

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

(Tape 2021-1216)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., Thursday, December 16, 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 Meeting of December 2, 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.

Marty Hiller, Executive Director of the Free Clinic, announced that December is "Free Clinic Appreciation Month". Currently, there are approximately 17,000 people without healthcare in Lake County. For 50 years, the Lake County Free Clinic has been committed to addressing the healthcare needs of individuals who are underinsured or uninsured. Some of their services include general medical, chronic care, and adult/pediatric dental. They now offer whole person healthcare by conducting full assessments to determine if someone has needs that go beyond medical care such as mental health, addictions, etc. The Free Clinic then directs them to the appropriate agency for follow-up on their concerns. Marty explained how he is very proud of the Gold Rating they received this year from the National Association of Free Clinics Quality Standards Program, due in no small part, to the support and collaboration of their employees and volunteers. Commissioner Plecnik made a motion to recognize December as "Free Clinic Appreciation Month" and it was seconded by Commissioner Young.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), AND TO EXECUTE AN OPWC AGREEMENT FOR THE PAINE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP(20211216\E01)(E-3)

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.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), AND TO EXECUTE AN OPWC AGREEMENT FOR THE BLAIR ROAD RETAINING WALL AND RESURFACING PROJECT – PHASE 1 IN LEROY AND PERRY TOWNSHIPS(20211216\E02)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Ms. Traci Salkiewicz explained that this is the first of two phases to be completed. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR COMBINED MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR QUAIL HOLLOW SUBDIVISION NO. 10, PHASE 2, CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20211216\E03)(SD-433)

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 AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,084,404.00 TO VL CHAPMAN ELECTRIC FOR THE GLK WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY VFD REPLACEMENT PROJECT 440-S (20211216\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is for replacing a pump and is a part of their Capital Improvement Program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING COLLEEN CONNORS TO THE GREAT LAKES OHIO REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL AS A COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALIST FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023(20211216\JFS01)(B-193)

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

6. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JODI TRAVERS TO THE GREAT LAKES OHIO REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL AS A COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALIST FOR A TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20211216\JFS02)(B-193)

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 THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022(20211216\JFS03)(JFS-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.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022(20211216\JFS04)(JFS-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.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022(20211216\JFS05)(JFS-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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 23, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$512,361.59(20211216\JFS06)(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.

11. 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 LEROY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR LEROY TOWNSHIP AND ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT(20211216\C01)(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.

12. 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 CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT (20211216\C02)(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.

13. 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 VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES (20211216\C03)(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.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DEDICATION PLAT FOR QUAIL HOLLOW SUBDIVISION NO. 10, PHASE 2 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20211216\C04)(SD-433)

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.

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (20211216\C05)(INS)

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 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,064.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023(20211216\C06)(CT-18)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this grant requires no matching funds from Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

17. RESOLUTION TO DENY THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF EAST LOVELAND ROAD IN MADISON TOWNSHIP(20211216\C07)(C-88)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Michael DeLeone, Assistant Prosecutor, explained that a vacation is, in essence, the taking over of a property and how the Board has three options; approve the vacation, deny the vacation, or take no action. If they vote to take no action, the decision to vacate would revert back to the Township. Tim Brown, Madison Township Administrator, explained that the Lake County Rod and Gun Club (Lonnie Sparkman) was notified of the proposed vacation. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,402,861.91(20211216\BC01)(C-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.

19. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,913,143.38 (20211216\BC02)(C-17)

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.

20. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211216\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.

21. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20211216\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.

22. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20211216\BC05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Budget Director, Michael Matas, explained that the General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County and accounts for financial resources (except those to be accounted for in another fund per ORC restrictions). He stated that Projected Revenues for 2022 are \$60,685,875 which is an increase of \$4,496,887 or 8.0%. He further explained that causes for an increase in Projected Revenues are projected sales tax increase to before COVID levels and increases in Conveyance Fees even while having historically low interest earning rates. Mr. Matas pointed out that health care costs continue to rise even though Lake County is doing better than other entities and law enforcement represents our major expense category with medical care within the jail continuing to rise significantly each year. Judicial and Public Safety represent 64.9% of the proposed budget. He stated that the majority of the increases in comparison between 2022 and 2021 are increases in the Board of Elections and Judicial and Public Safety Departments. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

23. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND(20211216\BC06)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Matas stated that there are two types of funds in the Outside Funds; Governmental and Proprietary Fund. He explained that the Governmental Funds are special revenue, debt service and permanent improvement funds which account for all grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose. Proprietary Funds represent Enterprise and Internal Service. He explained that Enterprise funds are used to account for an activity for which fees are charged to external users for goods or services (i.e.: Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste). Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis (i.e.: Central Purchasing, Mailroom, and Health Care Accounts). Mr. Matas also explained that 2022 Projected Revenues for these funds are approximately \$264.3 million, and the appropriation resolution is approximately \$285.4 million. In comparison with 2021 numbers, the projected revenues were \$244.1 million; and the appropriation resolution was \$274 million. Mr. Matas thanked the Board of Commissioners, his staff, the Elected Officials and Department Heads for their assistance in completing the temporary budget. Everyone remains dedicated to the residents of Lake County to provide the best service possible with their current staff levels based on estimated resources. He also stated that a memo will be going out to Elected Officials and Department Heads explaining how they must notify his office, in writing, if they have a request for a budget hearing. The budget hearings will begin early next month (January, 2022).The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, stated that, to date, there have been 387 applications for the Senior Discount Program. Of those, 286 have been processed so far and 101 are in the process of completion. The Board encouraged everyone to get the word out as there may be approximately 10,000 seniors eligible for this program.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that he was at the CCAO conference last week and he asked if they could provide some guidance to our Prosecutors Office regarding eligibility procurement. He introduced Ron Graham, Health Commissioner, who explained how now is the time for hope, how the Health District has a need for nurses, and how deciding to get vaccinated is a personal decision. He recommended that everyone continue to practice good hygiene/social distancing and if you or your child feels ill, stay home. They can provide counseling on side effects or anything you might have questions/concerns about so he recommends doing what you feel comfortable with. He cautioned how the numbers will most certainly go up for the holidays and if you are a high-

risk individual, he recommends not attending large gatherings. That said, the Health Department is not mandating anything. The Board commended Mr. Graham and his staff.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that next Commissioner’s Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

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.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. with the vote follows "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of December, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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