

DECEMBER 15, 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 2022-1215)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 15, 2022.

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

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

Mr. Patrick Mohorcic, Director of Public Finance and Chief Financial Officer for the Lake Development Authority briefly spoke of the North Park Sediment Recycling Facility and how they received a check for \$63,000 for 2022 tipping fees. Kurtz Brothers Inc. operates the facility.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH NERONE AND SONS, INC. FOR ADAMS COURT, INDUSTRIAL PARK & MELRIDGE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO 415-S DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$91,622.00(20221215\U01)(UT-4)

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

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,098.19 FOR 33525 CURTIS BOULEVARD-BR LAND WATERLINE EXTENSION, JOB NO. 22-51 IN THE CITY OF EASTLAKE (20221215\U02)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is a public waterline that is being privately relocated. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20221215\U03)(UT-7)

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

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 23, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$679,156.10(20221215\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

5.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR THE 2023 DRAINAGE CHARGES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER, WATER, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT(20221215\C01)(UT-46)

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

6.RESOLUTION REMOVING DRAINAGE CHARGES OF THE LAKE COUNTY SEWER, WATER AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT(20221215\C02)(UT-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, 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 WILLOUGHBY FOR THE FINANCING OF THE MEADOWLANDS BASIN STORMWATER SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITHIN THE CORPORATION CREEK WATERSHED(20221215\C03)(UT-46a)

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

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF RETAINAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,987.59 WITH DAVIS DIGGERS, INC. AND ACCEPTING A ONE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,544.93 FOR THE PARADISE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT(20221215\C04)(UT-46a)

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

9. RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CHIEFS JOHN GIELINK OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MATTHEW A. BYERS OF THE MADISON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THREE YEAR TERMS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025(20221215\C05)(B-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Commissioner Tyler stated that both Chiefs are interested in being reappointed to the Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY 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(20221215\C06)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. 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 this project will restore and protect existing forests and wetlands, and improve water quality. City of Willoughby Mayor Bob Fiala, thanked the Board for the support and stressed the importance of water quality. He was excited to report that this project, once completed, will be part of an educational program with Lakeland Community College and the Andrews-Osborne School. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LAKE METROPARKS 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 FOR THE LAKE METROPARKS LAKEFRONT TRAIL PROJECT(20221215\C07)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Mr. Boyd explained that this is an exciting project that will activate the lakefront areas in the County. This project will run from Painesville Township Recreation Park to Fairport Harbor and will most likely be the longest lakefront MetroParks in the state. Mr. Boyd provided statistics of visitors to the MetroParks on an annual basis. Commissioner Regovich stated that Lake County is so lucky to have so much lakefront and waterfronts and he looks forward to the completion of this. He added that NOACA has also realized the benefits the lakefront can offer. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the MetroParks have always been and continue to be great partners in the community. He complimented all the staff and the rangers for their knowledge and professionalism. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH GRANULAR FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023(20221215\C08)(INS)

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

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES WITH FIRST STOP HEALTH LLC FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023(20221215\C09)(INS)

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

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,014,787.31 (20221215\BC01)(C-4)

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

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,965,498.64(20221215\BC02)(C-17)

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

16. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20221215\BC03)(C-111)

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

17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20221215\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger reported that effective February 1, 2023 and running through June, the online billing services will be suspended while the department upgrades their systems. All residents will receive paper bills through the mail until the upgrade is complete. Mr. Rothlisberger also stated that the recent Career Fair they had in conjunction with Ohio Means Jobs was a big success. He stated that they were expecting about 25 applicants but actually conducted 59 interviews. He thanked Commissioner Regovich for coming out to visit. Commissioner Regovich stated that he was very impressed on how well organized it was.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Suzanne Casar, also thanked Commissioner Regovich, OhioMeansJobs and the Department of Utilities.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd provided an update on the Classic Park ARPA Project reporting that it is running on time and on budget. He stated that they must stick to a very strict timeline and the project must be completed by the Captains Opening Day in April, 2023. He also reported on the Sheriff’s Range, stating that it is progressing nicely, with an expected opening by Spring, 2023. Burgess & Niple is in the process of working on the plans for the second building.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20th at 10:00 am and that the newest Commissioners Meeting schedule will be placed on the website this afternoon.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Tyler stated that he had the opportunity to visit Mentor Municipal Court Judge, John Trebets, to see how he runs the Mental Health and Drug Court. He also had the honor of presenting a special Commissioners certificate to Dr. Steven Baum who was named Lake Health University Hospital Physician of the Year. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that, even though Commissioner Tyler has only served a few months, he has made an impression. He was recognized by CCAO as extremely productive and very engaged. Commissioner Regovich stated that he also attended the CCAO Conference in Columbus. He explained that there were 31 new Commissioners elected throughout the State and that 21 were able to be in attendance. Commissioner Tyler explained that NOACA has approved two projects in Lake County and that Commissioner Hamercheck was voted in as President.

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 in Painesville spoke of the jail and its potential cost. He also spoke of the public records requests that he has made to various agencies that collect tax levies and discussed his findings and opinions. He also spoke of the changes in services that Laketrans has made. He questioned the Budget Commission and stated that he does not have confidence in them. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this Board has no control over levies collected by other agencies. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville expressed his support of law enforcement and a new jail but asked that the Board use taxpayer dollars wisely and that they be good stewards of the County money. He stated that seniors may be priced out of their homes due to taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:54 a.m. to discuss Real Estate-Pending Acquisition and Personnel-Collective Bargaining with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Tyler seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth day of December, 2022.

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