

DECEMBER 6, 2022

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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(Tape 2022-1206)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Tyler, Regovich 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 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 PAVEMENT MARKINGS - COUNTY ROADS – 2022 PROJECT WITH AMERICAN ROADWAY LOGISTICS DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$914.50, LCE PROJECT NO. 2022004(20221206\E01)(E-3)**

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

**2.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 5 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,621.20 WITH D. B. BENTLEY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,053.00 FOR THE ST. JAMES RELIEF SEWER PROJECT 403-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20221206\U01)(UT-12)**

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

**3.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 8 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,972.12 WITH TERRACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$213,379.70 FOR THE MANTLE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 407-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20221206\U02)(UT-12)**

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

**4.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595 S.O.M. CENTER WATERLINE PROJECT 424-W AND THE WATER OPERATING FUND(20221206\U03)(UT-2)**

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

**5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER, SEWER & SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUNDS(20221206\U04)(UT-2)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596 BELLE MEADOW SEWER PROJECT 428-S AND THE SEWER OPERATING FUND(20221206\U05)(UT-2)**

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

**7.RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SANITARY SEWERAGE, SOLID WASTE, AND WATER SUPPLY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20221206\U06)(UT-41)**

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

**8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS 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(20221206\C01)(C-107)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd explained that this is the tenth or eleventh project that has been eligible for ARPA funding. It has been fully vetted by Ms. Amanda Gordon. He also explained that the radios were purchased through the federal procurement process. Telecommunications Director, Mr. Paul Stefanko, thanked Mr. Boyd for all of his hard work and stated that this could not have been completed without his knowledge and dedication. He expressed how he went the extra mile to make this project happen. Mr. Stefanko explained that this resolution will allow for all radios under the Board of Commissioners responsibility to be replaced and referenced that the current radios are approximately 15 years old. Commissioner Regovich asked if all municipalities would need to replace their radios as well and Mr. Stefanko responded that they will. He stated that he recently met with the Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss their next step. The Board discussed with Mr. Stefanko and Sheriff Leonbruno encryption of the radio system. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2022(20221206\C02)(CT-8)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2023(20221206\C03)(C-107)**

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

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,008,778.84(20221206\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,064,786.10(20221206\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20221206\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20221206\BC04)(C-111)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20221206\BC05)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, was present and explained that the General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County and accounts for the financial resources except those to be accounted for in another fund per ORC restrictions. He stated that 2023 Projected Revenues are \$62,432,060 compared to the 2022 Projected Revenues of \$60,685,875; which is a Projected Revenue Increase of \$1,746,185 or 2.88% and that 2023 Projected Appropriations are \$62,384,009.09 in comparison to the 2022 Projected Appropriations of \$60,613,801.50. The Projected Appropriations Increase is \$1,770,207.59 or 2.92%. He explained that causes for the increase in Projected Revenues are the following; Projected sales tax increase based on current estimates and an increase in estimated interest earning. Health care costs continue to rise even though Lake County is doing better than other entities. Law enforcement represents our major expense category with medical care within the jail continuing to rise significantly each year. Judicial and Public Safety represent 65.93% of the proposed budget. The majority of the increases in comparison between 2023 and 2022 are increases in the Judicial and Public Safety Departments. He stated that the County's Elected Officials and Department Heads remain dedicated to the residents of Lake County to provide the best service possible with their current staff levels based on estimated resources. Mr. Matas thanked the Elected Officials and Department Heads and offered a special thanks to his staff for all of their hard work in preparing this temporary budget. He stated that the resolution pertaining to the 2023 temporary budget for the outside general fund should be prepared and ready to be placed on the agenda for December 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Tyler thanked Mr. Matas for being available day or evening for his questions regarding the agenda. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Matas for his exceptional effort in putting together the budget for 2023. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger announced a Career Fair in conjunction with Ohio Means Jobs. He stated that it will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon at the Rick Martin Training Center located on Blasé Nemeth Road. They will be focusing on Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment positions and applicants do not need to have experience.

ENGINEER: Commissioner Tyler asked if there were any updates on the Brightwood Dam Project. Mr. Gills responded that they are approximately 25% complete and most of the work is done for the year due to the weather. The project is moving along as planned.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Suzanne Casar, stated that they will be hosting an Open House for employers in conjunction with Ohio Means Jobs. She explained that this free service will allow potential employers to become educated in the services that Ohio Means Jobs can offer. This Open House will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Jobs and Family Services.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that he and most of the Board will be attending the annual CCAO conference beginning tomorrow. Mr. Rothlisberger, County Engineer Gills and many other department heads will be in attendance at this annual conference. He discussed that Lake County has always been ahead of many other counties throughout the State and that is something everyone is proud of.

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FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held next Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and that the newest Commissioners Meeting schedule will be placed on the website this afternoon.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Tyler seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Tyler , Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this fifteenth day of December, 2022.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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