

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 2022-0609)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 31, 2022 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive stated that he contacted the Auditor’s office for more information on the Senior Levy and they were able to provide it to him and he thanked them for their assistance. He also stated that he will be making a public records request to the Council on Aging for the last 3 years of their financial records. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville informed everyone that the Painesville Township Fire Department will be hosting a free 30-minute CPR class this Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 9:00 am to Noon.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TO PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 464-S MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT (20220609\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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220609\U02)(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.

**3. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOT TO EXCEED \$1,680,000 IN NOTES FOR LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS – ADAMS, MELRIDGE, & INDUSTRIAL PARK – PROJECT 415-S-2018 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220609\U03)(UT-15)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the Department borrowed money to complete this project. This is an annual resolution for the payment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN HARBOR VOCATIONAL SERVICES (HARBOR) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE WORKSFIRST (OWF) SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315,000.00 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022(20220609\JFS01)(JFS-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, explained that the Ohio Works First program will assist those with barriers that may prevent employment and/or the hardest to employ clients through preparation, coaching and training. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**5. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20220609\C01)(C-107)**

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 REAPPOINTING MATTHEW C. BANGERTER TO THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026(20220609\C02)(B-13)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Public Defender, Ms. Vanessa Clapp was present and explained that Mr. Bangarter has served as both a Public Defender and an Assistant Prosecutor and is now in private practice. She said that he has been an amazing appointee and thanked the Commissioners for considering this reappointment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY BUILDING SECURITY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Bid Opening: July 13, 2022)(20220609\C03)(CT-9)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this is part of the Capital Improvement Plan. He has been working in collaboration with the

Common Pleas Judges and the Buildings and Grounds Department. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COURTHOUSE HVAC UPGRADES (20220609\C05)(C-34B)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that this is an ARPA eligible project. He explained that it is part of the ongoing improvements of the Courthouse. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**9. RESOLUTION TO PLACE A RENEWAL TAX LEVY OF EIGHT-TENTHS (0.8) OF ONE MILL FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS ON REAL ESTATE WITHIN LAKE COUNTY ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION, AND REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE EIGHT-TENTHS (0.8) OF ONE MILL TAX LEVY FOR SUCH PURPOSE, COMMENCING WITH AND INCLUDING A LEVY UPON THE DUPLICATE AND TAX LIST BEGINNING IN 2022, FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES(20220609\C06)(C-5)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Boyd reported that this is a renewal levy that was last on the ballot in 2017. He explained that through the senior study previously performed, the biggest gaps were identified as Adult Protective Services, the Guardian Program, transportation services, and the Volunteer Program just to name a few. By the year 2030, 1 in every 3 residents of Lake County will be senior citizens. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR VIEWING AND THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED DEDICATION OF RIVER ROAD CUL-DE-SAC IN PERRY TOWNSHIP (Viewing: Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. - Hearing: Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chamber)(20220609\C06)(C-87)**

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 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY PROBATE COURT – GARAGE EDITION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Bid Opening: July 6, 2022)(20220609\C07)(CT-4)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,008,222.27(20220609\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.

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,913,034.63(20220609\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.

**14. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20220609\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.

**15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220609\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 a Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 2 pm at the Fairgrounds. This is one of their most popular collections. He also stated that the Lake County landfill has a drop-off for appliances and electronics during their regular business hours and this collection will run through August.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar announced that next Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Lake County will take part in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by hosting a walk and she encouraged everyone to wear purple.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that the first meeting for the Public Safety Center was held yesterday for the programming phase of the project.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and pointed out that item #5 on the agenda changed the Commissioners Meeting from Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck gave an update on the Region #13 Committee for the OneOhio Recovery Foundation. Ashtabula County Commissioner Whittington was chosen to chair the committee. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the purpose of the Committee explained that this committee will assist in providing information in determining settlements from the Opioid litigation. He thanked Mr. Boyd for all of his work during this bellwether trial. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Treasurer continues to work with the local Postmaster dealing with mail delivery issues his office is experiencing.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive thanked Auditor Galloway for his assistance in providing information regarding property taxes. He asked if there was an update from the Ohio Ethics Commission with regard to Mr. Fellows. Mr. Massie also spoke of his concern that Mentor School District is offering EMT training classes while very high-ranking courses are offered at Auburn Career Center and Lakeland Community College. Next, he spoke of a recent Supreme Court decision involving Common Pleas Judge Lucci. Mr. Massie announced that he would soon be sending a public records request to the Board of Commissioners. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, informed Mr. Massie of several things regarding the case with Judge Lucci. He also stated that there is a video of the incident in Judge Lucci’s courtroom that he would send to him. Mr. Massie was instructed to address his concerns with the Mentor School District directly with the Mentor School Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:37 a.m. to discuss Real Estate-Proposed Lease of Real Property with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-eighth day of June, 2022.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN PLECNIK, VICE PRESIDENT

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