

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 2022-0428)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 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 April 7, 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. Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley, thanked the Board for the funds to make necessary improvements to the Lake County Captains Fieldhouse . He stated that Commissioners Hamercheck and Plecnik attended a recent Eastlake City Council Meeting and were presented with a key to the city.

Lake County Sheriff Leonbruno presented Commissioner Young with a Special Resolution of thanks for his service to the citizens of Lake County.

On behalf of Commissioner Plecnik and himself, Commissioner Hamercheck also presented and read in its entirety a Special Certificate in honor of Commissioner Young.

County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, congratulated Commissioner Young and wished him well on his future plans.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, thanked Commissioner Young for his service to the citizens and stated that he is a true example of "God-Family-Country".

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CALLOW ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP, OHIO; OPWC NO. CU00Y; LCE PROJECT NO. 2021-007 (Bid Opening: May 18, 2022)(20220428\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills explained that this has been identified as a failing bridge and needs to be replaced. He stated that he is hopeful for some good bids. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS, AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE CHAPEL ROAD AND VROOMAN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT, CITY OF PAINESVILLE, LEROY AND MADISON TOWNSHIPS, AND PERRY VILLAGE, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2022-006 (Bid Opening May 18, 2022)(20220428\E02)(E-2)

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 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH TERRACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR MANTLE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 407-W INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$142,944.08 (20220428\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, explained that this project involves replacing the old waterlines with new 24" waterlines. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,110,000.00 FOR CELL C4 EXPANSION PHASE VI-PART E 7.3 ACRE CELL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO 421-L, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID Opening May 18, 2022)(20220428\U02)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is continuing the expansion of the landfill. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ORGANIC POLYELECTROLYTES (POLYMER) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: May 18, 2022)(20220428\U03)(UT-8)

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.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE PROCURED THROUGH SOURCEWELL ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COMMERCIAL DIESEL GENERATORS FOR THE AQUARIUS WATER TREATMENT SWITCHGEAR AND GENERATOR PROJECT 435-W IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,740.00(20220428\U04)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is a part of their 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND(20220428\U05)(UT-2)

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.

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 430-W(20220428\U06)(UT-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.

9.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TO PROJECT FUND 596 PROJECT 465-S, BROOKDALE ROAD SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION(20220428\U07)(UT-2)

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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MAY 6, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,423.40(20220428\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.

11.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 2021 COVERDELL GRANT AGREEMENT (SUB-GRANT #2021-PC-NFS-7802) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,987.30, BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022(20220428\C01)(CT-18)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, explained that this is an annual grant and that there are no matching funds necessary from the County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES-DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT TO OBTAIN MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,997.91 FOR MARINE PATROL FOR THE YEAR 2022(20220428\C02)(CT-10a)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS TO LAKE METROPARKS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERLY TERMINUS OF VROOMAN ROAD(20220428\C03)(C-55)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills explained that this will complete the property transfer of two properties from the County to the MetroParks now that the Vrooman Road Bridge is complete. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

14.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2025 (20220428\C04)(301c)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Mr. Joel DiMare worked very hard on this contract and thanked him. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

15.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR A CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COURT, PROBATE DIVISION(20220428\C05)(CT-27)

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.

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,428,076.90 (20220428\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.

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$832,111.62(20220428\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.

18. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220428\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is a part of their 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

19. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220428\BC04)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is a part of their 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. 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 thanked Commissioner Young for his years of continued support of the Utilities Department.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, wished Commissioner Young best wishes and stated what a pleasure it has been to work with him.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd stated that Commissioner Young always answers the phone and states "It's a great day". On behalf of Mr. Boyd and his staff, he wished Commissioner Young many, many "great days" in his future.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Bell stated that it has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Young and wished him the best.

LEGAL – Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, thanked Commissioner Young for this service at both the State and County levels and wished him a happy, healthy retirement.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Board of Commissioners is committed to Lake County's economic growth and making Lake County a great place to raise a family and establish roots. He stated that this is a sentiment that he shares with Sheriff Leonbruno and the key to a safe community is strong law enforcement such as the unique COPS grant initiative that will continue over the next four years. Lake County also has a premiere communications system. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County is also a part of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Board; Lake County is Zone 2 in the State. This is a strong commitment on the part of Lake County to not only the people of Lake County but also the region. We are also a part of the National Communications System. In order to have a safe community, we must have a strong Prosecutor's Office. Lake County enjoys a very strong and diligent Prosecutor's Office and judicial system. Commissioner Plecnik stated he would like to hear an update from the Sheriff on the COPS grant. With this grant, they were able to add 10 additional patrol officers on the roads. He was pleased to announce a very important investment in the Prosecutor's office to allow them to add additional attorneys and support staff. Commissioner Young acknowledged how hard the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office and Judges work to ensure the safety of Lake County. Sheriff Leonbruno addressed the COPS Grant, explaining that they were able to hire 10 additional men and women as deputy sheriffs to patrol and protect the townships. He thanked the Board for always supporting law enforcement. He explained that the Prosecutor's office must review very lengthy body cam video footage from not only the Sheriff's Department but all of the Lake County Police Departments. Commissioner Hamercheck gave a history of the COPS grants, stating that at one time there was a federal program. He explained the process that the Board, the Sheriff, Prosecutor's Office and the townships followed to come up with a fair agreement for the grant, adding that the County cannot obligate the township trustees to put into place the funding mechanisms but can offer a pathway for sustainability of this program. He pointed out that two of the townships are bigger than most cities in Lake County.

Lake County Prosecutor, Mr. Charles Coulson, was present and thanked Commissioner Young for his years of service to Lake County. He explained the drastic increase in their caseload and the many hours of work that goes into reviewing evidence, and hours and hours of video footage and cell tower records. He thanked the Board for recognizing the need for additional staffing.

Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed how the recent Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Board provides guidance and strategic direction for public safety-first responders and their communications initiatives. He gave an update of the subjects discussed including software updates, radio upgrades and additional subscriber units to the MARCS system. He shared that the County was thanked at the meeting for our continued leadership, commitment and support of the statewide systems and the safety forces.

Commissioner Plecnik asked Mr. Dale Fellows to give an update on the upcoming primary. Mr. Fellows stated that the primary is May 3rd, 2022 and there is still time to vote absentee or go directly to the Board of Elections if you are not able to get to the polls that day. He explained that 59% of those requesting an absentee ballot have returned them and that they must be postmarked by May 2nd to be accepted.

Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that Commissioners Hamercheck and Plecnik received a key to the City of Eastlake. Commissioner Plecnik shared his appreciation to the City of Eastlake. Ms. Bell also announced that Commissioner Plecnik was recently named Dean's Teacher at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville stated that there is nothing more important than law enforcement, the prosecutors and judges.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": Commissioner Plecnik.

Minutes approved this nineteenth day of May, 2022.

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