

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Fun facts:

- 4 Democrats: Ty Wessel (chair), Kama Ross, Gwenne Allgaier, Jamie Kramer – has been 4 Democrats and 3 Republicans since May 2022.
- Currently elected for 2 year terms, but in 2024 will be elected for 4 year terms – no term limit
- We are the only blue county north of Saginaw and South of the Mackinac Bridge

Democratic initiatives:

1. Early Childhood millage – passed May 2019 – funds early childhood (ages 0-6 years) development services and parent support regardless of family income – see <https://www.bldhd.org/what-is-parenting-communities/>
2. Broadband access county-wide: Started with the Leelanau Internet Futures Team, a public-private partnership; funded with dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
3. Time of Transfer Septic Ordinance adopted Aug 2022 – requires well and septic inspection at time of sale or transfer of properties. To date, 10-15% of well/septic systems fail on inspection. (Michigan has no statewide law – the only state not to have one).
4. Energy Futures Taskforce – passed in August 2023 to evaluate how to increase green energy production in Leelanau County