

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
	NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2022-0113)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, January 13, 2022.

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 30, 2021, Organizational Meeting of January 6, 2022 and Regular Meeting of January 6, 2022 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.

Commissioner Hamercheck administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Jennifer Smyser as District Supervisor of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Soil and Water Director, Mr. Dan Donaldson explained that Ms. Smyser was publicly elected to serve this 3-year volunteer term which is recognized by the State of Ohio. He thanked her and stated that she will begin her third 3-year term.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 403-S ST. JAMES RELIEF SEWER(20220113\U01)(UT-2)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 364-S GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT(20220113\U02)(UT-2)

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.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 21, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$411,571.31(20220113\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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.

4.RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE(20220113\C01)(C-107)

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.

5. 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 KIRTLAND HILLS FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR KIRTLAND HILLS VILLAGE AND ITS POLICE SERVICES(20220113\C02)(501-c)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Lake County is blessed to have such an amazing Central Communications Department. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. 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 NORTH PERRY FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES(20220113\C03)(501-c)

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.

7. 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 CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FOR A COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM/MOBILE DATA TERMINAL AND RECORDS JAIL SYSTEMS SERVICES(20220113\C04)(501-c)

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.

8. RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONALD WASSUM TO THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023(20220113\C05)(B-192)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Mr. Wassum was highly recommended from the City of Mentor and that he is very active in the community. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH MCDONALDS HOPKINS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS APPROVED NOVEMBER 9, 2021 (20220113\C06)(C-107)

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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$905,562.43 (20220113\BC01)(C-4)

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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$803,562.56 (20220113\BC02)(C-17)

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.

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220113\BC03)(C-111)

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.

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220113\BC04)(C-111)

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –Mr. Boyd referred to item #9 on the agenda that pertains to the contract negotiations with McDonald Hopkins. He stated that Budget Director Matas, Assistant Prosecutor Hackman and himself recommends them to offer legal and technical support to ensure the County remains in compliance with the ARPA funds. He also stated that he is in the process of reviewing the 400+ page ARPA final guidance report. The Board agreed that the County must be cautious in spending.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that County Offices will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik referred to the recent News Herald 2021 Lake County's year in review article that highlighted several items including the COPS Program, the Utilities Senior Discount Program, the historical attendance record set at the Lake County Fair and the census.

Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Building and Grounds Department and all those involved in preparing for the recent Code Blue. He stated that the warming centers/shelters were very prepared and that they were run seamlessly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville asked if there were statistics available for the Senior Water/Sewer Discount Program. He spoke of a discrepancy in unencumbered funds and gave an update on the unclaimed funds from property taxes. In addition, he spoke of the ARPA funds the County will be receiving and suggested that the Treasurer be permitted to add an employee to focus on the outstanding unclaimed funds that should be returned. Commissioner Hamercheck stressed that there are no mathematical errors with the unencumbered fund discrepancies. He stated that the County will be receiving a total of \$44.7 million in ARPA funds that will be spread out equally over this year and 2023. Commissioner Plecnik gave a detailed explanation and several examples of unencumbered funds.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township asked how many seniors may be eligible for the Senior Water/Sewer Discount Program. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that there are approximately

10,000 eligible seniors but this number includes some seniors being counted twice as they qualify for both the water and the sewer. He explained the number may be closer to 6,000.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-seventh day of January, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK