are planning to suspend the work program for now and begin training Officer Robinson immediately. Questions regarding benefits. Temporary employees do not receive benefits and this should be budget neutral. Deputy Robinson will be going directly into the field with a training officer. Wooters commented this is information only for Commissioners.

Sheriff Department - Out-of-state travel:

Jail Administrator Cheryl King commented that last fall an officer was promoted to Sergeant and needs to attend specific mail manager's training. The American Jail Association is offering Management for New Managers and does an exemplary job and it is very intense schooling. King is present to request permission for out of state travel for Sgt. Cary Garton.

MOTION BY WATKOSKI THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL OF THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL TO ALLOW SGT. CARY GARTON TO ATTEND MANAGERS TRAINING IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR TRAINING IN THE 101-225.351 BUDGET. FUNDS FROM FUND 264, STATE BOOKING FEES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO COVER THE COSTS OF TUITION, TRAVEL AND MEALS. SUPPORT WALTER.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Planning/Community Development – Out-of-State travel:

Planning Director Trudy Galla was present before the Committee to request approval for out-of-state travel for herself and Senior Planner Sarah Lucas to San Antonio, Texas, April 22-26, 2006. Questions relative to if they attended in 2005 and Galla indicated that they did not. Discussion that when the APA was held in Washington, D.C. Galla spoke at that one. Brief comments.

MOTION BY SHIFLETT THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL FOR OUT-OF STATE TRAVEL FOR PLANNING DIRECTOR TRUDY GALLA AND PLANNER SARAH LUCAS FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (APA) CONFERENCE. COST FOR THE REGISTRATION, AIRLINE, AND LODGING/MEALS TO COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. SUPPORT LAUTNER.

Brief discussion.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Planning/Community Development – Reciprocal Agreement:

Planning Director Trudy Galla was present before THE Committee regarding a reciprocal agreement with Antrim County that was requested by them. Galla commented that a reciprocal agreement was worked on with several counties for the Solid Waste Management Plan update back in 1998, and at that time, the County did not get an agreement with them. Following the approval of the plan, an agreement did come from them. But the Solid Waste Council looked at it several years ago and decided that they didn't really feel that there was a benefit to Leelanau County. Antrim County is proposing it again and did make some changes and they are actually working on a recycling program which is a requirement of Leelanau County's if they want an agreement. Their budget is pretty slim, but they are working on it. Galla continued that this

does provide some benefit to Leelanau County, because additional volumes going into the landfill increases the recycling fees that Leelanau gets back for the programs.

MOTION BY SHIFLETT TO APPROVE THE SOLID WASTE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH ANTRIM COUNTY. SUPPORT TONNEBERGER.

Discussion, questions and answers ensued.

AYES – 6 NO – 1 (BUNEK)

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Planning/Community Development – Capital Improvement Program:

Planning Director Trudy Galla reviewed the history of the Capital Improvement Program. The Leelanau County Planning Commission worked on updating this before bringing it back to the Commissioners. This was something that the Board had charged the Planning Commission with doing several years ago. It is an outlook of what is planned for the future, cost and where the funds would come from, as well as an inventory of what the County currently has. The Planning Commission has updated it and is now sending it on to the Board of Commissioners. Galla continued that she spoke with Commissioner Tonneberger yesterday and there may be some areas that need to be cleaned up and that is up to the Commissioners. Galla would hope that the County Board would adopt it and use it as deemed fit for the next budget process. Questions and comments from Commissioners regarding summary chart #1, with the example of the storage at Stander Marine being listed and that is not being utilized. Brief discussion ensued.

Commissioners would like to see this distributed to anyone that may have an interest in the document, specifically the Parks and Recreation committee, and have it reviewed for additions, deletions or corrections. Brief comments ensued. This should be on the Executive Committee Agenda for April for approval.

MOTION BY TONNEBERGER TO TABLE THE DOCUMENT UNTIL APRIL. SUPPORT SHIFLETT.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Galla will follow up on this and would like to have it back to the Planning Commission for their March meeting.

Register of Deeds – increase the on-line public inquiry w/indexing/images:

Barbara Kirt, Register of Deeds, offered comments regarding increasing the online public inquiry with indexing and images from 1980 through 1990. Kirt would like to keep the indexing portion of the project in-house, as the vendor sends this out of the Country to be processed and she is not comfortable with that and would propose that the \$12,00.00 be kept in house for processing.

Hawley questioned why she wouldn't want it to be done elsewhere. Kirt responded that she has no idea of how they do it and doesn't want to have to go to that extensive of proofing and would rather keep the funds in Leelanau County. Brief discussion ensued regarding what individual would be handling this. Kirt noted that she has spoken with Commons and they would be able to schedule the Office Assistant for this.

MOTION BY SHIFLETT TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH DATA CONVERSION SERVICES, INC., TO CONVERT MICROFILM TO IMAGES FROM 1980 THROUGH DECEMBER 1990 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,867.50 AND \$12,000.00 FROM AUTOMATION FUND #356-000.000-

801.000 FOR AN IN-HOUSE EMPLOYEE TO INDEX THOSE SAME DOCUMENTS. SUPPORT WATKOSKI AND TONNEBERGER.

Discussion – Kirt noted that one more item has come up. There is conversion that needs to be handled, in addition to the data conversion, through Manatron. Kirt has received a verbal quote in the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioners questioned if she would bring that at a later date? Kirt commented that she would prefer to do it now, because if it weren't approved at a later date, none of this can go forward.

MOTION BY SHIFLETT AMENDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH DATA CONVERSION SERVICES, INC. TO CONVERT MICROFILM TO IMAGES FROM 1980 THROUGH DECEMBER 1990 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,867.50 AND \$12,000.00 FROM THE AUTOMATION FUND #356-000.000-801.000 FOR AN IN HOUSE EMPLOYEE TO INDEX THOSE SAME DOCUMENTS AND TO INCLUDE THE CONVERSION CONTRACT WITH MANATRON, NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00, FUNDS TO ALSO COME FROM THE AUTOMATION FUND. AMENDMENT SUPPORTED BY WATKOSKI & TONNEBERGER.

Discussion. Commissioner Lautner expressed concern about revenues for this. Kirt commented that currently there is enough revenue to cover this. Brief comments continued regarding revenues and accessing the information.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

10:17 a.m. five minute break at 10:17 a.m.

10:25 a.m. back in session.

Administration – Appraisals of county-owned Leland property:

Administrator Gill indicated that on Thursday, January 12, 2006, the Leland Property Subcommittee will be opening bids at 4:00 p.m. and would like to have this added to next week's agenda.

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO ADD TO THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK'S BOARD MEETING THE APPROVAL TO AWARD FIRM(S) TO PERFORM APPRAISAL OF COUNTY-OWNED LELAND PROPERTY. SUPPORT TONNEBERGER.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Administrator – Appointment of Sander Scott to the Planning Commission:

Administrator Gill gave update regarding this.

MOTION BY BUNEK THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDER SCOTT TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 30, 2007. SUPPORT TONNEBERGER.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Administrator – Leelanau County Ordinances:

Administrator Gill brought forward a list of the County Ordinances for the Commissioners to decide if there were specific ones that Commissioners wanted addressed first. The list was

reviewed and Chairman Hawley commented that he would like to hear from the entities that are involved in the specific ordinance.

Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Doug Donaldson was present and commented that part of the reason to examine the Ordinances at this juncture is that there is an Attorney General's opinion that calls into question, or more specifically indicates that a County doesn't have the authority to pass certain types of ordinances. Some of the Ordinances, if challenged, would undoubtedly be defeated in Court if they had to try and defend them. Among them would be the Ordinance relating to serving minors alcohol at your home – Hawley questioned if that was the “Adult Alcohol & Drug Responsibility” – Donaldson indicated that that was correct. Donaldson continued about being at Mayfield Township in Grand Traverse County last evening and the Grand Traverse Fire Protection Ordinance up there is no good and unenforceable under the County's police powers, so they are taking the tack of going to township after township to get them to adopt a Uniform Fire Protection Ordinance, so that it is even across the board. From that standpoint, Leelanau needs to analyze the AG's opinion to see what authority the County has and doesn't have and go through the same process as Grand Traverse County. Comments ensued. Gill indicated that Leelanau's International Fire Code is a “carve out”. Donaldson noted that there was a new code in 2003 and there were aspects that are pretty untenable and undoubtedly will be challenged. Discussion ensued. Tonneberger would like to see all ordinances from 1990 and before reviewed first. Hawley questioned if Commissioners should be the driving force? That is key and an easy question to answer. Donaldson commented that the first tier of analysis is to go down and determine if an ordinance needs to be repealed or not, the second tier of the analysis is to see if there is any reason to revise them. Brief comments. The Prosecutor's office has not looked at each ordinance, but would be able to present something to the Committee regarding this by March, 2006, in written form.

Brief discussion regarding enforcement at the Township level. Donaldson commented that if it is a Township Ordinance, they have the power to enforce it. They can get their own ticket books on the Junk Ordinance, Noise Ordinance. They can write their own tickets. The question comes down to whose dime is it? Comments/discussion ensued.

MOTION BY LAUTNER THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO REVIEW THE COUNTY ORDINANCES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN MARCH 2006. SUPPORT BUNEK. AYES – 7 NO – 0 RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

Administrator – Reaffirmation of 2% submittal motion:

MOTION BY SHIFLETT THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REAFFIRM THAT THE SEVEN (7) PRIORITIZED 2% REQUESTS BE PASSED THROUGH AND TO SEND THE OTHERS ALONG WITH A COVER LETTER TO INDICATE WHAT THE PRIORITIES ARE. SUPPORT BUNEK.

Discussion ensued – Commissioner Tonneberger commented that she will have to vote no on the motion, as this was reviewed in-depth. If the Board is going to go forward with this, then any future application submitted will need to be forwarded. Commissioners do not know what the

variety of organizations that may ask for approval to be forwarded to the Tribe, even if they are prioritized. With a positive vote, it means everything will be passed on and if that is what the Tribe wants, the Board will follow it, but it is not her understanding that everything needs to be forwarded. Commissioner Watkoski asked Gill for an explanation. Gill indicated that it is back on the agenda because of the legal opinion regarding the legality of changing the motion at last month's meeting. The short story is that under the Open Meetings Act, it was legal because the Board doesn't need an agenda; but, under the County's Board rules, they were violated. If Commissioners wish to do this in the future, they need to suspend the Board rules first. What the attorney recommended to do to clear it up was to put it back on the agenda, reaffirm it and revote it. Gill continued that the suggested motion is the same from last month and be done with it. Gill commented that the issue is can you change the motion at the full Board meeting? Under the County's Board rules, the answer is no. Comments ensued regarding having a specific agenda and the need for it. State law was not violated, but the County's Board rules were. Commissioner Lautner commented that it is all very interesting. As far as the Agenda goes, Commissioners don't have to have one for their Regular meeting, but they do for Special meetings. The Attorney did not recommend doing away with the agenda; in fact, he does recommend an agenda. Commissioners were specific and it was the Committee's recommendation and the Agenda wasn't changed. Lautner is not sure how the Commissioners got to this point. Commissioners left the Executive Committee with the understanding that only the seven prioritized items would be forwarded and there were a lot of minds changed in the meantime and she doesn't know how and that is a bigger concern to her than even sending them through. Lautner questioned Commissioners as to why they want to send them all through? Is it because the Tribe wants them all or because Commissioners think that they have to? Lautner maintained that Commissioners do not have to send them all through and it boils down to the Commissioner's responsibility for how the funds in lieu of tax dollars are spent. Comments continued and Lautner said what if someone asks for employees, if the Tribe funds them it is a liability for the County. Lautner maintains that these do not all need to be sent through and that is what Gill also said. Watkoski questioned if that was what Corporate Counsel suggested. Gill commented that Corporate Counsel only addressed the matter of the motion. Lautner continued that just because the County doesn't send it through, doesn't mean the Tribe can't fund the laundry program if they want to. Lautner commented that the committee followed all of the rules and everything was done very procedurally and it went to Executive Committee and there were no changes made. Brief comments continued. Commissioner Bunek understands Lautner is comments, but the Committee's recommendations are recommendations and the Board doesn't need to support everything. Lautner indicated that that is true, but it should have been changed at the Executive Committee level and questioned where in any minutes was it discussed to recommend sending all the submitted items through. Chairman Hawley commented that Lautner is right and one of the things that need to be dealt with is that the public is not aware of these things until it gets in the Executive Committee minutes and that is when Commissioners receive feedback. Hawley is not defending the fact that he didn't ask the right questions at the Executive meeting and he did receive feedback in the interim and that changed his decision. Shiflett indicated that he also received feedback. Lautner didn't receive any, nor did Watkoski. Comments by Walter that he agreed that the Committee level is not the final decision and that is how the system works. It is the same as the LEC; the Commissioners didn't always do what the Committee thought would be best. Tonneberger commented that she thinks what Lautner was saying is that the subcommittee recommendation hit the Executive Committee meeting and there

was no discussion to say, ‘okay, maybe we disagree’ and there was no suggestion to send a different number on. No discussion took place at that meeting, so that is what her key point is. Bunek disagreed. The vote went 5-1. Lautner noted that her concern is that a lot of committee time was wasted and questioned what was solved by prioritizing the top 7. What is going to happen in June – are they going to be prioritized or is everything going to be sent through? Watkoski commented that that is the key question and she is still struggling with this and questioned where the Board gets the authority to scrutinize the 2% grants? Watkoski questioned if that is something the Tribe wants the Commissioners to do? Gill commented that it is in the compact. The compact says that the 2% grants have to be approved by a governing agency. Gill continued that if Commissioners don’t approve them, they don’t go. Hawley went back to the fact the Board has not approved some and does not necessarily think that the board is saying that they have to pass everything that comes before the Board. Hawley continued that in this case, he didn’t see anything that was so egregious that he could say, “I’m not going to let the tribe look at it.” It was a subjective rating system. There were only two points that separated some and everyone comes from different backgrounds and has different experiences and value systems. Hawley continued that when there is only a two point difference, it is pretty difficult to shut down that agency from having an opportunity. Shiflett would like to see the process identified and nailed down. When a subcommittee brings something before the Executive Committee, everyone can disagree; but in the future, one way to handle it may be to say, “Here are our priorities, here is everything that was presented and this is what we would like and this is how we prioritized.” Shiflett continued that the 2% funds should be really looked at for what they are. The Federal Government has determined that these indigenous people aren’t to be paying property taxes and that is out of the Commissioners control. Shiflett continued that he thinks more is paid out in 2% payments than what property taxes would amount to, so if a hard look is given, you could say the 2% monies are gifts and be more humble in acceptance of the funds. If you don’t ask, you don’t get and don’t look a gift horse in the mouth. Lautner commented that if you are given a gift of a new car you need to decide whether or not to accept it and can you pay the sales tax on it and you may not want that liability. It doesn’t matter if it is more than property taxes, 2% is 2% and that is what the compact says. Lautner thinks what this will boil down to is what 2% funds Leelanau does receive. Will it be the top seven priorities or will it be a laundry program that does laundry for 85% Native Americans or a baby pantry? What good is prioritizing, if the top seven aren’t awarded first? Brief comments by Hawley followed regarding potential revenue and analyzing. Brief discussion ensued.

AYES – 5 NO – 2 (LAUTNER & TONNEBERGER)

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

SPECIAL REPORTS BY STAFF, COMMISSIONERS AND AFFILIATED AGENCIES:

Commissioner Shiflett informed Commissioners that the Leland Property Subcommittee will be meeting again and it is tentatively set for January 23, 2006, regarding opening a dialog with Leland Township. It was disappointing that no one from Leland Township Board appeared at the first meeting – some was by accident and some by unavailability.

Commissioner Bunek commented on a letter from a Robert McGready about having the Board of Commissioners approve petitions to circulate through the County regarding deer in the County and control clear cutting. Bunek indicated that he has spoken with a biologist at the DNR Office

MOTION BY WALTER THAT THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO INSTRUCT ATTORNEY CHRIS COOKE TO ACCEPT THE CASE EVALUATION AWARD. SUPPORT BUNEK.

AYES – 7 NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Commissioner Walter addressed attachments to the minutes and the added cost for adding items distributed to Commissioners at the meeting that may not be relative to information being discussed. Commissioner Walter would like to not attach propaganda to the minutes. Items can be kept in the Clerk's file and be available to the public. Hawley commented that there should be a policy on this and discussion continued regarding relevance of certain handouts. Brief comments.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairman at 11:40 a.m.

Michelle L. Crocker, County Clerk
Clerk – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners