

JANUARY 26, 2023

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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(Tape 2023-0126)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023

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

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

Commissioner Hamercheck administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jared Spring as District Supervisor of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Soil and Water Director, Mr. Dan Donaldson, explained that Mr. Spring was publicly elected to serve this volunteer term which is recognized by the State of Ohio.

Commissioner Regovich introduced the following resolution from the table and made a motion to adopt:

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #20230112\C05, ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2023, TO INCREASE THE RATE OF THE SALES AND USE TAX BY ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR LAKE COUNTY, OHIO PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5739.026(A)(3) AND OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5741.023(20230126\C02)(C-107)**

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Regovich stated that he believes this is the right decision to make and that he has met with many people to explain and discuss the decision. He stated that his priority remains with the Board and safety of the citizens first. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Mr. Elliott Pilarczyk, Ms. Kathy McAdams of Concord, and Ms. Lyndsey Wall of Mentor stated that they appreciated the actions of the Board and thanked the Board for changing their minds to the proposed sales tax increase.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville asked the Board to find a way to get the Prosecutor and Sheriff what they need to keep the citizens safe.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he appreciated everyone's statements during these incredibly challenging times.

Mr. Frank Saponic stated that he wants to understand the diverse opinions of this Board, and also that he will be sending a public records request.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230126\U01)(UT-7)**

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

**2.RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE(20230126\C01)**

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

**3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$844,595.26(20230126\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,181,652.30(20230126\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230126\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN A GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20230126\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, presented a brief slideshow and explained how well the expansion project is progressing. He thanked Denis Yurkovich, Tim Gourley and Miller Brothers Construction for all the hard work they are putting into this project.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Suzanne Casar, was happy to announce that the in-person “Back to School Bash” will be back in 2023. She explained that this event helps 2,500 students and their families and they have between 25 and 30 agencies involved.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that he and Budget Director Matas continue to work on a \$100,000 ARPA application that will offer more flexible spending options.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the Regular Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday , February 2, 2023 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he attended the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) meeting this week and read a report from the meeting. He gave an update of the subjects discussed including radio encryption upgrades and the MARCS system. Commissioner Regovich praised the telecommunicators and the extremely hard work they are faced with day to day. Commissioner Plecnik wished Dale Fellows a happy birthday and invited all to attend a fundraiser for Ms. Janay Johnson at Revolution Pizza.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive thanked the Board for rescinding the proposed sales tax increase resolution. He mentioned two subjects his group is looking into and will keep the Board updated as information is received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Collective Bargaining with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:44 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this ninth day of February, 2023.

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