

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 2022-0210)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Thursday, February 10, 2022

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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$403,000.00 FOR THE 2022 LARGE METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO 455-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING MARCH 9, 2022)(20220210\U01)(UT-8)

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.

2. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220210\U02)(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.

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, LAKESHORE TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 438-S PHASE I(20220210\U03)(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.

4. RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE SCALE HOUSE POINT OF SALE SYSTEM UPGRADE (ITEMS 1, 7-10) TO PARADIGM SOFTWARE, LLC, FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY(20220210\U04)(UT-4)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LIFELINE, INC. AND FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER, INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- 2 (ERAP-2) FUNDS(20220210\C01)(C-34 B)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Ms. Marian Norman, Program Manager, explained that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERAP-2) has received \$2,174,427.96 in funding as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This figure is part of a total potential allocation of \$5,436,069.70. ERAP 2 has a similar purpose to ERAP 1 but also has some key differences. Two of those program differences include the time of performance extends to September 30, 2025 and that a household's hardship does not need to be related to COVID, only that it occurred during the COVID timeframe beginning March 2020. She further explained that this resolution approves the use of the same partner agencies used for ERAP 1, Lifeline Inc. and Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. These partner agencies implementing ERAP 1 have reached the needed staff levels to perform intake and they can continue on with ERAP 2. She stated that their staff has been trained in application intake and processing of financial assistance. They will also continue to adhere to the US Treasury provided guidance and oversight of these grants. Some of the practices include the use of various means of applying in person and over the telephone. Currently they are not accepting applications online in an attempt to limit or eliminate fraud. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2021 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS(20210210\C02)(C-34B)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Ms. Norman explained that this resolution pertains to providing rental assistance and security deposits for senior citizens, disabled individuals and qualifying students. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,688,404.64 (20220210\BC01)(C-4)

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.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,181,060.04(20220210\BC02)(C-17)

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.

9. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20220210\BC03)(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.

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220210\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he recently attended the JEDI Committee of CCAO and one topic of discussion was legislation pertaining to delinquent and/or unpaid utilities bills and the possible creation of a grievance committee.

Sheriff Leonbruno reported that he has just returned from the National Sheriffs Association Winter Conference in Washington, DC. One of the major topics discussed in the meetings concerned the significant increase in drugs moving into the United States by the drug cartels across the southern border. Highways such Interstate 90 moving coast to coast are major thoroughfares. Thus, counties they traverse are major areas for meetings and distribution points. The Lake County Sheriff's Office has been working with other police agencies such as Willoughby, Mentor, and Willoughby Hills under federal grants such as Stone Garden to pay for increased investigations and targeted enforcement along the I-90 corridor to stop drugs and related crimes such as sex trafficking from being viable options in Lake County.

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

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, continued the Sheriff's report regarding fraud, immigration and drug issues. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Fair Housing for their swift action in dealing with the online fraud. Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that her agency has several employees whose specific job is to investigate potential fraud.

County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, thanked the Board for the special certificate and press release and stated that her success, along with her staff, is due to five years of diligence.

Lake Development Authority Executive Director, Mr. David Anderson, announced that an agreement was reached yesterday for leasing of the Weston building in Willoughby to a division of Lincoln Electric. At this time, he does not know the number of jobs it will bring to the City of Willoughby but stated he will keep the Board updated on this good news.

Adam Litke from the Health District stated that they have mailed out a Community Health Assessment and encouraged all Lake County residents to participate in answering the questionnaire. He stressed that this is a very important survey that will assist the Health District in addressing and targeting the needs of the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss Real Estate-Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-fourth day of February, 2022.

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