

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2022-0623)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022.

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

Commissioner Hamercheck welcomed Commissioner Mark Tyler and thanked him for stepping up and offering his services with a true servant’s heart.

Commissioner Plecnik stated that he is very grateful for the chance to work with him in service to our neighbors and it is a great honor to come full circle and administer his oath of office to become the 80th Commissioner in the history of Lake County.

Commissioner Tyler thanked everyone and stated that he looks forward to working for and serving the citizens of Lake County.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, welcomed Commissioner Tyler. Mr. DiMare stated that teamwork is what sets this County apart. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. DiMare for the work he has put into this and explained that through a series of meetings and planning, Laketran collaborated with Lake Development Authority, Alliance for Working Together and Lake County Board of Commissioners to help reach local employers. Mr. DiMare recognized LakeTran and Mr. Patrick Mohorcic for all of the legwork they put into this project. He introduced CEO of LakeTran, Mr. Ben Capelle. Mr. Capelle stated that Lake County steps up and works together better than anywhere else. He stressed this was truly a team effort which was why they were chosen as the \$25,000 grand prize winner of The Paradox Prize, a \$1 million competition launched in 2019 that supported eight transportation pilots. It collectively helped connect more than 1,300 people to jobs and more than 400 businesses to needed talent.

OhioMeansJob Director, Mr. Cory Vojack, was present to share an employer spotlight video which spotlights Lake County businesses. This video spotlighted the Lake County Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff’s Office has many open positions and a full-length video with more information can be found on the OhioMeansJobs YouTube channel. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he truly appreciates all the efforts Mr. Vojack and his team are putting into this effort. Commissioner Plecnik echoed Commissioner Hamercheck’s comments and thanked Mr. Vojack for his hardwork.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20220623\U01)(UT-2)

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

2.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,963.10 FOR PEBBLE BROOK ESTATES SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER LINES (JOB NO. 21-21) IN THE VILLAGE OF GRAND RIVER(20220623\U02)(UT-12)

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

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AQUA OHIO, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220623\U03)(UT-4)

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, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON JUNE 8, 2022, APPROVING ESTIMATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,767,600.00, AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE TRUNK SEWER REHAB PHASE 2 PROJECT NO. 452-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: July 13, 2022) (20220623\U04)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Mr. Rothlisberger, explained that the previous bids received on June 8, 2022 exceeded the construction estimate by 10% and that the contractors are also dealing with supply chain issues. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,935.22 WITH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LTD FOR 2020 GCCS CONSTRUCTION-WELLFIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 429-L FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220623\U05)(UT-12)

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

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,983.96 WITH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LTD FOR LAKE COUNTY LANDFILL GCCS CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT (CONTRACT 2) PROJECT 429-L FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20220623\U06)(UT-12)

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

7.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220623\U07)(UT-7)

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

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKETRAN AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID CLIENTS UNDER THE NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION (NET) PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$602,250.00, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023(20220623\JFS01)(JFS-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, explained that this agreement will provide transportation through LakeTran for eligible clients using no local dollars. Transportation must be for non-emergency, routine medical appointments. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE ONE-STOP SYSTEM PARTNERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OMJ-LAKE COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM UNDER THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) FOR THE ONE YEAR TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (20220623\JFS02)(JFS-11)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Ms. Casar explained that this formally designates Job and Family Services as the operator of One-Stop. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021(20220623\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mayor Potter from the City of Kirtland was present and thanked the Board. He stated that the city is entirely grateful to the commissioners for the funding of the Old Town Sewer Project and added that this commitment will go a long way to help lower the final assessment cost. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that former City of Kirtland Mayor Tyler and Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, worked together on the original project design and provided for additional capacity for future expansion. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this has been a long process. The final public meeting will be held in the fall so they may begin the project by spring. Current Commissioner (and former City of Kirtland Mayor) Tyler stated that he is pleased that the next phase, which ties in the downtown Kirtland residential neighborhood, is beginning to move forward. Commissioner Plecnik explained that he experienced the same thing when he moved to Willoughby Hills and thanked Mayor Potter and former Mayor Tyler. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,412.43(20220623\BC01)(C-4)

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

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,298,868.23 (20220623\BC02)(C-17)

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

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20220623\BC03)(C-111)

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

14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220623\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Rothlisberger welcomed Commissioner Tyler and offered a tour of their facilities.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar also offered a welcome and a tour to Commissioner Tyler.

Commissioner Tyler thanked Ms. Casar and Mr. Rothlisberger and stated he would very much like a tour.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed Commissioner Tyler.

LEGAL – Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, welcomed Commissioner Tyler.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik stated that he would be attending many events this weekend. One of them is the Willoughby Fine Arts production of Alice in Danceland.

Sheriff Leonbruno thanked OhioMeansJobs for the video and stated how there is a hiring crisis in the County, the State and across the United States. He stated that they have had job postings which receive no applicants. Law enforcement officer testing has received no applications.

Prosecutor Charles Coulson reiterated what Sheriff Leonbruno spoke of and stated that he too has received no applications for job postings in his office. Mr. Coulson congratulated Commissioner Tyler and stated how he looks forward to working with him. Commissioner Tyler thanked Mr. Coulson, his staff, and Board of Elections Director Mr. Ross McDonald for their hard work to ensure he met all the statutory requirements to take office today. The Board expressed their continued support of all law enforcement.

Commissioner Plecnik stated that the Lake County Engineer’s Department will be hosting a job fair this Saturday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Blackbrook Road location.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville expressed his support of law enforcement.

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 fourth day of August, 2022.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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