

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 2022-0421)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 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. Lake County Treasurer, Mr. Michael Zuren, was present to provide an update on his office’s delinquent tax collections. He stated that his office has received a 70% response to the letters sent out and that they have collected \$220,000 in the past three weeks. He also briefly explained that his office is offering several ways in which to assist residents in paying their past due taxes. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Treasurer Zuren for offering taxpayers assistance. Commissioner Young thanked Treasurer Zuren for his continued focus and transparency.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville, discussed being blocked from a Facebook page. Commissioner Plecnik stated he has no control as to what the Republican Party Facebook Page posts or how they handle their content.

RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTIONS 18, 19 AND 20 HAVE BEEN MOVED:

18.RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 15 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022 CLEAN AND GREEN LAKE COUNTY (20220421\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. David Schick, Public Service Coordinator from the Lake County Department of Utilities, explained that as part of “Clean and Green Lake County”, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, in cooperation with the OSU Extension Office, hosts an annual poster contest. This year over 875 students in Lake County submitted entries into the contest. The winning poster will be the symbol for the “2022 Clean and Green Program”. Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated and welcomed the students who won the Clean and Green Lake County! Logo Contest; Elementary School and Overall Winner, Rees Erickson, Grade 5, of the School of Innovation Willoughby Hills; High School Winner, Haley Horen, Grade 10, of Lake Catholic High School in Mentor and Middle School Winner, Cameron Adkins, Grade 6, of Eastlake Middle School in Eastlake. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

19. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2022 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20220421\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that we recognize April as "National County Government Month" in an effort to highlight the work that is done every day to improve the lives of our residents and to celebrate those who make it all possible. He thanked all of the elected officials and department heads and their staff that help make Lake County a great place to call home. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

20.RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2022 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20220421\F03)(C-126)

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

1.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SR 2 - MOWING IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO; Lake County Project No. 2022-007 (Bid Opening May 11, 2022)(20220421\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills explained that this will be the first time his department is going out to bid for mowing. He stated that due to the lack of manpower and the need for repairs of and/or new equipment, they thought it would be a good time to see if it would be cost-effective. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.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(20220421\U01)(UT-2)

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

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20220421\U02)(UT-2)

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

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, HAZEL AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 402-S(20220421\U03)(UT-2)

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

5.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220421\U04)(UT-7)

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

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,308.37 WITH S.E.T. INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,009.06 FOR S.O.M. CENTER ROAD UNDER I-90 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 424-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220421\U05)(UT-4)

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

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LTD FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE GCCS CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS-CONTRACT 2 PROJECT 429-L DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$108,249.59 (20220421\U06)(UT-4)

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

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS 2022(20220421\U07)(UT-4)

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

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DURABLE DIMENSIONS FOR THREE-TIER SHELVING UNITS FOR THE RECORDER'S OFFICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,571.96(20220421\C01)(C-36a)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, was present and explained that this is an ongoing project for specialty shelving units made to specifically house the recorders historic record books. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF ELECTING TO TAKE THE "STANDARD ALLOWANCE" OF UP TO \$10,000,000 AS THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE LOSS FOR USE FOR THE PROVISION OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 603(c)(1)(C) OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN(20220421\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik stated that the purpose of this resolution is to ensure the most flexibility utilizing ARPA funds. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Hackman, agreed with Commissioner Plecnik' s statement. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, added that this amendment permits Lake County to use \$10 million of the \$44 million for government services. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": "AYES": Commissioners: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11.RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA DIXON TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 9, 2022(20220421\C03)(B-14)

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

12. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW J. HEBEBRAND TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2026(20220421\C04)(B-51)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he is always proud seeing a former student of his rise. Mr. Hebebrand thanked the Board of the opportunity to serve on the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote 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 \$2,902,407.34

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote 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 \$4,767,896.79

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

15. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT FUND(20220421\BC03)(C-111)

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

16. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20220421\BC04)(C-111)

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

17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20220421\BC05)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar stated that the Ohio public health emergency has been extended until July. She thanked Commissioner Plecnik for taking the time to tour Job and Family Services and Ohio Means Jobs.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd spoke of his appreciation for all of the department heads he works with. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Boyd for his dedication and consistently exceeding expectations. He acknowledged how Mr. Boyd dealt with the early Covid crisis from his hospital bed after he had surgery. Commissioner Plecnik praised Prosecutor Coulson and his staff for always following the law.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Young announced that he will be retiring in two weeks and his last day as Commissioner will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022. He shared a few of his many accomplishments and stated what a true honor it has been to serve the residents of Lake County as their County Commissioner. He spoke of his career as a State Representative and a private business owner and he spoke of the serious personal challenges and illnesses he has faced. Commissioners Hamercheck and Plecnik stated that it has been an honor to work with him and wished him the best on his new chapter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Michael Paul of Mentor asked for the status of the new proposed jail and stated that he may have some information for assisting the County in securing some federal funds. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he should make an appointment with County Administrator, Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville, congratulated Commissioner Young on his retirement. Mr. Massie thanked Mr. Callendar for submitting his resignation from the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees. He provided the Commissioners with a detailed report of information he and his group obtained regarding Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees and President of the College, Dr. Morris Beverage. Mr. Massie reviewed the details of the document with the Board and asked who he should go to for more information. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lakeland Community College was created by a vote of the people. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, clarified to Mr. Massie that the Board of Commissioners has absolutely no control over the day to day operations of Lakeland Community College. Commissioner Hamercheck offered Mr. Massie several avenues he could take to get the answers he seeks. Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that she can look for and provide Mr. Massie with a copy of any resolutions passed by this Board pertaining to Lakeland. Commissioner Plecnik spoke of the many taxes being paid by Lake County residents, particularly the senior citizens and the possibility of taxing them out of their homes. He discussed salary concerns of the President of Lakeland Community College that Mr. Massie mentioned.

Dale Fellows of 2812 Fowler Drive in Willoughby Hills, congratulated Commissioner Young on behalf of himself and wife, Nancy.

City of Willowick Mayor, Rich Regovich, thanked Commissioner Young for all he has done for Lake County.

City of Eastlake Mayor, Dennis Morley, thanked Commissioner Young for all his service to the County with his work at the State level and his time as Commissioner, noting that he has always been here for the people of Lake County.

County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, thanked Commissioner Young for his dedicated years of service.

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: Young, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this nineteenth day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER

JOHN PLECNIK, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK