

NOVEMBER 18, 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 2021-1118)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., Thursday, November 18, 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.

John Hutchison, Grants and PR Coordinator for Project Hope for the Homeless, gave a brief presentation on National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored it each year with the intent to educate the public about the many reasons why people are hungry and homeless including but not limited to the shortage of affordable housing for very low-income residents, untreated mental health illness and/or chemical dependency, or unexpected job loss or health crisis. Project Hope is the only emergency shelter in Lake County and they are committed to providing people with meals, sheltering, supplies and supportive services, and referrals to partnering agencies. He stated they currently have an 86% success rate of guests transitioning into positive housing situations upon leaving the shelter, adding the average stay is around 29 days. They also offer a senior care transitional program along with an aftercare program that has helped to keep their recidivism rate around 6%. The Board presented Mr. Hutchison and Project Hope for the Homeless with a proclamation recognizing the week of November 13th-22nd as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Lake County.

Joel DiMare, Director of Administrative Services, explained that this week is "National Apprenticeship Week". He added how there has been an increase in retirement in the manufacturing fields so there is a real need for the apprenticeship model to help fill those positions.

John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, expressed his hope that Resolution #12 will pass as many seniors can really use this assistance.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE DESIGNATING LAKE COUNTY AS THE LPA FOR THE LAK-CHESTNUT STREET (CR 329) RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE AND CONCORD TOWNSHIP (PID 112483, LCE Project No. 2020-013)(20211118\E01)(E-3)

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 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE DESIGNATING LAKE COUNTY AS THE LPA FOR THE LAK-NEWELL STREET (CR 335) RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE AND PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP PID 112485, LCE Project No. 2020-011(20211118\E02)(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.

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND(20211118\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.

4. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595 TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND(20211118\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.

5. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596 TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND(20211118\U03)(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.

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND (20211118\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.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE LANDFILL AT THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY (Bid Opening: December 15, 2021) (20211118\U05)(UT-8)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS, INC. FOR THE DODD HILL, CHIMNEY RIDGE AND SUNSHINE ACRES FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 456-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20211118\U06)(UT-4)

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20211118\U07)(UT-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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT NOVEMBER 19, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$454,779.10(20211118\JFS01)(JFS-14)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 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES RELATING TO THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT, ESTABLISHING DECEMBER 20, 2021, AS SUBMISSION DUE DATE, AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY STAFF TO REVIEW QUALIFICATIONS TO ISSUE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS(20211118\C02)(207-N)

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 ESTABLISHING DISCOUNTED RATES OR CHARGES IN THE AMOUNT OF 25% FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OR OLDER THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20211118\U08)(UT-19)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the Utilities Department and the Prosecutors Office for their assistance in helping to make this happen and added that 25% is a meaningful discount considering the rising fuel prices and increasing costs on many consumer goods we are currently experiencing. Commissioners Hamercheck and Young congratulated Commissioner Plecnik and Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, on bringing this to fruition. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,493,748.24(20211118\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.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$981,604.26 (20211118\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.

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211118\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.

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20211118\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.

17.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 13-22, 2021, AS NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20211118\F01)(C-126)

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 introduced Matthew Armand, Director of Administration, who recognized Andrew Siepka, Kari Janke and Patricia Graham as outstanding employees of the Utilities Department and he emphasized how important customer service is to his department. He explained that, as of today, 93.1% of customers issued a rating of "Excellent", 5.5 % gave a "Good" rating and only 1% rated the department as "Average". This survey applies to everyone from the Billing Office to meter readers to investigators. Their goal is NOT simply customer satisfaction, but truly going above and beyond.

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Suzanne Casar was happy to report that last week they were notified that the Caley Receiving Home received a 3-year accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities); the highest rating that they could have received. It has also been certified as a QRTP (Qualified Residential Treatment Program) facility for their compliance with the requirements related to standards per OAC 5122-30-32. She announced that her department and Ohio Means Jobs Lake County will be partnering with the Sub-Zero Mission to collect warming items for the homeless such as coats, hats, boots, etc. at a “Stuff the Bus” event taking place at Job and Family Services on Tuesday, November 23rd from 11 AM – 1 PM. Barra de Taco Food Truck will also be on-site if individuals would like to purchase lunch after dropping off their donation.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Hamercheck reported that Mr. Boyd continues to represent the County in Federal Court. He thanked Mr. Boyd, Ms. Casar, and Ms. Fraser for all the time they spent representing Lake County there.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioner’s Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. County Offices will be closed next Thursday, November 24, 2021 and Friday November 25, 2021 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

LEGAL – David Hackman, Assistant Prosecutor, reviewed some of the guidelines in relationship to a road vacation.

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - none

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

Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord Township asked for the designation of a \$70,000 appropriation and the reason for a \$110,000 water department increase. He also asked if the public safety center was another name for jail. He mentioned how he went to a Town Hall Meeting conducted by Dan Troy regarding the Homestead Exemption and how it is not nearly as robust as it used to be given inflation. He is going to reach out to Representative Jamie Callender about possibly joining forces with Mr. Troy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. to discuss Real Estate – Acquisition (2), Personnel-Compensation and Personnel-Collective Bargaining with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m. with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this second day of December, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK