

MARCH 11, 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 2021-0311)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,110.00 FOR AUBURN ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, JOB NO. 21-01 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20210311\U01)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is a two parcel, privately funded sanitary extension located in Concord Township. Once the extension is complete and approved, it will become a public sewer. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,499,000.00 FOR MANTLE ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT 407-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING April 14, 2021)(20210311\U02)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this project will be a significant improvement to the East End water system. He explained that this project is approximately one mile long and runs the entire length of Mantle Road. They will have to bore under Route 2 and the railroad tracks. This project is being funded through OPWC grants and loans. Mr. Rothlisberger added that they will be partnering with the Engineers Office to share the costs of paving. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 19, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$501,668.88 (20210311\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,871,884.12(20210311\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.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,672,800.17 (20210311\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.

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210311\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Rothlisberger reported that there has been a drastic increase in cost and a delay in shipment of many of the plastic products they use due to the severe weather that Texas has experienced. There has been a 10% to 25% increase in costs and the delays have increased to 2 to 3 months rather than 2-3 weeks.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccine program, stating that the number of vaccinations expected has increased from the hundreds to the thousands. He remains hopeful that this trend will continue. Mr. Boyd stated that the County partners include Marc's, Giant Eagle, Drug Mart, CVS, Lake Health Systems, and Signature Health. He encouraged residents to continue to check the Health District website (www.lcghd.org) for the link to the ArmorVax website to download the app for scheduling of the vaccine.

Mr. Boyd also discussed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, noting that they have slightly loosened the restrictions of use as well as permitting more time to utilize the funds. He will continue to provide updates on the American Rescue Plan as they become available.

Mr. Boyd also mentioned that the vaccine will now be available to those individuals that fall into "Phase 1D" (those individuals with type 2 diabetes) and effective today begins "Phase 2B" (those individuals aged 50 years and older).

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that, as we continue to celebrate Developmental Disabilities Month, he is happy to announce that in 2020, the County partnered with Ohio Treasurer of State Robert Sprague on the STABLE Account Program. Lake County was the first county in the State to join this partnership. Patrick Mohorcic, Director of Workforce Development, was present and stated that OhioMeansJobs Lake County (OMJ) is conducting a Spring Virtual Career Fair on Tuesday, March 16th from 10am-2pm. OMJ will be using a virtual job fair software called Premier Virtual that will allow job seekers and Human Resource representatives to live chat through the platform. Mr. Mohorcic explained that the software is very easy to use and has the ability to allow employers to interact with job seekers in real time.

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 10:25 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

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