

APRIL 15, 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 2021-0415)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 18, 2021, March 23, 2021, and March 25, 2021 were approved 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE CO. FOR ROADWAY MATERIALS - 2021 (LIMESTONE) AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ROAD DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,920.00 (20210415\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Special Projects Engineer, Bruce Landeg, stated that limestone prices are up approximately 4% to 5% from 2020 and that they received two bids. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO KOKOSING MATERIALS, INC. FOR THE ROADWAY MATERIALS – 2021 (PLANT MIX PAVEMENTS), AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,750.00 (20210415\E02)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Landeg stated that the material pricing remains the same as 2020. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING May 5, 2021)(20210415\U01)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is an annual bid for necessary parts that are required throughout the year. They receive best pricing when ordering for the year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: May 5, 2021)(20210415\U02)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is also an annual bid to line up materials for the year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING May 5, 2021) (20210415\U03)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that the Utilities Department has 71 sites that need lawn maintenance. This contract will provide the maintenance to all of the sites for the year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**6. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,324,599.00 TO AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LTD FOR GAS COLLECTION CONTROL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY PROJECT 429-L (20210415\U04)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is Phase 2 of the expansion project at the landfill. This contract will include relocation of the gas collection wells. It will also improve infrastructure to maintain air emission compliance. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE ONE-STOP SYSTEM PARTNERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OMI-LAKE COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM UNDER THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) FOR THE TWO YEAR TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (20210415\JFS01)(JFS-11)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that the caption reflects the information. This is a two-year renewal. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT APRIL 23, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$504,845.38 (20210415\JFS02)(JFS-14)**

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

**9. RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNUSED PORTION OF PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 02-A-006-0-A-01- 001-0 LOCATED ON SAMUEL STREET IN MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR COUNTY PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR TRANSFER TO MADISON VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO SECTIONS 307.09 AND 307.10 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20210415\C01)(210)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Boyd explained that this is to transfer a portion of property that was formally used by the Engineer's Department for a road garage. All parties agree to this donation to Madison Village. Mr. Landeg thanked Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, for his assistance in preparing the legal transaction. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is a good example of the County and Village working together and the Village will put this property to good use. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS- JUVENILE DIVISION, AND SADLER-NE-CAMP FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. (D.B.A. SOFTTEC) FOR THE JUVENILE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (20210415\C02)(CT-3c)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Boyd explained that this is a 5-year software renewal agreement for the Juvenile Court. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,116,885.63(202100415\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: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673,780.37 (202100415\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: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**13. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210415\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: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20210415\BC04)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, 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 they had thought there may be some cost and availability issues with plastic piping due to the weather in Texas but they were happy to receive bids that were more in line with pricing from 2019-2020. Commissioner Hamercheck asked how many water main breaks they had to repair this winter. Mr. Rothlisberger replied that they had an average year but he did not have an exact number.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccine program, stating that the efforts by the Health District, Lake Health and the Fire Chiefs and Lake County in totality is starting to show in the numbers in the State. At this time, Lake County continues to rank first with the highest number of first-time vaccinations of the counties with a population of 225,000 or more. Lake County ranks second with counties of populations of 50,000 or more. Mr. Boyd reported that Lake County has moved up to third for the entire State of Ohio. He continued to report that the 1<sup>st</sup> dose percentage for the State is 35.99% and that Lake County is at 41.37% with no doses wasted; we are at approximately 75% herd immunity. Mr. Boyd reported on the Mega-PODs stating that the demand for the larger PODs seems to be diminishing not only in Lake County but throughout the State. The Health District will begin their migration process and move toward on-site vaccinations (businesses and schools, etc.). Mr. Boyd read the following statement from Health Commissioner Ron Graham:

Please share with all that have been helping fight the pandemic beside us hand in hand....there are far too many heroes but we want to thank as many of them as possible! The last twelve months have affected the lives of people around the world, Ohio, and of course Lake County. The pandemic has changed our lives overnight. We scrambled to adapt a new norm for work, school, and public events. We worked through the challenges of social distancing, telecommuting and modified work routines, and participated in hundreds of video conferences through this collective experience. On a positive note, all of us are discovering new partnerships, strengths, and innovative work practices. Important community values are shining through in beautiful ways. For many, technology is helping break the isolation and there is a newfound trust among our employee; a new comfortable level among each other.

Today, I would like to acknowledge the strength in our teams and our coordination/communication. Everyone has been working tirelessly, harnessing all their energy and skills to meet the needs of our customers and partners. They do whatever it takes to get the job done. For that, I want to thank all partnering employers and employees who have adjusted their way of working to support our vaccination, mass vaccination, and travel clinics. I am proud of the work values, spirit, and unity I have observed in our partners and residents across Lake County, as we push to return to normalcy. To our vaccinators, our leadership, and partners, we know how extraordinary these times are for you and your families. We believe solidarity will help us get through this together. We will continue to provide you the utmost support and services. In these moments of uncertainty, there is one thing you can always count on—our commitment to you and our success. We are extremely honored to serve and partner with you today and in the future. Together we are stronger!

Thank you, Ron H. Graham MPH Health Commissioner

Mr. Boyd thanked everyone and noted that there have been many City workers, and County employee volunteers including in the Utilities Department and the Commissioners Office.

FINANCE – none.

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CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there will not be a meeting next week and that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. She also reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public hearing for the proposed regulations is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. to discuss Real Estate-Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-seventh day of May, 2021.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK