

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK
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(Tape 2022-0616)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the Special Meetings of May 12, 2022, May 19, 2022, May 26, 2022 and June 2, 2022, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Commissioner Hamercheck introduced Deputy Auditor of the Homestead Program, Ms. Patricia Thier and congratulated her on her 50 years of service to the Lake County Auditor's Office. Commissioner Hamercheck read a special certificate in its entirety and the Board presented it to her. County Auditor, Mr. Chris Galloway, stated that Ms. Thier has been one of the hardest working employees to ever work for his office. Her diligence and experience are second to none. The Board thanked her for her many years of service and acknowledged the impact she has made on so many residents in Lake County. Ms. Thier thanked the Board, and Mr. Galloway for their kind words.

County Treasurer Mr. Michael Zuren, County Auditor, Mr. Chris Galloway and the Board presented three students with Lake County Academic Excellence Awards. The students were from the Madison School District and they included Christopher "Lucas" Chavez, Stephanie Klima, and Anthony Osterman. Each student earned "All A's" in every subject during the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, discussed a document pertaining to domestic terrorism. He also encouraged parents to attend school board meetings. Commissioner Plecnik stated that two of the most difficult jobs are School Board Member and Councilperson.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive stated that he contacted the Sheriff's Department for more information on why there were low flying helicopters in his neighborhood. It was explained to him that the helicopters were using instrumentation to check for any possible natural gas leaks.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, TWILIGHT LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 439-S(20220616\U01)(UT-2)

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

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JUNE 24, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$579,633.56(20220616\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2022(20220616\JFS02)(JFS-2)

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: Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN OHIOGUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2022(20220616\JFS03)(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: Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY INC (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE STAFFING SERVICES AT OHIOMEANSJOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF 412,080.00 FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2022(20220616\JFS04)(JFS-2)

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

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PARADISE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT(20220616\C01)(UT-46a)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Stormwater Manager, Mr. Tim Miller, explained that these costs are associated with the need to re-route the proposed storm sewer system and additional materials. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FOR EAST 328th STREET SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 2 (20220616\C02)(UT-46a)

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

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2022(20220616\C03)(CT-8)

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

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 41 EAST ERIE STREET IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, OHIO(20220616\C04)(209-z-14)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik reported that this is a part of the counties strategic master plan and the building will be useful immediately. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,701,368.59(20220616\BC01)(C-4)

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

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,294,835.53(20220616\BC02)(C-17)

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

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220616\BC03)(C-111)

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

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20220616\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar thanked the Board for their participation in the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day walk that was held yesterday, Wednesday, June 15th. She thanked Ms. Alyea Barajas and complimented her for the critical work that she does for the senior citizens of Lake County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that they are in the process of scheduling a second meeting for the Safety Center Project. This meeting will focus on goal setting, current conditions and inmates in addition to other topics to be determined.

He also stated that Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, is working on the 2023 Budget and the tax budget will be placed on the agenda sometime in July. Mr. Matas is awaiting 5-year forecast reports from several departments.

He reported that the Building Department continues to be tremendously busy with inspections for the remainder of this year and into next.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck gave an update on NOACA stating that they are becoming involved in economic development. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Commissioner Plecnik for his assistance in helping NOACA realize the importance of economic development. He stated that they cited an example of the Lake County Captains, Mayors and Managers, the Township Association, the City of Eastlake and the County preparing an ARPA funds application to be used for the good of all of Lake County. Commissioner Plecnik added that misimpression of how economic development is achieved in communities. He explained that there is a lot of hard work, teamwork and technical knowledge that goes into bringing new businesses to the area.

Eastlake City Mayor, Dennis Morley, explained that the City has paid \$1.4 million annually out of the General Fund for the last 21 years for the cost of the Eastlake Stadium and that, to date they see no revenue being generated. He stated that the stadium is due to be paid off by the end of 2026 or beginning of 2027. The City of Eastlake has already made a \$30 million investment. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

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 he does not condone violence. He read a section of a memorandum written by Attorney General Garland. He asked about item #9 on the agenda pertaining to 41 E. Erie Street and how many non-county offices are in County buildings. Mr. Boyd stated that there are not any non-county offices adding that the Lake Development Authority is funded by the Board of Commissioners. He stated that there is a need for future growth and used the Prosecutor’s Office growth as an example of needing more space.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive discussed discipline of children in public schools and also how the Board approves contracts. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman advised Mr. Massie to review Section 307.86 for more information on contract approvals.

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

Minutes approved this eleventh day of August, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

JOHN PLECNIK, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK