

JULY 22, 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 2021-0722)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, July 22, 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 June 29, 2021, July 8, 2021 and July 15, 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.

Ms. Lisa Siciliano-Miller from the OSU Extension office was here as a representative of the 4-H Youth Development Program to acknowledge some of the outstanding youth who presented livestock at the 2021 Lake County Fair. Rosie Bennett, Anya and Griffin Demshar, Makenna Sladkey, and Macie and Reese Wrachford discussed some of their 4-H accomplishments and the animals they would be submitting to the fair.

Mr. David Lima of 7774 Litchfield Drive in Mentor indicated he was in receipt of a timetable and milestones for the proposed jail project and surmised it is the Board's intention to proceed with this project. This would be the largest capital project in Lake County and he indicated it should be done with the citizens consent. He provided a review of the timetable and strongly urged that this project be put on a ballot allowing a vote by the people. The Board indicated that the timetable was a requirement to apply for a grant and should not be construed as a decision at this time. County Administrator, Jason Boyd, stated that the County is not locked in to that timeline but confirmed that this was simply a grant requirement.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord Township wanted to acknowledge that Commissioner Young would be speaking on "The True Meaning of Freedom" at the Willo-Hill Baptist Church on August 1<sup>st</sup>. He also indicated that he has spoken to a representative with the Ohio Court of Claims. He filed a complaint against the Lake County Visitors Bureau and now it will proceed to the next step of mediation. He also wanted to thank Auditor Galloway in regards to Account #'s 383 and 803 regarding the overpayment of property taxes. He will contact the Treasurer's Office next. Regarding the Deepwood Center's cash reserves, he will continue to follow-up with them. He spoke with Township Trustee Dondorfer of Concord Township regarding their request for additional representation from the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township stated he would support additional deputies for the townships. On an additional note, he is opposed to continuous levies.

County Administrator, Jason Boyd, indicated he had approximately 9 electronic submissions requesting the cost of a new jail be put on a ballot. He read into the record the emails with names and addresses which included Maggi Barth, John Deane, Patricia Denny, Dylan Ludwig, Barbara Mallin, Judi Sadler, and Barb Sespico. The ones without names and addresses were submitted to the Clerk.

Sheriff Leonbruno responded to John Deane's email by explaining that the jail is professionally run and is coordinated with groups like the ADAMHS Board, Beacon Health, the Community Corrections Board and more to ensure that the inmates are treated fairly and humanely. He said the jail population from back in 1990 is very different from today.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENT (LPA) AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE LAK-CHESTNUT STREET (CR 329) RESURFACING PROJECT (PID 112483) (20210722\E01)(E-3)**

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

**2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 453-S-MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT (20210722\U01)(UT-2)**

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

**3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, EAST ISLAND WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 450-W, A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF EASTLAKE (20210722\U02)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mayor Morley of Eastlake thanked the Board and the Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, for working with him on this. It was a true joint effort. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, 174 AND 84 TANK PAINTING PROJECT 436-W (20210722\U03)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Gary Fedak noted that this is set up for construction and the contractor has been hired. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATION IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND (20210722\U04)(UT-2)**

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

**6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, LAKESHORE TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION -PHASE I PROJECT 438-S (20210722\U05)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Gary indicated that this is for a wastewater project on Lakeshore Blvd near Heisley. The contractor has been hired and this will take care of lining the trunk sewers. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,348.00 WITH D.B. BENTLEY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,815.25 FOR EAST 349<sup>TH</sup> STREET-ROBERTS TO BEACHPARK WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 422- W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20210722\U06)(UT-12)**

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

**8. RESOLUTION AWARDED A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,951,110.00 TO NERONE AND SONS FOR MELRIDGE, ADAMS & INDUSTRIAL PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 415-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20210722\U07)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Gary indicated this is a wastewater project to replace (3) sanitary pump stations; (1) in Concord Twp and (2) in Mentor. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO ADMINISTER THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 196 EAST JACKSON STREET IN PAINESVILLE, OHIO, PARCEL # 15-D-004-0-00-013-0 (20210722\C01)(C-40b)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Jason Boyd explained that this was for a property the county purchased (under asking price) on Jackson St. in Painesville. This will be a 50/50 cost share with the Lake County Landbank. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPOINTMENTS OF 21 MEMBERS TO THE LAKE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING AUGUST 10, 2023 (20210722\C02)(500-F)**

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

**11. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 (20210722\C03)(C-6)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$915,202.71 (20210722\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$534,630.41 (20210722\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**14. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS**

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**(20210722\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210722\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Gary mentioned that some of his staff will be going to Cincinnati to attend the “One Water Conference”. It will be an educational experience where they can attend some technical sessions, network, etc and to receive the “Facility Image Award” which recognizes facility enhancements that have been made. Gary also explained that Governor DeWine launched a program in 2019 called H2Ohio which involves water quality, harmful algal blooms, lead service replacement, and more. The topic of the upcoming meeting will discuss how the 2022 fiscal year funds will be spent.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Susan Casar, Director of JFS, stated that they are gearing up for the fair. They will be available for questions in a tent on the main strip.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd is hopeful that we will be seeing some good news in regards to the American Recovery Plan in the next few weeks. They are beginning to compile a list of projects. He will attend a meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> with a select few administrators to discuss ARP in greater detail. In regards to the opioid litigation, Attorney General Yost announced a settlement that our county may be a part of. Jason will be attending a meeting tomorrow for more details on that.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioner’s Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik attended the Ohio Public Leadership Academy last week. Some of his highlights included a visit to the Ohio Emergency Operations Center, and some interesting talks from a speaker regarding human trafficking and its prevention along with a former head of the Ohio National Guard regarding crisis management. He was also offered a Board appointment from CCAO and benefitted from some valuable networking opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck indicated progress is being made with Painesville Township regarding a contract with the Sheriff and they will be submitting something very soon. The Board has invited Paul Stefanko, Director of Telecom, and Mark Iafelice, Director of Buildings and Grounds, to attend an upcoming meeting to provide their insight on the jail’s condition, maintenance procedures/protocols, etc.

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.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-sixth day of August, 2021.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

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JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK