

Leelanau County

Boards and Commissions

BENZIE/LEELANAU DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

Contact: Bill Crawford / Kathy Cudney

Leelanau / Benzie Health Department
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Three members from Leelanau County serve 3-year terms. The two-county Health Board consists of six members — two county commissioners and one at-large member from each of the two counties. The Board is responsible for the policies, programs and operations of the Health Department in Leelanau and Benzie counties. Leelanau County members are commissioners David Shiflett and Jim Schaub, and at-large member Mary Tonneberger.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BRA)

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Leelanau County Planning & Community Development
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Seven members serve 3-year terms. The Authority facilitates the implementation of Brownfield plans to promote the revitalization, redevelopment and reuse of property that is tax reverted, blighted, or functionally obsolete. It may also authorize and permit the use of certain tax increment financing. Members are Commissioner David Shiflett, Administrator Eric Cline, Mark Walter, William Drozdalski, Eric Winkleman, Kathy Egan, and Lee Nowak.

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD (COA)

Contact: Rosie Steffens / Madonna Jackson
Leelanau Commission on Aging
231-256-8121

Seven to nine members serve 3-year terms. The advisory group makes recommendations to the Leelanau County Commission on Aging, which promotes and provides services for older residents of this county. Members are Commissioner Jean Watkoski, Mary Tonneberger,

Roy A. Pentilla, Bradley Saxton, Eugene Adams, Jerry Reynard, Gene Strang and Dale Alberts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (EDC)

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Traverse City Chamber of Commerce
202 E Grandview Parkway,
Traverse City, MI 49684
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Twelve members with 6-year terms. The EDC reviews and comments upon economic development related matters as requested by the county while meeting on an as-needed basis. Directors are David Rowe, Jose Barrera, Jim Bardenhagen, John Hoagland, David Shiflett, Marie Porter, Joan Kalchik, Todd Stachnik, Sally Guzowski, James Reynolds and Erik Zehender.

ELECTION CANVASSING BOARD

Contact: County Clerk's Office
231-256-9824

Four members with 4-year terms. Board appointees are party recommended. Members are Republicans George Anderson and Joan Jackson; and Democrats Donna Dodd and Robert Marshall.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Contact: Trudy Galla / Karen Hall
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Eleven members serve for 3-year terms. The Leelanau County Planning Commission oversees preparation and implementation of the County Plan. This includes solid waste management, economic development, growth management, and transportation issues. The commission also reviews and makes recommendations on zoning changes proposed by townships and villages. Members are Michael Long, Bradford Krull, Greg Julian, Charles Godbout, Jay Johnson, Thomas MacDonald, Gerald Bergman, Richard Kobetz, Jessica Lukowski, Victor Goldsdhmidt, and Fred Cepela.



Solid Waste Council president Bill Perkins (left) helps accept refuse during a household hazardous waste collection held last year at the county government center. Shown dropping off materials are Suttons Bay residents Chris Bahle and his son Paul.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Contact: Steve Christensen
Leelanau County Drain Commissioner
231-256-9783

Ten members serve for 3-year terms. The Parks and Recreation Commission oversee three county parks – Old Settler's Picnic Grounds, Myles Kimmerly Park, including the 4-H Arena, and the Veronica Valley County Park, as well as propose park rules and regulations to the County Executive Committee, for adoption by the County Board. Members are Commissioners Melinda Lautner and Jean Watkoski, Glen Noonan, Steve Christensen, Greg Julian, Clayton Ball, Susan Haley, Mary Barrows, Erik Zehender and Will Bunek.

SOLID WASTE COUNCIL

Contact: Trudy Galla / Karen Hall
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Fourteen members serve for 2-year terms. The Solid Waste Council is charged with updating and carrying out the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Members include Commissioner Tom Van Pelt, Mark Bevelhymmer, Bill Perkins, James Palmer, Tom MacDonald, John Rentenbach, Laurel Durkin, Dorothy Barker, Philip vonVoightlander, George Wilson, Marcia Harris and Lee Nowak.