

NOVEMBER 4, 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 2021-1104)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., Thursday, November 4, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 21, 2021 and October 28, 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.

Arif Sitabkhan, owner of Smash My Trash, was present to speak about his mobile waste compaction service. They can reduce dumpster use by 50% which increases the capacity up to 70%. It can save customers at least 20% on their annual dumpster waste hauling bills.

David Lima of 7774 Litchfield Drive in Mentor referenced a recent post by Recorder Becky Lynch and wanted to publicly call for her resignation.

Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville stated that he disagrees with Mr. Lima and he stands with Ms. Lynch. He also discussed how he was a poll worker at Auburn Career Center and commended the Board of Elections on a superb job. He said the care, custody, and control of electoral procedures was amazing.

John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville stated he stands with Ms. Lynch as well. In regards to the \$3.5 billion dollar overpayment in Columbus, he wanted to know if there were any Lake County cases. Commissioner Hamercheck responded that no specific numbers have been made available to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE CHIP SEAL RESURFACING - 2021 PROJECT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$22,206.12, LCE PROJECT NO. 2020- 015 (20211104\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 TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND SEWER OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS-OUT TO OWDA BOND RETIREMENT TRANSFERS-IN (20211104\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.

**3. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS-OUT TO GENERAL OBLIGATION RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFERS-IN (20211104\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.

**4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS-OUT AND TRANSFERRING CASH TO THE SOLID WASTE CLOSURE/POST CLOSURE FUND (20211104\U03)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, explained how daily operations and maintenance are funded through tipping fees (collections at the gate) when trash is dropped off at the landfill. In the future, when the landfill eventually closes, we will still be required to maintain it for at least 20 years with no revenue (tipping fees) coming in. This fund is required by law for use post-closure of the landfill. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND (20211104\U04)(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.

**6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 456-S DODD HILL, CHIMNEY RIDGE AND SUNSHINE ACRES FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS (20211104\U05)(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.

**7. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE LAKE COUNTY INSUREDS' SHARE OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION, AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021 (20211104\C01)(INS)**

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.

**8. RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE NON-MEDICAL IN-HOME PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (20211104\C02)(C-20)**

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 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,010,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE COUNTY'S BUILDING IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2007, WHICH WERE ISSUED TO PAY COSTS OF COUNTY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING RENOVATING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE COUNTY DOG SHELTER FACILITIES, AND INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO (20211104\C03)(C-110D)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck explained how this is for refinancing in order to save money and take advantage of new, lower interest rates. Michael Matas, Budget Director, added that this was originally done in 2007 when rates were significantly higher. He is hopeful this will reflect a savings potential of approximately \$123,000 but he should have the actual number in a few weeks. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,031,011.44(20211104\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.

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475,038.42(20211104\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.

**12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211104\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.

**13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211104\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.

**14. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2021 NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20211104\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Suzanne Casar, Job and Family Services Director, thanked the Board for recognizing those families and individuals that make a commitment to adopt children that would otherwise remain in the custody of Job and Family Services. She introduced Gene Tetrick, Supervisor of Job and Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Team. He thanked the Board for recognizing November as National Adoption Awareness Month and provided several statistics including how currently, there are 40 licensed foster parents in Lake County and 46 dually licensed (as foster and adoptive parents) families. He stated that there are 4 children in the permanent custody of his department. 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 Ms. Casar reminded everyone how they are always looking to recruit additional foster and adoptive families. Questions can be directed to (440) 350-4218.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

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OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik stated that he spoke to David Hackman, Legal Counsel, about a resolution regarding a senior discount on utility bills and they should have something to present in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck was pleased to report that everything went well with the new election machines on Tuesday although he was disappointed in the low voter turnout. The BOC commended the Board of Elections for all their work.

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

Brian Massie thanked Chris Galloway, County Auditor, for his transparency regarding questions he had about the triennial property tax evaluations. He has recorded the percentage increase of over 600 neighborhoods and once the Auditor confirms these numbers, he will release them. He also wanted to make everyone aware that a video of Walter (Skip) Claypool, a former Geauga County Commissioner who spoke before the Geauga County Planning and Zoning Committee recently regarding NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) is available for viewing on the "Lobbyists For Citizens" website. Mr. Claypool is a former member of NOACA who would like to see Lake County join forces with Geauga and Ashtabula counties to form their own Metropolitan Planning Organization. For those not familiar with NOACA, Commissioner Hamercheck explained that NOACA is a federally mandated metropolitan planning organization responsible for urbanized areas. The Board would like to see direct proof, in the form of a report or some documentation with actual numbers, how an endeavor of this nature would truly be beneficial for Lake County in order to entertain Mr. Claypool's recommendation.

John Muzik reminded the Board how we, as citizens of the United States, have a choice and the ability to hire and fire through our voting process and he reiterated how he is opposed to continuous levies.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m. with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-third day of November, 2021.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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