

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2021-0218)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, February 18, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck were present.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. Jeff Ruple of 8836 Shetland Court in Kirtland congratulated Commissioner Plecnik on his appointment to the Board. Mr. Ruple, on behalf of the Lake County Visitors Bureau, stated that he was present to manage the expectations of the Board regarding items #7 and #8 on the agenda. He explained that the Visitors Bureau reviewed and updated their bylaws last year. With these bylaw changes, the Visitors Bureau will accept recommendations from the Board of Commissioners pertaining to Board appointments, but do not necessarily have to approve these recommendations. Ultimately, the Visitors Bureau Board votes on whether to accept these recommendations or not. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that regarding item #8, it was unknown at that time whether the current members were interested in reappointment as they had not contacted the Board expressing their interest for reappointment. Thus, the Board is recommending appointment of two individuals that had expressed interest in serving on the Visitors Bureau Board. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Fike had expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Board. He explained that the 3% Bed Tax collected by the County flows through the Board of Commissioners for distribution to the Visitors Bureau. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he hopes the Visitors Bureau Board will seriously consider accepting the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CHIP SEAL RESURFACING PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, MADISON TOWNSHIP AND PERRY TOWNSHIP, OHIO (Bid Opening March 10, 2021)(20210218\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer Mr. Jim Gills, explained that this is an annual program and a routine request. He stated that starting the bid process early in the year generally means they will receive very competitive bids. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROADWAY MATERIALS - 2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ROAD DEPARTMENT, LCE PROJECT NO. 2021-002 (Bid Opening March 10, 2021)(20210218\E02)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Engineer, Mr. Gills stated that this is an annual requirement for materials to make necessary pothole repairs and any other miscellaneous County road repairs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL OF QUAIL HOLLOW SUBDIVISION #10 PHASE 1B, CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20210218\E03)(SD-433)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CONSTRUCTION SURETY FOR QUAIL HOLLOW NO. 10 PHASE 1A AND ACCEPTING A COMBINED MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR QUAIL HOLLOW NO. 10 PHASE 1A AND 1B (20210218\E04)(SD-433)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. David Radachy, explained that the roads have been built to expected and approved standards for this project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT USED BY THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY OBSOLETE AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF SAID EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307.12 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20210218\C01)(CT-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2023 (20210218\C02)(695-a)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$871,990.19(20210218\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$764,880.25 (20210218\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20210218\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Director of Technical Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, gave an update on the professional development activities of the Department and specifically Mr. Franco Noce. Mr. Noce has earned his Class IV treatment license which is the highest in the industry. Mr. Fedak stated that Lake County is fortunate to have 3 Class IV licenses in the Wastewater Division and another 3 in the water division. He further stated that there are only 150 Class IV licenses throughout the entire State of Ohio and this number includes those that are retired. Mr. Noce was present and thanked Mr. Fedak and his staff for their support and encouragement while he was working on this licensing. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Board appreciates the 18 months of hard work Mr. Noce put into obtaining this license. Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Mr. Noce and spoke of the importance of continuing education. Commissioner Young congratulated Mr. Noce for his dedication and successful completion of this licensing. County Engineer, Mr. Gills, also congratulated Mr. Noce and spoke of what an important and great achievement this license is because so few people are able to achieve.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd congratulated Mr. Noce and stated that he is a great asset to Lake County. He gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccine program, stating that as a result of continued bad weather, vaccine shipments to Ohio and across the country continue to be delayed. Commissioner Hamercheck assured everyone that the vaccines were not compromised and this was just a delivery delay. Mr. Boyd stated that the number of positive cases and hospitalizations continues to trend down.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Commissioner Young is on the mend and getting stronger by the day. Commissioner Young indicated that he will be released in the next few days to his home with the assistance of a caretaker. Commissioner Plecnik thanked his colleagues for a great fist week on the job and thanked everyone for being so welcoming.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck read a certificate received from the United States Census Bureau for the exceptional job Lake County did with the 2020 Census. He thanked the Complete Count Committee, which he was honored to Chair and part of which included Mrs. Donna Tyson, Mr. Dave Radachy and Mr. Dave Schick. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Radachy will continue to partake in the ongoing census which entails recording of new streets and subdivisions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There were no public comments in this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this fourth day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK