

December 2, 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 2021-1202)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., Thursday, December 2, 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 Meeting of November 18, 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.

Lois Osborn of 334 S. St. Clair Street in Painesville provided her thoughts on some information she has read regarding the Commissioner's Office and the evening of the May 4<sup>th</sup> election. She asked Commissioner Hamercheck if he is aware of any breach and he responded that he stands by his previous statement from last week. She recommended he take a leave of absence while the investigation is ongoing.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY VFD REPLACEMENT PROJECT 440-S(20211202\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 TO DELETE A SEWER SUM CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20211202\U02)(UT-7)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,900,412.30 FOR GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT-CONTRACT A PROJECT NO. 364-S, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: December 22, 2021)(20211202\U03)(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.

**4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND(20211202\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.

**5. RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DETERMINING THE NECESSITY FOR THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SUN RENTAL FOR PUMPING EQUIPMENT FOR TEMPORARY PUMPING IN THE GRAND RIVER WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20211202\U05)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, explained that this is in regards to a force main under the Grand River. There was a break in the line a few weeks ago and while they are addressing that issue, this pump is temporarily necessary. The Board stated how they are here to support him with anything his department may need. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**6. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 10, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,855.69(20211202\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.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE VILLAGE OF GRAND RIVER FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES (20211202\C01)(501-c)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. The Board thanked the Sheriff's Department, Central Dispatch, and Captain Warner for their exemplary service. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8. 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 PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES(20211202\C02)(501-c)**

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 EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES(20211202\C03)(501-c)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA-LOCAL 4340, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2024(20211202\C04)(301b)**

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 SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE OF 0.069 OF AN ACRE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON RIVER ROAD TO BE CHANGED TO VROOMAN ROAD, LOCATED IN PERRY TOWNSHIP (Hearing: Thursday, December 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers)(20211202\C05)(C-87)**

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 DESIGNATING COMMISSIONER JOHN R. HAMERCHECK AS OFFICIAL VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AND COMMISSIONER JOHN PLECNIK ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2021(20211202\C06)(C-71)**

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,568.34(20211202\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 \$3,567,326.27(20211202\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 NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211202\BC03)(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.

**16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20211202\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 – none

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd announced that he, along with some of the Commissioners, will be attending the Annual CCAO Winter Conference in Columbus next week. He is hoping to learn more about the ARP Act next week. He is pleased to report the jury found in favor of Lake and Trumbull counties in the opioid litigation last week although the (3) corporate pharmacies have the ability to appeal that verdict. The Judge will determine the award amount but that will not be disclosed until May or so. He stated how this was truly a team effort and he is extremely proud of everyone involved. The Board commended Mr. Boyd on a job well done and emphasized how his leadership was essential in this endeavor. They stated this could not have been done without his assistance. Jason added how this has taken about 4 years to get to this point and it is truly of national significance. While the monetary amount is unknown, it could be in the millions and possibly even in the billions over the next 10-15 years. He also clarified that this lawsuit was about corporate pharmacies, not distributors.

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FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that next Commissioner’s Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik asked that any media outlets that may be watching to provide the public with the information regarding the County’s Utilities discount for seniors. He encouraged everyone to visit lakecountyohio/utilities for eligibility requirements and information on how to apply. Since these discounts cannot be given automatically, seniors must express interest and apply.

NEW BUSINESS: - none

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

John Muzik of 84 Coventry Drive in Painesville thanked Mr. Boyd for all his help with the opioid litigation. He also stated how pleased he is that the County is offering a senior discount for utilities and he has told a dozen or so people about it already.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixteenth day of December, 2021.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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