

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 2022-0317)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 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. Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Cristen Kane, nominated Ms. Sue Huber for the 2022 Annual Woman of Achievement award. She spoke of Ms. Huber’s dedication to serving. Ms. Huber is a driver for Meals on Wheels, a volunteer guardian to three individuals, a volunteer to the Lake Metroparks and she devoted much time during the pandemic working the vaccine hotline with the General Health District. The Board presented a certificate and congratulated Ms. Huber for being named the 2022 Woman of Achievement.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, thanked Commissioner Plecnik, Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger and the Prosecutor’s Office for their hard work on the Senior Discount Program. He added that there have been 1,500 seniors entered into this program. He also spoke of the recent Supreme Court ruling against redistricting.

Lake County General Health District Commissioner, Mr. Ron Graham was present to give an update on the pandemic. He stated that the pandemic appears to be over for Lake County and that the County had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate of vaccines in the State. The Board commended Mr. Graham for his hard work and open-mindedness. They stated that he was a strong advocate for the County and exerted local control when appropriate.

RESOLUTIONS:

ITEM #16 WAS MOVED:

**16.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH (20220317\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. The Commissioners recognized the month of March as Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Ms. Elfie Roman, Superintendent of Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, was present and explained that the mission of the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood is to Empower individuals with developmental disabilities, Enrich the quality of their lives by providing support, advocacy, grants, and resources, and Promote community awareness. She introduced participant, Jake Nelson who is a hardworking, and an extremely talented woodworker. She explained his background and introduced his caregivers and those involved in assisting him. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**1.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, PAVING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO(20220317\E01)(E-13)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills explained that this is an annual payment for a project they did three years ago. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS – COUNTY ROADS - 2022 IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (Bid Opening April 6, 2022)(20220317\E02)(E-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Gills explained that this and the following resolution permits them to go out to bid for the annual striping program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS – SR2 IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (Bid Opening April 6, 2022)(20220317\E03)(E-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.

**4.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE LAK-CHESTNUT STREET (CR 329) RESURFACING PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$716,675.00(20220317\E04)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Gills explained that this and the following two resolutions are federally sponsored projects with an 80/20 split. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO KARVO COMPANIES, INC. FOR THE LAK-LANE ROAD (CR 123) RESURFACING PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,847,002.36(20220317\E05)(E-3)**

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO KARVO COMPANIES, INC. FOR THE LAK-NEWELL STREET (CR 335) RESURFACING PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$627,002.70(20220317\E06)(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.

**7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS (Open Requests for Proposal on April 6, 2022)(20220317\U01)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that the current three-year contract is expiring and this will permit them to request proposals for this Special Collection. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220317\U02)(UT-7)**

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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 25, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$490,038.18(20220317\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.

**10.RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION AND PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(20220317\C01)(C-93)**

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 AND ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTON JET CENTER ROAD, LLC AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY(20220317\C02)(C-99)**

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,769,219.92(20220317\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.

**13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$514,964.19(20220317\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.

**14.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND(20220317\BC03)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, explained that the General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County and accounts for financial resources except those to be accounted for in another fund per Ohio Revised Code restrictions. Projected Revenues for 2022 are \$61,237,875 which reflects an increase of \$4,388,768 or 7.72% and Projected Appropriations for 2022 are \$61,217,374, reflecting an increase of \$4,932,294 or 8.76%. Mr. Matas further explained that causes for the increase in Projected Revenues are projected sales tax increase to before COVID levels and increases in Conveyance Fees even though we are experiencing historically low interest earning rates. He addressed the appropriations stating that the County's health care costs continue to rise though we are doing better than other entities. Law enforcement represents our major expense category with medical care within the jail continuing to rise significantly each year. Judicial and Public Safety represent 64.81% of the proposed budget. The majority of the increases in comparison between 2022 and 2021 are increases in the Board of Elections and various departments under Judicial and Public Safety. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**15.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND(20220317\BC04)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Matas stated that there are two types of funds in the Outside Funds: Governmental and Proprietary. Governmental Funds are special revenue, debt

service and permanent improvement funds and account for all grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose. Proprietary Funds are Enterprise and Internal Service. He explained that Enterprise funds are used to account for an activity for which fees are charged to external users for goods or services (Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste). While the Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis (Central Purchasing, Mailroom, Health Care accounts). 2022 Projected Revenues for these funds are approximately \$270.8 million, and the appropriation resolution is approximately \$296.8 million. In comparison to 2021 numbers, the projected revenues were \$248.2 million; and the appropriation resolution was \$274.9 million. Mr. Matas thanked the Board, his staff, the elected officials and department heads for their hard work and cooperation with this year’s budget process. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Rothlisberger announced that the Utilities Department will be partnering with OhioMeansJobs to hold hiring a event on April 13, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Rick Martin Learning Center.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar briefly explained that as part of Ohio Medicaid’s effort to launch the next generation of Medicaid, the Ohio Department of Medicaid will implement a new program “OhioRISE”(Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence), a specialized managed care program for youth that will focus on children with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs. This program will also help families prevent custody relinquishment She stated that they expect the rollout of this new program to be sometime in July.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd thanked Budget Director Matas and his team as well as the elected officials and department heads for the great collaboration with this year’s budget. Mr. Boyd stated that in early February, 2020, Health Commissioner Graham hosted a meeting with County leaders and it was unknown at that time exactly what would lie ahead over the next month. Mr. Boyd, the Board, and Mr. Graham discussed the many meetings that were held over the next year and how well prepared and adaptable Lake County was through the worst of the pandemic.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he attended a NOACA meeting discuss a new planning effort which will enhance regional connectivity and strengthen transportation to the Lake Erie coastline. He stated that he is on the Strategy Committee of the Regional Lakefront Transportation Connectivity (TLCI) and looks forward to working with the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he attended a regional CCAO Northeast Ohio Commissioners Association meeting at the Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center. He was pleased to report that Lake County is getting noticed and that the County will be receiving \$14.7 million.

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 11:14 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this nineteenth day of May, 2022.

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