

MAY 6, 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 2021-0506)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, May 6, 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.

Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville Township expressed concern over wireless connections regarding the new voting equipment and if they could be accessed from external sources. Commissioner Hamercheck indicated that this issue will be discussed during Item #10 on the agenda.

Becky Lynch, County Recorder and Lake County Data Board member, read the Data Board's duties in regards to election equipment per the ORC (Ohio Revised Code). David Hackman, Assistant Prosecutor, replied that ORC Section 3506.05 explains how voting equipment must be certified by the Secretary of State and the Board of Voting Machine Examiners and how that pre-empts any Data Board input.

Faith Andrews, Clerk of Courts and Lake County Data Board member, referenced "Project EVEREST"; an Evaluation and Validation of Election Related Equipment Standards and Testing from 2007. She presented a copy of its findings to the County Clerk. She read from the report's conclusion where it found significant and pervasive vulnerabilities throughout the ES&S System.

David Lima of 7774 Litchfield Drive in Mentor contacted Sheriff Leonbruno to ask how many inmates the jail is currently housing due to awaiting trial/sentencing, their inability to post bail, or because of probation violations. He received figures from the 2019 Annual Report and a Jail Roster from April 2019. It did not indicate what inmates were housed per the reasons Mr. Lima was interested in. He obtained a current jail roster and found that, as of April of this year, 329 inmates were housed in the jail compared to 396 from April 2019. The current population is below the 350-bed capacity the jail can accommodate. This does not reflect significant overcrowding; the primary driver of the need for new construction. Currently, 168 inmates are awaiting trial/sentencing and 91 are incarcerated for probation violations. 234 inmates are incarcerated for non-violent crimes. He believes more research needs to be done to determine if the jail population is truly increasing/decreasing/or remaining the same. He queried, at a cost of 100 million dollars, would this not be a question for the voters of Lake County to see what they want to do.

Jason Boyd, County Administrator, read public comment submissions from Daria Morgendorffer, Kathy Deane, and Mary Ellen Struze regarding the construction of a new jail. The Board debated this issue.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MORLEY, PROUTY, & PINEHILL ROADS TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-023 (Bid Opening May 26, 2021) (20210506\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Ted Galuschik, Maintenance/Highway Engineer stated the signal is from 1992 (almost 30 years old) and needs to be upgraded to new technology. They received a grant to pay for part of the cost of this project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND TO PROJECT FUNDS 354-W VICTOR & SYLVIA DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT AND 360-W HARDY ROAD & OAKWOOD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT; DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM PROJECT 374-W TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND (20210506\U01)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, explained the details of this project from a few years back and how this is a transfer of money in order to pay down the debt. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, KIRTLAND-OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 445-S (20210506\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Randy stated that this install was a mandated order from the EPA and this is to transfer funds in order to now hire a design engineer. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,955.00 FOR A WATERLINE FOR CHAGRIN MILL SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY (JOB NO. 21-08) (20210506\U03)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Randy explained that this is for a new subdivision and this resolution is needed to move forward with construction. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,941.54 FOR SANITARY SEWERS AND \$9,877.93 FOR WATERLINES FOR HIDDEN VILLAGE PHASE II SUBDIVISION IN PERRY VILLAGE. (JOB NOS. 20-03 AND 20-04)(20210506\U04)(UT-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.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE LAKE METROPARKS FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES(20210506\C01)(501-c)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, explained that this is a 3-year contract to provide dispatch services for the Metroparks. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEDICATION PLAT FOR A PORTION OF CRILE ROAD AND CAPITOL PARKWAY IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20210506\C02)(C-79)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Dave Radachy, Director of Planning and Development, stated that this is the final step in the project to change from what used to be lots to becoming actual roads. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION TO RENAME A PORTION OF CRILE ROAD LOCATED IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP TO OLD CRILE ROAD (20210506\C03)(C-79)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Dave Radachy said this is in regards to the "Old Crile Rd" sign. County records still indicate this as "Crile Rd" so this needs to be done to now reflect it as "Old Crile Rd". The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20210506\C04)(C-107)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE, LLC AND THE LAKE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR VOTING MACHINE EQUIPMENT CERTIFIED FOR USE IN THE STATE OF OHIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$581,182.37 (20210506\C05)(C-5)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Jan Clair, Deputy Director of the Board of Elections, informed everyone that, as a member of the Data Board for almost 30 years, a new voting system does not require Data Board approval. Commissioner Hamercheck wanted it to be clear that everything in the sales order is going to be covered by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and ES&S EVS 6.1.1.0 holds a Certificate of Conformance. Ross McDonald, Director of the Board of Elections, in response to Mr. Massie's concerns regarding network connectivity, explained that, although the County I.T. department is a partner of the BOE and helps support them on election nights, they are not qualified to do any testing of voting equipment. The EAC (Election Assistance Commission) is qualified to do so and conducts many different types of testing to include network/wireless connectivity issues, etc. He is not aware of the 2007 "Project EVEREST" report that Clerk Andrews cited, however they have conducted numerous audits since then and have never seen a change in an election result. Ms. Clair stated that she was aware of that report which has resulted in conducting the audits that he spoke of. She confirmed with his statement that we have not had a result reversed. Also, the Board of Elections voted unanimously to approve the new equipment. 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 \$1,143,463.24(20210506\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 \$417,082.74 (20210506\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.

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13. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210506\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 APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20210506\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 – Randy notified everyone that there will be a Tire Collection at the Painesville Fairgrounds this Saturday from 8-2. You can contact the Utilities Dept for more information.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that, as of Monday May 10th, the main entrance of the Administration Center will be open to the general public. No appointments necessary although JFS will continue to work in a hybrid manner due to their relationship with the State of Ohio. You can call (440) 350-4000 for more information in regards to that dept. In regards to vaccines, the Health Dept. is now available to come to local businesses to administer them. You can reach out to the Health District for more details about that.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

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

Dave Lima would like to see more recent data (i.e. from 2020, 2021, etc.) in order to determine more accurate trends in jail population. Also, his research found that our current jail population is housing approximately 50 inmates who could be classified as violent offenders.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this sixteenth day of September, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK