

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK
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(Tape 2022-0602)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2022.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20220602\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik stressed the importance of drawing attention to elder abuse as senior citizens are among our most vulnerable citizens. Most elderly do not realize that they are being abused or neglected. He stated that it is so very important to bring this to the public’s attention. Job and Family Services Director, Suzanne Casar, stated that June 15, 2022 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day here in Lake County and across our country. It is the time of year when cities and states can take a moment to shed light on this significant issue. Lake County Job and Family Services is mandated to investigate each and every call and report they receive. She reported that during the year 2021, her department responded to over 430 calls concerning abuse, neglect or exploitation of a senior. Ms. Casar stated that Lake County is fortunate to have a dedicated unit of social workers who investigate elder abuse and neglect. Anyone who suspects an elderly individual in our community is being abused, neglected or exploited should contact their agency at their hotline to report any abuse or neglect of seniors. This hotline is manned 24/7 and the number to call is 440-350-4000, Option #1. She introduced Assistant Administrator from Job and Family Services, Ms. Mary Udics. Ms. Udics thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of Elder Abuse Awareness. She stressed that “if you see something, say something”. The Board and Ms. Udics discussed red flags for people to watch out for as well as the different ways in which the elderly can be exploited. Ms. Udics announced that the Department of Job and Family Services will host a World Elder Abuse Awareness walk on June 15 at 11:45 AM beginning at Job and Family Services and concluding at Veterans Park in the Painesville Square. All are welcome to attend and participants are encouraged to wear purple, the color designated for elder abuse awareness. Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that “if you see something, say something” and how they should call 440-350-4000, Option #1 with concerns. Council on Aging Director, Mr. Joe Tomsick, stated that this resolution means so much to so many in the community. He thanked Director Suzanne Casar and Mary Udics for the incredible work of the adult protective services division as their team plays such a vital role in protecting the most vulnerable of our community. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

1. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN CYNTHIA BROOKS RECIPIENT OF THE RAY COLEMAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR(20220602\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sheriff Leonbruno stated that Captain Brooks has contributed more than 38 years of service to the Lake County Sheriff’s Department where she currently serves as the Jail Administrator. He spoke of the major impact she has had serving Lake County. Captain Brooks has developed several programs one of which is the WITTS (Women in Transition Through Support) program to assist women in reuniting with a positive, healthy environment minimizing the circumstances that led to their incarceration. The focus of the program is to increase employment skills, develop positive relationship values and support, elevate their educational level, build self-esteem, control choices through anger management, build strength through drug/alcohol treatment, and develop a strong family structure. She oversees approximately 385 inmates per day and 85 Corrections Officers, medical staff, kitchen staff, and mental health treatment staff, drug and alcohol treatment staff. This year she was unanimously chosen across the country as the recipient of the Ray Coleman Correctional Administrator of the Year by the American Jail Association. Captain Brooks thanked the Board for the resolution and discussed that it has been an extreme honor to receive this award and she has worked hard for 38 years to create programs to assist those incarcerated. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that her energy and enthusiasm shines through and that she has a true servant’s heart. He congratulated her on this well-deserved recognition. Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Captain Brooks and stated that it is a true honor to have her serving Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE CALLOW ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP, OHIO; OPWC NO. CU00Y; LCE PROJECT NO. 2021-007 (Bid Opening: June 29, 2022)(20220602\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, stated that this resolution is to advertise the rebid of this project. He explained that the previous bid opening for this project did not receive any bids and their engineers reassessed the costs. He also explained that part of the issues is that there is a problem with material costs and availability. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH AECOM, INC. FOR THE GLK DIGESTER CLEANING & REHABILITATION, PHASE 2, PROJECT 461-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220602\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated that this is a continuation of the digester cleaning and rehab project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RET3 FOR THE RESIDENTIAL USED HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS COLLECTION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT(20220602\U02)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this agreement is for the ongoing electronics collection. RET3 is the company that collects and properly disposes of the electronics brought to the landfill collection. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JUNE 10, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,488.49(20220602\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 REAPPOINTING MATTHEW R. SABO TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022(20220602\C01)(B-50)

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.

8.RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL HATTON TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022(20220602\C02)(B-50)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that both Mr. Hatton and Mr. Phillips have honorably served in the military and will bring so much experience and knowledge to the ADAMHS. Mr. Hatton was present and gave a brief history of his qualifications. He stated that he is honored to be appointed to the ADAMHS Board and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their recommendation for appointment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARTIN A. PHILLIPS III TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022(20220602\C03)(B-50)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Martin was also present and gave a brief history of his qualifications. He thanked the Board for the appointment and stated that he is eager to begin serving those in need in Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,610.51(20220602\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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,126.24(20220602\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.

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220602\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.

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220602\BC04)(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 reported that the forcemain project running under the Grand River is nearing completion more than two weeks ahead of schedule. He thanked the communities and yacht clubs for their cooperation during this project.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd agreed with Engineer Mr. Gills, regarding the ongoing problems all of the departments have been experiencing with contractors regarding the supply chain issues as well as pricing issues. Mr. Boyd explained that the Board has signed the contract to begin a programming study for the Lake County Public Safety Center with HOK. The HOK team will work with key stakeholders to determine existing conditions,

needs and future forecasts with Lake County. He briefly discussed the four-month comprehensive programming phase.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

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 all Lake County employees for their dedication to serving the public.

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik. NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixteenth day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

JOHN PLECNIK, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK