

FEBRUARY 2, 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 2023-0202)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Thursday, February 2, 2023

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

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

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, on behalf of Lobbyists for Citizens updated the Board on his group’s findings regarding biosolids use in Lake County. He thanked Soil and Water Director, Mr. Dan Donaldson and Mr. Tim Gourley, Landfill Director for the explanations that Lake County does not use biosolids as fertilizer. Mr. Adam Litke from the General Health District was also present and stated that no biosolids are used in Lake County whatsoever.

Mr. Brian White of Painesville, asked the Board to consider having at least one evening Commissioners Meeting per month, was glad that the Commissioners rescinded the tax increase and asked why it was not on the Ballot. He also asked why the public can only see the title of each resolution.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230202\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. The Board stated how grateful they were to the leaders in lake County not only in the month of February but always. The work they do with community outreach, faith and charity work is immeasurable. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE PROJECT FUND 597(20230202\U01)(UT-2)**

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

**3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 456-S DODD/CHIMNEY RIDGE/SUNSHINE ACRES FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS(20230202\U02)(UT-2)**

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

**4.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 596 AND SEWER OPERATING FUND(20230202\U03)(UT-2)**

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

**5.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 596 AND SEWER OPERATING FUND(20230202\U04)(UT-2)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUND 595 AND WATER OPERATING FUND(20230202\U05)(UT-2)**

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

**7.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUND 595 AND WATER OPERATING FUND(20230202\U06)(UT-2)**

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

**8.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUND 595 AND WATER OPERATING FUND(20230202\U07)(UT-2)**

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

**9.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE- YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,231.74 FOR 5921 SHANDLE BOULEVARD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION JOB NO. 22-30 IN THE CITY OF MENTOR(20230202\U08)(UT-12)**

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

**10.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20230202\U09)(UT-2)**

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

**11 RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 10, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,519.51(20230202\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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

**12 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$571,462.48(20230202\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**13 RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,547.59(20230202\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**14.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230202\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**15.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230202\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that he is working with the Lake Development Authority and County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, regarding a Transportation Improvement District (TID) and the need for the creation of a Board to oversee any funding opportunities and projects. He also stated that the Finance Department is in the process of confirming the Budget Hearings for this year. They are due to begin the second week of February.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that once the Budget Hearings are confirmed, the dates will be posted on the website and that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday , February 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich stated that he had the opportunity to present Concord Township Trustees, Amy Lucci and Carl Dondorfer, with certificates in honor of them completing the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy (OTALA). The course takes approximately one year to complete. He also met with Mr. Wally Siegel of Perry who took the time to take him on a tour and educate him on Perry, its offerings and needs. Commissioner Plecnik thanked LakeTran and the Lake County NAACP for working together to reserve the front seat of LakeTran' s buses through February 4<sup>th</sup> to honor the memory and hard work of civil rights icon Rosa Parks. Commissioner Hamercheck gave an update on yesterday's (Wednesday) OneOhio Region 13 Governance Board Meeting. Topics discussed at the meeting were proposed by-laws and their adoption as well as the election of officers. Also discussed were grant policies and procedures and project advancement. The website is: <https://www.oneohiofoundation.com/> for those wanting more information on this Board. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the first budget hearings are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon and 1:00 p.m. and that this year's budget hearings will be livestreamed. Once they are confirmed, a link for viewing will be posted onto the Commissioner's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville spoke of his concern for seniors.

Betsy Phillips of Kirtland, reiterated Mr. White's statements from the first public portion. Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, responded to Ms. Phillips and Mr. White's inquiry regarding not being able to see the resolution in its entirety. Ms. Bell stated that for the past 5 years, the agenda and all resolutions have been posted to the Commissioners website, along with just the agenda afternoons before the meetings. Commissioner Hamercheck

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addressed the interest in evening meetings by explaining that this was under consideration prior to COVID-19 and there are several issues that need to be considered including keeping the building open after-hours and security.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive updated the Board on his additional findings regarding the Budget Commission. He thanked Auditor Galloway for taking the time to speak with him. Prosecutor Coulson was present and gave a detailed report on the Budget Commission including what they do and do not have authority over and how they are “watchdogs” of certain levy funds to make sure that they are being applied properly. Mr. Coulson also assured the public that all levies have been approved by the vote of the people of Lake County. Auditor Galloway was also present and stated that Mr. Coulson’s explanation was accurate. He also spoke of the goals of the State Auditor’s Association and provided details on several other topics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss Legal-Pending Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:54 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this ninth day of February, 2023.

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