

JULY 14, 2022

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER                      JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR  
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER                              LEGAL COUNSEL  
MARK A. TYLER, COMMISSIONER                              MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK    NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2022-0714)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: Tyler, 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:

**1.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE CHAPEL ROAD AND VROOMAN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$793,348.50 (20220714\E01)(E-3) (07.07.2022 TABLED)**

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

**2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR FAIRWAY PINES PHASE 3B SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(20220714\E02)(SD-436)**

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

**3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT (MICPA)AND OMNIA PARTNERS, AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE GARY L. KRON WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT 464-S-2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00(20220714\U01)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that utilizing the U.S. Communities Program has brought the Department a lot of success with their pricing on projects. He explained that this is a national contracting program that provides competitive bids from across the country. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,086,310.00 FOR FLARE AND BLOWER STATION PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION CONTRACT 3 FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY PROJECT NO. 429-L AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME(Bid Opening: August 10, 2022)(20220714\U02)(UT-8)**

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

**5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 403-S, ST. JAMES RELIEF SEWER(20220714\U03)(UT-2)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO POLYDYNE FOR ORGANIC POLYELECTROLYTES (POLYMER) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220714\U04)(UT-4)**

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

**7.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO CORE & MAIN LP FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (Exhibit A) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220714\U05)(UT-4)**

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

**8.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO WINWATER OF AKRON FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (Exhibit B) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220714\U06)(UT-4)**

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

**9.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO PIPELINE, INC. FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (Exhibit C) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220714\U07)(UT-4)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION AWARDING BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE COMPANY FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220714\U08)(UT-4)**

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

**11. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220714\U09)(UT-7)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,445.38 FOR SANITARY SEWERS AND \$14,532.32 FOR WATERLINES FOR FAIRWAY PINES PHASE 3B SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TWP. (JOB NOS. 20-17 and 20-18)(20220714\U10)(SD-436)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 22, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$473,947.99(20220714\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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

**14. RESOLUTION TO PLACE A RENEWAL TAX LEVY OF EIGHT-TENTHS (.80) 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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES(20220714\C01)(C-5)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Senior Services Coordinator, Mrs. Alyea Barajas, explained that the Senior Levy was first approved by voters in 1992 and is up for renewal every 5 years. The levy is currently 0.8 of a mill and brings in approximately \$4.5 million annually for senior services across the county. She reminded everyone that this is not a tax increase. Since its most recent passage in 2017, the Board has implemented several new programs with the support of area agencies. Mrs. Barajas listed several examples such as the ability to increase funding to Job & Family Services to provide a dedicated Adult Protective Services unit, the creation of the Volunteer Guardian Program with the help of Lifeline and the Probate Court, and also the non-medical in-home care program which is currently administered by the Lake County Council on Aging. Several other programs include Dial-a-Ride transportation through Laketrans to provide seniors with a ride to and from the senior centers and also providing additional funds to the Western Reserve Community Development Corporation to help older adults with needed home repairs. The programs listed are in addition to the many services already provided by the senior levy including home delivered and congregate meals, social work services, senior center operations, and volunteer opportunities to keep older adults engaged. She further added that in 2020, (when the pandemic began) many agencies worked very hard to adjust their services to be able to continue to meet the needs of older adults. It was out of this that the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry was created in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Foodbank, Laketrans, Lifeline and the Council on Aging. The pantry began by delivering fresh produce and shelf stable items to the homes of older adults and now more than two years later, they have been able to continue to operate this program distribute fresh produce boxes to 400 seniors each month at 4 different locations in the County. She reported that most recently, the Board of Commissioners was awarded a two-year federal grant to support local efforts to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and work to advance racial equity, create diverse and inclusive services and volunteer opportunities, and increase opportunities to achieve sustainable change in our community. All services provided through this grant will be geared toward supporting older adults. Commissioner Hamercheck commended Mrs. Barajas for the great information. He stated that she does a tremendous job being instrumental in creating so many programs for Lake County. Commissioner Tyler congratulated Mrs. Barajas on the successful Volunteer Services Senior event held yesterday. Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that this is not a tax increase and reiterated the very important services it provides the senior citizens of Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR MCKINLEY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Bid Opening: August 3, 2022)(20220714\C02)(C-107)**

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik stated that City of Willoughby Mayor Robert Fiala has asked for the Boards continued support of this much needed community service. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**16. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A PRE-CONTRACT CONFIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT FROM ACI PAYMENTS, INC. TO ALLOW NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACI TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES SERVICES TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT(20220714\C03)(C-40c)**

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

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**17. RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES OF ACTIVE MONIES FOR THE FOUR (4) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 23, 2022(20220714\C04)(C-18)**

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the Prosecutors office for being timely in preparing resolutions. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (LANDLORD) AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS (TENANT) FOR CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE(20220714\C05)(404g-1)**

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

**19.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,735,769.79(20220714\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**20.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$698,818.14(20220714\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**21.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20220714\BC03)(C111)**

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

**22.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20220714\BC04)(C-111)**

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

**23.RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20220714\BTAX)(C-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas and his staff for preparing the annual tax budget. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Commissioner Tyler thanked Mr. Rothlisberger and his staff for the tours of the facilities and complimented the staff for their experience and qualifications. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that there will be an Open House of the Madison Wastewater Treatment Facility in September.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – not present.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that Commissioner Tyler has expressed an interest in touring and speaking with various departments throughout the County. He stated that he will be visiting with Mr. Tim Miller Director of Stormwater Management and his team as well as going on a tour of the Lake County Executive Airport amongst others that he will be arranging. Mr. Boyd gave a brief update on the Safety Center. He stated that the consultants were in town this week and there was extensive dialogue with Sheriff Leonbruno and staff regarding their thoughts on commissary, movement of food and SWAT needs. Future visioning sessions will include discussions on mental health, substance abuse, intake and infirmity needs.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Plecnik stated that he feels there is a need for a worksession with the Prosecutor to discuss on staffing issues and future growth of the office among other topics.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Adam Litke from the Lake County General Health District thanked EMA Director, Mr. Joe Busher and his team for information on the upcoming Perry Nuclear Power Plant emergency drills that will be held.

Mr. Joey Tomsick, Director of Council on Aging, announced that there are tickets available for their upcoming event being held at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck. "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eleventh day of August, 2022.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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