

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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(Tape 2022-0127)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, January 27, 2022.

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 January 13, 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.

Mr. Cory Vojack, Director of Workforce Development, was present to share with the Board that the Lake County Workforce Development Board was recently awarded \$250,000 from the Business Resource Network (BRN) Subgrant funds through the State of Ohio. He explained that the purpose of this funding is to creatively expand business service teams, business outreach, and employer engagement. The hope is to use these grant dollars to expand the knowledge and reach of the services at OhioMeansJobs Lake County. He also stated that this funding will allow our business services team to expand their outreach and further promote the many services the OhioMeansJobs Lake County team can provide for our local businesses. Commissioner Plecnik explained that these funds are from an outside source and not a burden to the taxpayers.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, thanked the Sheriff's Department, Lake County law enforcement agencies, the judges, and prosecutors in the County for all of their hard work.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE BATES ROAD & COUNTY LINE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$12,594.98, OPWC NO. DGY03, LCE PROJECT NO. 2020-012(20220127\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, explained that this and the following resolution are closing out projects from 2021. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE CRILE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$337.80, LCE PROJECT NO. 2017-005(20220127\E02)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Gills explained that this project wasn't done at the request and cooperation of the businesses in this area. The project included widening the road and adding a center turn lane. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, TALL TREE BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 414-W(20220127\U01)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this project will increase water pressure to the area and there will be minimal to no loss of water for the residents. It is located in Willoughby Hills and serves the southwest portion of the city. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND(20220127\U02)(UT-2)

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

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,502,846.10 FOR VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PHASE I PROJECT NO 430-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: February 23, 2022)(20220127\U03)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is the first of three phases of the waterline replacement. The crews notify anyone that might be impacted by loss of water and they try to only shut the water off during the night hours. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN PROJECT FUND 596 PROJECT 457-S BARBARA DRIVE SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS(20220127\U04)(UT-2)

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

7. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220127\U05)(UT-7)

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

8. RESOLUTION AWARDING THE OPERATION, MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE OF LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY GAS COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM TO STEARNS, CONRAD AND SCHMIDT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (20220127\U06)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this project pertains to the collection, control and destruction of methane gas produced at the landfill. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as 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 VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES (20220127\C01)(501-c)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik informed Sheriff Leonbruno that the Mayor of Timberlake would like a tour of Central Communications. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as 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 SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE MADISON FIRE DISTRICT FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES(20220127\C02)(501-c)

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

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF EASTLAKE FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021(20220127\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Boyd explained the details of the agreement to the Board. Lake County will receive approximately \$44 million in Federal ARPA funds and the project meets the outlined objectives. He explained that the City of Eastlake owns Classic Park; home to the Lake County Captains. The Captains are a minor league baseball team representing a significant tourist destination in Lake County. Including baseball and multiple community events, the facility attracts approximately 200,000 people on an annual basis. The 2020 season did not occur due to COVID-19. As such, revenue for the City was reduced 90% creating a negative impact on Lake County's tourism, travel and hospitality sector. The Board stated that Lake County is lucky to have so many great tourists' attractions. Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley, was present and thanked the Board, County Administrator Mr. Boyd and the Prosecutor's Office for working so hard to execute this agreement. He stated that Eastlake Council approval will occur next week. Mayor Morley explained that they have been responsible for \$1.4 million out of the General Fund annually and that he has been working with the Finance Department to make bond adjustments so that the stadium payoff will be complete by 2026. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Mayor Morley added that he has arranged for Mayors and Managers to have a future meeting at the Emergency Management Agency, and a tour of the facility, including Central Communications, will be offered.

12. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF 982.06 FEET OF OLD VROOMAN ROAD IN LEROY TOWNSHIP AND 2454.30 FEET OF VROOMAN ROAD IN PERRY TOWNSHIP (Hearing: Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 5th Floor, Building A, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077)(20220127\C04)(C-88)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Gills explained that this proposed road vacation is due to the rerouting of Vrooman Road. If approved, the park district will take control of the vacated land. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as 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 \$1,233,617.71(20220127\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as 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 \$906,520.58(20220127\BC02)(C-17)

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

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220127\BC03)(C-111)

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

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220127\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Rothlisberger stated that the department is beginning to see water main breaks which start to occur as the weather gets colder. He asked residents to have patience as the crews make these repairs. Commissioner Plecnik and Mr. Rothlisberger discussed boil alerts. Mr. Rothlisberger stated the most reliable and up-to-date source to check on boil alert areas is their website

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Mrs. Suzanne Casar stated that the Workforce Development Board and Ohio Means Jobs is located within the Jobs and Family Services Building. She gave a detailed report on the services that Workforce Development and Ohio Means Jobs offers.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –Mr. Boyd wanted to acknowledge County Recorder Becky Lynch. He explained that at the Recorder’s Budget Hearing of January 24, 2022, the Recorder was able to reach a million-dollar milestone by reducing General Fund expenditures through a more efficient use of fees collected and responsible budgeting. He stated that a Press Release will go out later today. The Board thanked Recorder Lynch and her team for the efficient and effective work flow that resulted in the ability to return much needed revenue to the County.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Mr. Gills stated that his interstate crews have been working double 12 hour shifts over the last 10 to 12 days in order to clear the highways. He asked that drivers slow down on the highways and be patient as the crews do their best to clear and salt the roads. He also stated that they have a good supply of salt and another delivery will be coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Sheriff Leonbruno thanked Mr. Muzik for his kind remarks and his continued support of law enforcement. He stated that Central Communications recently had a Command Camera Wall installed which will assist them in dispatching. He explained that the wall houses camera views all throughout the County. He discussed the most recent issue the jail is experiencing; the roof membrane has begun to tear and blow. This is causing more roof leaks which have leaked into the conduit. The 5th floor of the jail lost all power. Telecommunications Director, Mr. Paul Stefanko, was able to rewire the area and get power back on. He also spoke of the power loss in the data processing department. He thanked the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Mr. Mark Iafelice and his staff for the repairs they were able to make. He thanked Mr. Stefanko, Mr. Iafelice and their staff for the work they put into keeping the jail to standard. Sheriff Leonbruno discussed the Body Camera Grant they applied for but did not receive and stated that they will be appealing the decision. The Board and Sheriff Leonbruno further discussed the computer upgrades, the current state of the jail, and a new jail facility. Sheriff Leonbruno announced that Captain Cynthia Brooks is the recipient of the Ray Coleman Administrator of the Year for the American Jail Association. This award is a national award with hundreds of administrators nominated. She will formally receive the award in May. Commissioner Plecnik motioned and Commissioner Young seconded the motion to adopt a resolution congratulating Captain Cynthia Brooks on being awarded the national Ray Coleman Administrator of the Year for the American Jail Association. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Commissioner Hamercheck for his recent appointment as President of NOACA. The Board discussed to Lake County Projects that were approved NOACA; the Jackson Street project and a lighting upgrade in the City of Wickliffe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, congratulated Captain Brooks on her award and again thanked the law enforcement agencies throughout Lake County.

Mr. Adam Litke on behalf of Lake County General Health District Commissioner, Ron Graham, thanked the Commissioners for the purchase of the Mobile Health Clinic and stated that all of their mobile clinics are going very well. He thanked Assistant Prosecutor Dave Hackman, Mr. Joel DiMare, and Mr. Boyd for their hard work and emphasized how the Health District appreciates the assistance.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this fourth day of February, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK