

AUGUST 30, 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

(Tape 2022-0830)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. The Board presented President and CEO of United Way Lake County, Ms. Dione DiMitro, with a certificate celebrating the 100th Anniversary of United Way and with a certificate of congratulations on Ms. DiMitro's new position. Commissioner Plecnik read both in their entirety and Ms. DiMitro thanked the Board for the recognition. She invited everyone to attend the 2022 United Way Kick-Off on September 29, 2022.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive questioned item #8 on the agenda which includes an increase in appropriations of \$4 million dollars. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, addressed Mr. Massie explaining how this increase is necessary as the insurance claims are larger than in past years. He added that the County will be reimbursed by the insurance carrier.

Director of Workforce Development, Mr. Cory Vojack, was happy to announce the launch of the Opportunity Lake County website. He explained that the project has been a collaboration between local workforce, economic development, and education partners to develop an exciting new way for connecting the workforce to local opportunities right here in Lake County, Ohio. This website aims to become a talent attraction piece for Lake County and its employers providing links to education, housing, transportation, and careers in Lake County. The Opportunity Lake County website will be used as a hub that will link various partners like the Visitors Bureau, Lake Development Authority, and the Lake County MetroParks. Mr. Vojack stated that funding for the project was made possible with grant dollars and is focused on workforce outreach in our community. The website will also be used to highlight community workforce initiatives through news & event stories, local career success stories, employer spotlights, and links to our valued partner agencies. The Board thanked Mr. Vojack for all of his hard work, dedication and creativity.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO DEVELOP PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE FORD ROAD BRIDGE OVER TALCOTT CREEK IN MADISON TOWNSHIP FOR EXECUTION WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE(20220830\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, was present and explained that the Ford Road Bridge is quickly deteriorating and it is not safe to drive on. They bridge itself is slipping and the road is failing. He stated that unfortunately, there are no outside funds available for this project and it will cost approximately \$1 million to repair. He estimates the road and bridge will take 6 months at a minimum to repair. Mr. Gills apologized to the residents in the area and stressed how dangerous the bridge has become thus the decision to close the road. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 9 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,760.00 WITH DIAL ELECTRIC, LTD. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,862.74 FOR THE AQUARIUS RAW WATER GENERATOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 398-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20220830\U01)(UT-12)

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is the first of three electrical upgrades they will be doing and that it is part of the Capital Improvement Plan. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220830\U02)(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.

4.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES UNPAID SEWER SERVICE, WATER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20220830\U03)(UT-7)

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

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,105.53(20220830\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,473,139.41(20220830\BC01)(C-4)

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

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413,266.08(20220830\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.

8. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220830\BC03)(C-111)

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

9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20220830\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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, reported that the electronics recycling drop-off program at the landfill has been a huge success and how they are in the last few days of it for this year. He stated that they will be looking into the possibility of making it a year-round program next year if it is at all feasible.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, explained the Emergency Assistance Program (PRC) through JFS. She explained that this program assists with utility payments, shelter expenses, and transportation expenses. There is also a cash incentive payment available for eligible individuals who have started new employment and have worked for at least 90 days making at least \$220 per week. The services are only available to those families with minor children or pregnant women. She announced that to apply for PRC services, clients can visit Job and Family Services Offices at 177 Main St. Painesville or contact the office for an application at 440-350-4011. She also stated that JFS will be partnering with OMJ to host another hiring event. This event will be for the positions of Childcare and Adolescent leaders at their residential facilities. Anyone interested in scheduling an interview can call: 440-350-4000 choice #3.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 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. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, discussed his displeasure with how the Lakeland Board of Trustees conducted their meeting last night and provided details, and he announced that Prosecutor Coulson has not answered an email requesting a meeting to discuss his (Mr. Massie's) concerns of the Crime Lab Levy and Budget Commission. He also stated that, to date, Ms. Elfie Roman of Deepwood has not responded to his public records request.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Tyler seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighth day of September, 2022.

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