

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 2022-0414)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2022.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Lake County Treasurer, Mr. Michael Zuren was present to discuss additional steps his office is taking in attempt to collect delinquent taxes. He also stated that he recently attended a special needs job fair and thanked OhioMeansJobs and Deepwood Industries for their involvement. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Zuren for his work pertaining to delinquent taxes and Ms. Elfie Roman and Mr. Zuren for their work with the job fair.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE CO. FOR THE ROADWAY MATERIALS – 2022 – LIMESTONE CONTRACT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,465.00(20220414\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills explained that this is and the following resolution are part of their annual paving program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO GRAND RIVER ASPHALT CO. FOR THE ROADWAY MATERIALS – 2022 – PLANT MIX PAVEMENTS CONTRACT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,250.00(20220414\E02)(E-3)

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 REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON MARCH 30, 2022 FOR CELL C4 EXPANSION PHASE VI-PART E 7.3 ACRE CELL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 421-L(20220414\U01)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, explained that the bids came in higher than expected and they will re-evaluate and go out to rebid the project at a later date. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR A LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO (20220407\C01)(209g)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that the department performs an annual inspection of the large meters and that there will be 24 large meters replaced. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT APRIL 22, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF 469,729.56 (20220414\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.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS 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(20220414\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd explained that these dollars will be used to upgrade the Captains Stadium Clubhouse. He thanked bond counsel, Ms. Amanda Gordon and Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley for their assistance with this resolution. He explained the negative impact the cancellation of the 2020 Captains season had on not only the Captains but the City of Eastlake, adding that the City sees 200,000+ visitors annually in addition to the attendees of the Captains games. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Boyd, Ms. Amanda Gordon and Mayor Morley. He stated that the Captains are a valuable anchor for the west side of Lake County and an incredible asset to the County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAKE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU 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(20220414\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd explained that travel and tourism is critical to the County and that the Visitors Bureau administers the Arts and Culture Grant Program as well as the Signature Events Program. Mr. Neil Stein, Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau, thanked the Board for their consideration of this resolution. He explained the details of the Arts and Culture Grant Program and Signature Events Program and stated that the Visitors Bureau will match the funds received from this resolution. He introduced Elevation President, Mr. Denny Young who spoke about the Wonderstruck Concert held at Lakeland Community College and introduced representatives from Rabbit Run Theater in Madison. They spoke of the impact the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic had on their events, the slow progress that 2021 brought and how they are looking forward to 2022. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,963,688.84(20220414\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.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,163,132.26(20220414\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.

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220414\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.

11.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20220414\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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger was happy to announce that the Department of Utilities, in conjunction with OhioMeansJobs held its first hiring event yesterday and they exceeded the number of applicants that they expected by nearly double. He stated that they had a total of 92 applicants attend who were interviewed and many will be called back for second interviews. Commissioner Plecnik complimented the Department of Utilities and OhioMeansJobs on a very successful hiring event.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd stated that a draft contract has been sent to HOK and their attorneys for review for the Safety Center Project.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik stated that he and County Engineer Gills attended the annual Township Association Dinner last night. Mr. Gills discussed the many projects that his department is working on. Commissioner Plecnik stated that the Association has decided to begin meeting every two months. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he attended the Geauga County Township Association Meeting along with Ms. Grace Gallucci. They were in attendance to represent NOACA and explain the duties and benefits of being a member of NOACA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. City of Eastlake Mayor, Dennis Morley, thanked the Board for approving item #6 on the agenda. He stated how grateful and appreciative he is that the Board has taken such a proactive approach with the Captains Stadium upgrades. He thanked County Administrator Jason Boyd for being available day and night to answer his questions and to Ms. Amanda Gordon for her guidance with the contract. Mayor Morley stated that the stadium is due to be paid off in 2026 and the Captains contract runs through 2031. Commissioner Hamercheck commended Mayor Morley for exploring so many other options for the upgrades before approaching the Board for assistance. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Mayor Morley has encountered many economic challenges with the City of Eastlake since taking office and praised him for bringing the city to a good financial place. Mayor Morley shared that when he took office there was a \$600,000 carryover and now they have a carryover of \$4.6 million. Lake County Captains General Manager, Ms. Jen Yorke, thanked the Board for their support and stated that the upgrades have been approved by the Major League. She shared several special events that will take place at the stadium this year.

Commissioner Plecnik announced that the Lake County Board of Commissioners has an official Facebook page. He stated that the page will be used to communicate to citizens the programs and services offered by the County and general news and updates from the Commissioner’s Office.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville discussed how Lakeland Community College Board of Trustee, Mr. Ryan Callendar, currently resides outside of Lake County. He also discussed the President of Lakeland Community College, Dr. Morris W. Beverage Jr.’s, contract and bonus and whether he would need to send a public records request to Lakeland Community College for that information. Commissioner Hamercheck responded and Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman agreed that he should make a public records request through Lakeland, not through the Board of Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 12:08 p.m. to discuss Real Estate- Acquisition(2) with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-first day of April, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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