

**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 2022-0224)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2022, February 3, 10, and 17, 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. John Allega and Pastor Mark Merlihan were present to share the privately funded 36 bed men’s treatment facility they operate in Madison. Mr. Allega presented a slideshow of the facility and grounds and discussed the future additions they hope to make and the costs to run the facility. He hopes to increase the available beds from 36 to 100. Pastor Merlihan discussed the number of residents currently at the facility, the success rates, and also provided a detailed schedule of a typical day and they offer classes in woodworking, welding and landscaping. They currently have a commercial kitchen but there are plans to improve the kitchen so they may offer culinary training as well. Commissioner Young asked if they have been in contact with the ADAMHS Board for additional funding. Mr. Allega replied that they prefer to remain privately funded so they can continue the faith-based operations. Mr. Allega also added that his family owns the property and they hope to build a women’s treatment facility at another location in the future. The Board continued to discuss with them the success rates, criteria for acceptance into the program and how the facility is run at no cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Allega stated that they hope to resume in-person fundraising this year as the pandemic prohibited it previously.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROADWAY MATERIALS - 2022 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER’S ROAD DEPARTMENT, LCE PROJECT NO. 2022-002 (Bid Opening March 16, 2022)(20220224\E01)(E-2)**

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.

**2. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$778,653.75 FOR HAZEL AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT NO 402-S, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID Opening March 23, 2022)(20220224\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.

**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BEL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220224\U02)(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.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BEL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220224\U03)(UT-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.

**5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20220224\U04)(UT-2)**

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.

**6. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220224\U05)(UT-7)**

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 ASSIGNING AUTHORITY TO SUZANNE CASAR, DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACT AS THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ DESIGNEE FOR APPROVING INTER-COUNTY ADJUSTMENTS OF ALLOCATED FUNDS(20220224\JFS01)(JFS-11)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar explained that this is an annual resolution. The law allows for the Board of Commissioners to assign authority to the Director of JFS to sign inter-county agreements. She explained this will allow for the ‘trading’ of

funds between other Jobs and Family Services Departments throughout the State. The federal and state funds are not given away but can be given to other Counties where a funding need may be within a particular County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS FROM LEXISNEXIS VITAL CHECK NETWORK, INC. AND EQUIVANT EPAY PLUS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES SERVICES TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY EXPENSES(20220224\C01)(C40c)**

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.

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY TO RECEIVE FEDERALLY FORFEITED PROPERTY AND/OR FUNDS(20220224\C02)(CT-8con)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Dave Hackman, explained that this resolution is an annual agreement permitting the Attorney General to share forfeited property that has been seized due to crimes. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE PROCUREMENT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2022(20220224\C03)(C-107)**

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.

**11. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF 982.06 FEET OF OLD VROOMAN ROAD IN LEROY TOWNSHIP AND 2454.30 FEET OF VROOMAN ROAD IN PERRY TOWNSHIP(20220224\C04)(C-87)**

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.

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$806,531.50(20220224\BC01)(C-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.

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,685,953.08 (20220224\BC02)(C-17)**

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220224\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –Mr. Rothlisberger stated that the City of Kirtland is closing in on the final design of the sewer upgrades. There will be a public meeting in mid-May for discussions on the sanitary sewers in the old town area. This area has several failing systems. Mr. Rothlisberger gave background of the area and the options available.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar gave a brief update on the public assistance programs. She explained that the number of people in need of food and cash assistance remains very high; significantly higher than pre-Covid. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Foster Parent dinner fundraiser in conjunction with LaVera Party Center and how \$20 of every meal is donated to the Foster Parent Association. Anyone interested may visit the LaVera Party Center website to order and choose a pickup time and location of either Jobs and Family Services or the party center.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that the Public Safety Center interviews will be completed later today.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik stated that Treasurer Zuren's first Business Roundtable meeting was very impactful with many varied businesses in attendance. Treasurer Zuren has already begun to plan the next Roundtable Meeting.

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 Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this tenth day of March, 2022.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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