

JULY 29, 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 2021-0729)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 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. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord Township, as a representative of "Lobbyists for Citizens", received some correspondence questioning his group's support of Becky Lynch and Faith Andrews in regards to the possibility of that being a 501 (c) violation. He asked if he was eligible to run for office even though he is considered a media outlet. He said he spoke with the Board of Elections and provided David Hackman of the Prosecutors Office with a copy of the letters. There was also a question regarding the number of public records requests he has submitted and Hackman said he is entitled to submit whatever public records requests he so chooses.

John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville concurred that everyone is entitled to information and public records requests should not be taken in a negative manner.

Jason Boyd, County Administrator, indicated he had received (3) electronic submissions; one did not include a complete address. Commissioner Hamercheck reminded everyone that if someone desires to make a public statement or comment, they must include their name and full address for the record and this includes electronic submissions. Anonymous comments will not be read aloud. Jason read submissions from Diane Lyden and Ron Prosek who had concerns regarding the cost of a new jail and how they would like the voters to decide if a new one should be built or not.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROADS PAVEMENT MARKINGS – 2021 PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ROAD DEPARTMENT, LCE PROJECT NO. 2021-005 (BID OPENING: August 18, 2021)(20210729\E01)(E-2) On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE MORLEY, PROUTY & PINEHILL ROADS TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE RE-BID PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,717.55 (20210729\E02)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Traci Salkiewicz of the Engineer's Office indicated this is an OPWC grant project with the county receiving 50% of the funding from this grant. Since the traffic signal is approximately 25 years old, this will include a battery backup along with the upgrade, as this area can experience quite a few power outages during inclement weather. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR FAIRWAY PINES SUBDIVISION PHASE 3B IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (20210729\E03)(SD-436)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Dave Radachy from Planning and Community Development stated this is for a 56-lot subdivision off of Bacon Road. Plans and specs have been provided and they are just pending approval. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON JULY 7, 2021, FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE-PROJECT 444-L (20210729\U01)(UT-8)

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

5. RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON JUNE 30, 2021, FOR BELLFLOWER AREA SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT, ST. JAMES RELIEF-PROJECT 403-S (20210729\U02)(UT-8)

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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,453.80 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR FAIRWAY PINES PHASE 3B SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 21-18(20210729\U03)(SD-436)

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

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$145,323.20 FOR A WATERLINE FOR FAIRWAY PINES PHASE 3B SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 21-17)(20210729\U04)(SD-436)

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

8. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, 452-S TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE 2 (20210729\U05)(UT-2)

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

9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND (20210729\U06)(UT-2)

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

10. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20210729\U07)(UT-7)

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

11. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$931,340.00 TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD SEWER LINING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 438-S (20210729\U08)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, stated that this is for one of the main trunk sewers that goes to the Mentor Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is approximately 60 years old and this improvement should increase the life for an additional 75 yrs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,345.00 TO D & M PAINTING COMPANY FOR SR 174 & 84 1,000,000 GALLON STANDPIPE PAINTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 436-W (20210729\U09)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Randy stated this is part of our capital improvement plan. With tanks needing to be repainted about every 10-15 years, this is the one in the most need right now. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION ASSIGNING AUTHORITY TO SUZANNE CASAR, DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACT AS THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' DESIGNEE FOR APPROVING INTER-COUNTY ADJUSTMENTS OF ALLOCATED FUNDS (20210729\JFS01)(JFS-11)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Suzanne Casar, Director of JFS, stated that this is a standard resolution giving her the authority to approve inter-county adjustments. She noted she will seek the approval of the County Administrator and the Budget Director before accepting or releasing any funds to other counties. This includes all programs falling under the JFS umbrella. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 6, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,410.26 (20210729\JFS02)(JFS-14)

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

15. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 5, 2021 (20210729\C01)(C-107)

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

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT WITH POINT & PAY THAT PROVIDED FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES SERVICES TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY EXPENSES (20210729\C02)(C-40c)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Clerk of Courts, Faith Andrews, has done a great job in optimizing her office and this resolution will help make her office even more efficient. Commissioner Hamercheck wanted to include Mike DeLeone and the Prosecutor's Office in his praise for resolving some challenges that were discovered along the way. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$739,758.69 (20210729\BC01)(C-4)

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

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18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,694.42 (20210729\BC02)(C-17)

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

19. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210729\BC03)(C-111)

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

20. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210729\BC04)(C-111)

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

21. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PAIGE LUCIC NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2021 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY (20210729\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Paige, Makenna, and Kaitlyn and wanted to remind everyone that the auction is this Saturday at the Lake County Fairgrounds with registration beginning at 2 pm followed by the auction at 4 pm. He encouraged everyone to come out and support them. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

22. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MAKENNA SLADKY NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2021 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY (20210729\F02)(C-126)

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

23. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KAITLYN SZEKER NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2021 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY (20210729\F03)(C-126)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Suzanne informed everyone that August is National Child Support Awareness Month and introduced Cheryl Baibak, Child Support Administrator. Cheryl said that they provide services to families of all types, regardless of income. They currently have 10,882 open cases and collected \$37,428,988 dollars in 2020. They have the ability to conduct genetic testing if needed to enforce all support orders. If anyone is interested in learning more about the services they provide, they can call (440) 350-4000 or go to lakecountyohio.gov and find them under Job and Family Services. JFS is proud to report, for Federal Fiscal Year 2020, the State Office of Child Support recognized Lake County for having the Best Performance in Collections in the Large Caseload Division with a percentage of 77.01% and have received this award for the last 5 years and 14 years overall. To show your support, August 4th is Wear Green Day so they encourage everyone to wear green when possible.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd stated that the Senate just passed a 1 trillion-dollar infrastructure plan. It highlights roads/bridges, public transit, electric vehicle charging stations, ports, airports and wastewater among other things. This is just the initial details and he will provide more information as it becomes available.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021. She would like everyone to note that the time has been changed to 2:00 p.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated there has been a \$26 billion-dollar national settlement with the big 3 drug manufacturers regarding the recent opioid litigation. For Ohio, there is \$804 million dollars proposed and we are hopeful we could see about 70% of that. The difference has to do with incentives and some lingering litigation. Jason added that this does not interfere with our Bellwether trial against the distributors. That will go to trial in the fall and includes Lake and Trumbull counties only. The Board discussed meeting with Mr. Wible and agreed that it would be best for him to speak in a public forum at a regularly scheduled Commissioner's Meeting. They will coordinate that with him.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. John Muzik, of 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville, stated that there are a lot of non-profits who receive grants, etc. He believes that, as taxpayers, there should be accessibility, transparency, oversight, and accountability in regards to our tax dollars.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

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

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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