

MARCH 4, 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 2021-0304)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 11, 2021, January 28, 2021 and February 18, 2021 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

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

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord Township was present and wished Commissioner Young a speedy recovery. He read a prepared statement explaining his group's (Lobbyists for Citizens) platform and opinions on the Visitors Bureau Board as well as the public records requests that they have made. He stated that former Visitors Bureau Director, Mr. Scott Dockus, provided his group with the history of the Visitors Bureau. Several things Mr. Massie discussed was their 501-C-6 non-profit status, how they are a self-governing Board, how the County has no record of their expenditures once they receive the Hotel/Motel funding from the County and options he feels the County should explore moving forward with regard to funding them. Mr. Massie stated that he feels the Visitors Bureau Board's attitude and conduct is not acceptable to the taxpayers of Lake County. Assistant County Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, stated that he has absolute respect for Mr. Massie and for bringing this issue forward. He also commended his group. Mr. Hackman stated that, as he has mentioned before, the Visitors Bureau is a private corporation and therefore, the Board of Commissioners does not control and cannot dictate how the Visitors Bureau amends their bylaws. Mr. Hackman stated that the Board cannot withhold any money from the Visitors Bureau. He stressed that this Board has no control and cannot dictate how the Visitors Bureau chooses to amend their bylaws. Mr. Massie stated that it is wrong of the Visitors Bureau to accept funding from the County and they (Visitors Bureau) are not accountable to the taxpayers to ensure that the money is being spent wisely. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Massie and Mr. Hackman for their candor and the respect shown to each other.

Mr. Boyd read the following public comment from Ms. Ellen Chamberlin:

"Last March the Commissioners requested that departments trim their budgets by 5%. What adjustments have since needed to be made in the current budget? Were any funds able to be returned to the departments as the revenue collection improved? Thank you." - Ellen Chamberlin, Willoughby

Mr. Boyd stated that he and Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas will respond to Ms. Chamberlin. He briefly stated that the pandemic began last summer and due to the unknowns of what it could bring, the departments were asked to cut their budgets by 5%. He stated that at this time, no funds have been returned to the departments. Mr. Matas continues to remain conservative with the County spending.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that item #13 on the agenda will be moved to #1.

RESOLUTIONS:

13. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2021 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH (20210304\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. The Commissioners recognized the month of March as Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/ Deepwood for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Ms. Elfie Roman, Superintendent for Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood, was present and thanked the Board for their continued support. She explained that they focus on and highlight the abilities of those individuals that they serve. Ms. Roman highlighted several virtual events that were held last year and spoke of and introduced a young man by the name of Charlie who lived out his dream of being a celebrity bartender at Ballantine's in downtown Willoughby. She discussed how Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month focuses on teaching the importance of inclusion and how it highlights how successful those with disabilities can be. Ms. Roman presented a slideshow that highlighted several events that they were able to hold outdoors last year and discussed the challenges that came along with the pandemic and all of the mandated closures. She spoke of the ever popular "Deepwood Idol" and the undefeated Broadmoor Bobcats Basketball Team. She introduced participant, Charlie Schulz, who presented the Commissioners with gifts. Charlie's mother, Mary, was also present and she spoke of the importance of Deepwood and all that it has to offer. Ms. Schulz stated that Charlie has been an employee of the Lake County Title Bureau for five years and loves going to work. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

1. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596 TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO (20210304\U01)(UT-2)

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

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 576 TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO (20210304\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that in preparation for their projects, they transfer extra funds into the account to allow for any unforeseen issues. This project is complete and at this time, the remaining funds in the amount of \$71,745.47 will be deposited back into the Water Operating Fund. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20210304\U03)(UT-7)

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AND THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR THE CITY AND ITS POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS (20210304\C01)(501c)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this resolution permits the execution of a three-year agreement on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's - Central Communications Division and Painesville City and their Police and Fire Departments for Central Dispatch and Communications Services. This agreement will become effective March 16, 2021 and will expire on March 15, 2024. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RYAN K. CALLENDER TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2026 (20210304\C02)(B-51)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Callender has been a long-time member of the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees and he is currently the Board President. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JANET RUTH MAJKA TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2026 (20210304\C03)(B-51)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Ms. Majka will be a tremendous asset to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees. Ms. Majka thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees. She stated that she attended Lakeland and is very honored to serve the college. Ms. Majka discussed her background, education and qualifications. Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Ms. Majka and stated that he and Ms. Majka served on Willoughby Hills City Council. He shared some of her Willoughby Hills Council experience and described how she cares deeply for the community. He stated that she will be an excellent addition to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees. Commissioner Young congratulated Ms. Majka and said that she will bring much to the Board with her intelligence and drive. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER JOHN PLECNIK TO DESIGNATE RANDY VANBUREN TO SERVE AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (20210304\C04)(B-34)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. VanBuren for agreeing to continue on as his alternate on the Planning Commission. He stated that Mr. VanBuren was highly recommended by Painesville Township Trustee, Mr. Chuck Hillier, and how he served as former Commissioner Cirino's alternate. Mr. VanBuren was present and thanked the Board for the appointment and explained that he has enjoyed serving on the Planning Commission and supporting local government. Mr. VanBuren talked about his education, and background and the Boards he previously and currently serves on. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$931,001.86 (20210304\BC01)(C-4)

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,395,197.80(20210304\BC02)(C-17)

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

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20210304\BC03)(C-111)

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

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11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20210304\BC04)(C-111)

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

12. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS HAZARD MITIGATION (20210304\C05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Boyd explained that this resolution establishes an account that is required by the State Auditor in order to receive the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccine program, stating that the EMA along with Health District, are preparing a press release pertaining to the number of vaccinations and the manufacturer that the County will be receiving. There is a possibility that the County could receive between 2,000 and 4,000 doses. Mr. Boyd stated that beginning today, those individuals in "Phase 1C" will be eligible. These are individuals that are in childcare services, the funeral service business, law enforcement officers and peace officers, corrections staff. "Phase 2" includes those that are aged 60 years and older. He encouraged residents to continue to check the Health District website (www.lcghd.org) for vaccination information and the link to the ArmorVax website to download the app to schedule of the vaccine. Mr. Boyd stated that County partners include Marc's, Giant Eagle, Drug Mart, CVS, Lake Health Systems, and Signature Health. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he recently attended a very productive meeting with the Lake County Branch of the NAACP, The City of Painesville, the Health District, and Lake Health for a minority outreach discussion. They modeled the outreach off of processes used by the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the details of how the ArmorVax website/app works. The meeting was held on Saturday and by Monday, volunteers had made 10,000 calls attempting to schedule 500 slots for the vaccination, and assisted with questions, concerns and appointments.

Commissioner Hamercheck commended the Fire Chiefs, firefighters, paramedics and nurses on the frontlines of this pandemic.

Mr. Boyd discussed how the Point of Dispensing (PODS) are very cost effective and an efficient way to administer the vaccinations whether they are drive-thru or walk-in.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck complimented County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills and his staff as well as ODOT for the great job they did keeping the roads salted and clear from snow.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. Massie stated that his group are big supporters of Health Commissioner, Mr. Ron Graham. He also stated that they are providing the Health District with a platform for Health Department updates. On behalf of Mr. Graham and the Health Department, Mr. Massie shared that they (the Health Department) have not issued any citations to businesses in Lake County. If a business has been cited, they should contact the State. He thanked Mr. Graham and his staff for the hard work that they are doing. Commissioner Hamercheck recognized Mr. Massie and his Lobbyists for Citizens group as a local media source.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Discipline and Personnel- Compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-third day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK