

OCTOBER 21, 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 2021-1021)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., Thursday, October 21, 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 September 30, 2021, October 7, 2021 and October 12, 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.

Roxane Premont of 36270 Maple Grove Road in Willoughby Hills provided the Board with an article from The Epoch Times explaining that the energy crisis could trigger winter blackouts.

John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville thanked the Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, and the Board for their ongoing work in providing a senior discount in regards to Utility bills.

David Lima of 7774 Litchfield Drive in Mentor read a public comment from Vanessa Pesec of 11705 Cali Court in Concord regarding a Request for Proposal for a design professional for a possible new jail. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that this step is required in order to obtain actual costs/estimates so further discussions and decisions can be made.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATION IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND (20211021\U01)(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.

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, AQUARIUS MOTOR CONTROL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT 451-W(20211021\U02)(UT-2)

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.

3. 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 FAIRPORT HARBOR LIFT STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,948.00(20211021\U03)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Randy Rothlisberger reported that the new roof is part of the Capital Improvement Plan. As it was publicly bid, we get to take advantage of lower costs and drastically reduce the duration of the project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$145,967.51 FOR A WATERLINE FOR WASHINGTON PLACE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF EASTLAKE (JOB NO. 21-36)(20211021\U04)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger stated this is for a new subdivision that will eventually become a public waterline. 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 OCTOBER 22, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$411,390.00 (20211021\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ENERGY HARBOR FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) FOR THE PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND OTHER GENERAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED AT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20211021\C01)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Joe Busher, Director of the Emergency Management Agency, explained that this is a continuation of a grant that has been in place for decades and he is happy to report that we have had a great partnership with Energy Harbor. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO JAMES MARTIN CONTRACTOR SERVICES, LLC FOR THE LAKE COUNTY 4TH FLOOR ADA TOILET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (20211021\C02)(C-7)

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 DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 18, 2021 (20211021\C03)(C-107)

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.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROVING LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE LAKE COMMUNITIES SHORELINE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (20211021\C04)(C-192)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Patrick Mohorcic, Deputy Director of Planning & Development at Lake Development Authority, introduced Mayor Morley of Eastlake and Mayor Regovich of Willowick who thanked the Board for their consideration of this SID (Special Improvement District). It would provide special financing for erosion improvements for property owners along the Lake Erie shoreline. It has been a large undertaking over the last few years and they have around \$3M worth of projects ready to go for the first round. Lake County has the largest SID in the state as we have (12) communities on the lake. Once this resolution is passed, the residents can begin meeting with the bank to fill out the required paperwork. There are about 30-35 properties already interested in taking advantage of this program. Commissioner Hamercheck emphasized that the individual homeowners are taking on this financial responsibility and not the general public. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20211021\C05)(C-46)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,047,332.84(20211021\BC01)(C-4)

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 PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$922,632.10(20211021\BC02)(C-17)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211021\BC03)(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.

14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211021\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –Mr. Rothlisberger reported that the EPA has issued orders to the City of Kirtland to install sewers in the Old Town area. They will be holding their first live Informational Meeting next Thursday at 7 pm at Kirtland High School to discuss details of the project, timelines, etc.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Suzanne Casar, Director of JFS, reported that the preliminary reports for accreditation for the Caley Receiving Home have been very positive and she hopes to receive final results about 6-8 weeks from now.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

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OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck received some correspondence from the Fire Chief for Wickliffe, Chief Powers, stating that the Lake County Fire Chiefs Hazardous Intervention Team has been reverified as a FEMA Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response Team by the State of Ohio’s Hazardous Materials Technical Assistance Committee of which there are only (10) teams in the state with this designation. Mr. Buser praised the new Regional Response Facility in Mentor and explained how fortunate we are to have the equipment that we do.

Commissioner Plecnik acknowledged that Michael Zuren, County Treasurer, ran the length of Lake County (approximately 38 miles in 9 hours) to raise awareness for special needs children and adults. Also, thanks to Prosecutor Coulson as his pilot, he was able to experience a bird’s eye view of the County.

Michael DeLeone, Assistant Prosecutor, introduced Kelly Echols as a new Assistant Prosecutor in their office.

Mayor Morley thanked Rhea Benton, Assistant Director in the Planning & Community Development Department, for her work with a community block grant allowing them to get a new parking lot at the Captains stadium.

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

John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville thanked James Gills, County Engineer, and Bill Thompson from the township for their help with a flooding issue at Center Park Estates. Hopefully, a conclusion will be found soon. He also thanked the Sheriff for his help reaching an agreement between Painesville Township and the Sheriffs’ Office.

Commissioner Hamercheck announced that Fox 8 News has recognized Commissioner Plecnik as one of “Cleveland’s Own” for his decade of service as a professor at Cleveland State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:43 a.m. to discuss Legal – Pending or Imminent Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m. with the vote as follows "AYES": Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this fourth day of November, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK