

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2022-0505)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik 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 and gave an update on his offices ongoing process of delinquent taxes and overpayment of taxes. He stated that they sent letters out to approximately 2,000 residents with delinquent taxes explaining they have grants and assistance programs to assist them with repayment.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville, stated that he had the opportunity to serve as a poll worker in this week’s primary election and commended the Board of Elections on their attention to detail and the amazing job the department does. He acknowledged Mr. Ross McDonald and Mr. Dante Lewis for their hard work.

RESOLUTIONS:

AGENDA ITEMS #11-13 MOVED:

11.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2022 FOSTER PARENT RECOGNITION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20220505\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support in recognizing May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month. She explained how extremely important foster parents are to children and how they provide a safe environment for these children in the community. Ms. Casar introduced Ms. Kelly Kolberg, a substitute Care Social Worker. She stated that there are 44 foster homes with 13 more in process offering a safe and nurturing environment for these children.

Currently, there are 36 children in foster care, 6 are in the process of adoption and that there have been 7 permanent adoptions. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked all the individuals that have become foster parents and applauded the difference they make in the lives of these vulnerable children.

Commissioner Plecnik expressed his thanks to these families that are willing to open their homes and take care of these children as their own. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

12.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 14, 2022 APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY(20220505\F02)(F-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck read the resolution in its entirety and thanked Joshua and his mother, Ms. Monica Karpovich for bringing this important disability to the public’s attention and commended Ms. Karpovich for the amazing family they have created. Commissioner Plecnik spoke of his mother being a teacher for the blind and deaf community. The Board presented Joshua with the resolution. Ms. Karpovich thanked the Board for this recognition and explained the importance of making everyone aware of Apraxia. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

13.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 0222 NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY(20220505\F03)(F-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mike and Geralyn Hawk along with their therapy dog and cat, Wyatt and Pearl were present. Mrs. Hawk explained how helpful therapy animals are in many situations and how they take Wyatt and Pearl to hospitals and nursing homes throughout Lake and Cuyahoga County. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, added that the Domestic Relations Court has a therapy dog, Atticus who has become an extremely important part in helping victims of crime and children whose parents are going through the Domestic Relations Court. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

1.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND (20220505\U01)(UT-2)

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

2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, WALNUT SREET WATERLINE PROJECT 449-W (20220505\U02)(UT-2)

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

3.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 (20220505\U03)(UT-2)

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

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$145,659.80 FOR A WATERLINE FOR TAFT COMMONS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF EASTLAKE (JOB NO. 21-71) (20220505\U04)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that this is a privately funded subdivision located in Eastlake. Once this is complete and approved, the waterline will become public. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, DIVISION/BANK/ATWATER WATERLINE PROJECT 446-W (20220505\U05)(UT-2)

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

6. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20220505\U06)(UT-7)

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

7. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$669,557.00 TO NERONE AND SONS, INC. FOR HAZEL AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 402-S(20220505\U07)(UT-4)

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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673,693.02 (20220505\BC01)(C-4)

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,113,039.60 (20220505\BC02)(C-17)

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

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220505\BC03)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger gave an update on their recent Job Fair stating that they have 30 applicants coming in for second interviews and have already hired 2 people. The department was extremely pleased with the success of their first job fair. Commissioner Plecnik stated that it was so good to see the success of this fair and thanked OhioMeansJobs for the partnership with the Utilities Department.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar echoed Mr. Rothlisberger's statement about the Job Fair and stated that OhioMeansJobs can assist both public and private businesses in setting up their own job fairs.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd gave an update on a couple capital improvement projects that are moving forward. They included the shooting range for the Sheriff's Department which will not only benefit the Sheriff's Department but also the Police Departments in Lake County, the HVAC system at the Courthouse, and possibly radio and communications upgrades for the safety forces.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik stated that he attended the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce (who partnered with the Euclid Chamber of Commerce) meeting this week. Topics discussed were the many businesses opening in Lake County and the strength the County has to sustain new businesses. The Chamber also thanked the Board for the arts grant and the upgrades to the Captains Stadium. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that at a recent CCAO JEDI Committee Meeting there was a discussion on Ohio Senate Bill 193 which

pertains to prohibiting a political subdivision from placing a lien on property for unpaid water charges thus leaving the taxpayers to pick up the tab. He thanked Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger for his work on this subject.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, thanked the Board of Elections for the successful Primary on Tuesday. He explained the behind the scenes hard work of Mr. McDonald, Mr. Lewis, the staff and the seasonal workers. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Chairman Fellows for his work. Mr. Fellows thanked Mr. Massie for his work as a poll worker as well as thanking the many hundreds of other poll workers that worked throughout the County. He stated that provisional and absentee ballots still need to be counted and they will be able to certify the election on May 27th.

County Administrator, Mr. Boyd, reminded everyone that Lake County along with Trumbull County, were chosen as bellwether Counties to participate in a trial with pharmaceutical companies with regard to opioids. Beginning next week, he will be back in Federal Court as the County participates in a bench trial for damages. He stated that ADAMHS Board Director, Ms. Kim Fraser will be testifying.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this nineteenth day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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