

AUGUST 17, 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 2021-0817)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., Tuesday, August 17, 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.

Steven Michael of 5782 Andrews Rd in Mentor on the Lake provided a document comprised of (13) articles entitled "County Settlement Covenant Lake County" dated July of 2021. The first page references "in the court of common pleas county of Lake" although it is time stamped by a Sandra Kurt in the Summit County Clerk of Courts office. The first page states "Lake County Committee of Safety vs Lake County Committee of Safety". The document indicates that the inhabitants of Lake County rebut all corporate authority. Mr. Michael read the preamble and provided a handout. Commissioner Young asked Mr. Michael if he could summarize the (12) page document. Mr. Michael responded that the Board was in receipt of the document and could review it for themselves. Commissioner Young again asked Mr. Michael for his understanding of the document. Mr. Michael provided no further explanation of it. Mr. Michael DeLeone of the Prosecutor's Office indicated he would like to review it at a later date as he did not have the benefit of reading it before the meeting at which time he may have some questions, etc. Commissioner Hamercheck questioned the Summit County Clerk of Courts stamp on the document. Mr. Michael replied that this was a public record through all county courts and recommended the Board look through the archives. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if the Lake County Committee of Safety was an organization. Mr. Michael offered no further explanation other than simply repeating it was the Lake County Committee of Safety. Commissioner Hamercheck asked for a second time who exactly that is and Mr. Michael did not provide an answer. He stated the Lake County Committee of Safety was present there today but offered up no introductions. Again, Commissioner Hamercheck queried as to why it was stamped by Summit County Clerk of Courts and Mr. Michael reiterated again that the Board could review the documents in their executive deliberations.

Bishop Gerard Mirbel of 1049 Brentwood Drive in Painesville introduced himself as an Executive Board member of the Lake County NAACP. He wanted to know why David Wible, a Southern Baptist Pastor, was invited to the last meeting and why the Board defended him when it became obvious that the expert source he provided a document from was a proud, white supremacist.

Deacon Albert Jones of 10731 Prouty Road in Concord introduced himself as the President of the Lake County branch of the NAACP. He echoed Bishop Mirbel's questions and asked if the Board was serious about meeting the needs of the minority community in Lake County, then what value is there in accepting information from a white supremacist and Neo-Nazi sympathizer. Commissioner Hamercheck wanted to remind everyone that he himself discovered the background on Mr. Wible's source so he wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. As a result of that information, he has chosen not to accept any information from him. Commissioner Young stated that the Board had no prior knowledge of this source's affiliation until Commissioner Hamercheck did some research uncovering that information.

Commissioner Plecnik wanted to report that, according to the 2020 census results, we are one of only a few counties whose population has increased since the last census. He believes people are moving here because Lake County is the best place to live, work, and play. He is happy to report our diversity has increased as well. He stated that, although he has never met Mr. Wible's source (Michael Peroutka), he soundly condemns his association with any hate group and as a Board, they condemn any associations of this kind. While the Board offers public comment portions during their weekly meetings so everyone can exercise their right to free speech, he would like to make it clear that what people may say is not an endorsement by the Board.

David Wible of 8946 Jackson Street in Mentor wanted to make it clear that he renounces any hate groups and in no way advocates what they stand for.

Theresa Makar of 8458 Grenway Drive in Mentor wanted to say she was dismayed and disgusted that Mr. Wible was verbally attacked at the last meeting and how the conversation quickly switched from his opinion on vaccines to a distraction about Mr. Peroutka's character.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - REVISED FOR THE LAK-MADISON AVENUE (CR 306) RESURFACING PROJECT WITH KARVO COMPANIES, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$37,500.00, PID NO. 112490, FAN E200(649), OPWC NO. DGX05, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-022 (20210817\E01)(E-3)(PG-272)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Jim Gills, County Engineer, explained that this is a modified design due to some conditions that were discovered. It is actually for a decreased dollar amount. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE LAK-MADISON AVENUE (CR 306) RESURFACING PROJECT WITH KARVO COMPANIES, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$295,740.05, PID 112490, FEDERAL AID NO. FAN E200(649), OPWC NO. DGX05, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-022 (20210817\E02)(E-3)(PG-272)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Gills indicated that this is also for the modification. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TO PROJECT FUNDS 501 AND 596 FOR NOTE PAYMENTS DUE OCTOBER 14, 2021 (20210817\U01)(UT-2)(PG-95)

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.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE CCAO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS BUILDING PROJECT 453-S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00 (20210817\U02)(UT-4)(PG-95)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, explained that this is for routine maintenance as the roof was in disrepair. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 20, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,592.22 (20210817\JFS01)(JFS-14)(PG-273)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$616,068.79 (20210817\BC01)(C-4)(PG-273)

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.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,365,736.36 (20210817\BC02)(C-17)(PG-273)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210817\BC03)(C-111)(PG-274)

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.

9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210817\BC04)(C-111)(PG-274)

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd stated that the U.S. Census Bureau released some of the 2020 Census results. Initial numbers indicate there are 232,000 residents which reflects an increase. Dave Radachy, Director of Planning and Community Development, will be analyzing the data for migration patterns within the county, income demographics, aging in our community, etc. He has been invited to come to a future Commissioner's Meeting to report on this additional information.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik wanted to share that the Lake County ADAMHS Board welcomed 2 new Board members; Amber Torres Gonzalez and Curt Lau. He wanted to offer formal congratulations from the Board.

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.

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ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this second day of September, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK