

DECEMBER 29, 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 2022-1229)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, December 29, 2022.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2022 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville discussed the proposed sales tax increase. Several statements made were that he agrees that a new jail is necessary, he feels this should go to a vote of the people, Commissioner Plecnik should have the opportunity to vote on this increase and the people of the County deserve to hear his opinion. Commissioner Tyler stated to Mr. Massie that his vote on this issue counts as much as any other Commissioner.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,565.98 FOR A WATERLINE FOR THE TAFT COMMONS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF EASTLAKE (JOB NO. 21-71) (20221229\U01)(UT-12)**

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20221229\U02)(UT-7)**

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.

**3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE RESEA SERVICES AT OHIO MEANS JOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,140.50 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023(20221229\JFS01)(JFS-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, explained that this contract pertains to reemployment services and she introduced Mr. Cory Vojack to explain further. Mr. Vojack stated that this is a federal program that provides Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment services. 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 JANUARY 6, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,260.58(20221229\JFS02)(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 AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH METLIFE FOR DENTAL, BASIC LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL GROUP, AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, FOR LAKE COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES(20221229\C01)(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.

**6.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE BRIGHTWOOD LAKE DAM REMOVAL AND KELLOGG CREEK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,135.00, BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO EPA(20221229\C02)(UT-46)**

On a motion by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Stormwater Manager, Mr. Tim Miller explained that they applied for and were successful in obtaining this additional grant for the Brightwood Lake Dam Removal Project. He anticipates the stream to be fully restored by Spring, 2023. Commissioner Tyler complimented Mr. Miller on the work that his department has done so far. He stated that he and County Administrator, Mr. Boyd had the opportunity to walk the area and he looks forward to seeing it completed. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7.RESOLUTION 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**

**\*\*(12/29/2022 TABLED and to be reconsidered on January 12, 2023)\*\***

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, to table this resolution. The foregoing resolution was tabled with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Tyler and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.  
**8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,261,053.92 (20221229\BC01)(C-4)**

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 APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$429,089.36(20221229\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.

**10. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20221229\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.

**11.RESOLUTION FOR CASH ADVANCES AND TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20221229\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger thanked Commissioner Tyler for his time with the County. He stated that Commissioner Tyler has made quite an impact on the County in the six months he has been Commissioner and that he hopes to work with him again in the future. Mr. Matthew Armand, Lake County Department of Utilities Director of Administration, on behalf of the Lake County Department of Utilities, offered deepest gratitude to Commissioner Tyler for all his hard work and dedication.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Suzanne Casar, thanked Commissioner Tyler for his professionalism and kindness and stated that she hopes to have the opportunity to work with him again in the future.

Ms. Casar thanked all the businesses, individuals, organizations, churches and employees for shopping for the children in the custody of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services, explaining that they gave these children the opportunity to enjoy gifts under the tree this Christmas.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd, on behalf of the Commissioners staff thanked Commissioner Tyler for bringing his sense of humor, lightheartedness and vast knowledge to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

Mr. Boyd thanked Mr. Mark Iafelice and the Buildings and Grounds Department for their exceptional work during last week's weather incident. He also thanked the Sheriff's Department and Telecomm as well as all the other departments that provided services.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, thanked Commissioner Tyler for his service with the Commissioner's Office. She stated that the Commissioners Organizational Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 10:00 am and that the regular Commissioners Meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 2:00 pm. The County offices will be closed Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day.

LEGAL – Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, stated that it has been an honor to work with Commissioner Tyler.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck presented Commissioner Tyler with a special certificate in honor of his time with the Commissioners Office. Commissioner Hamercheck read the certificate in its entirety and stated that he served an entire term in the six short months he has been a Commissioner. He also stated that Commissioner Tyler has a true servant's heart. Commissioner Regovich thanked Commissioner Tyler and stated that he will miss his counsel, listening and advice.

Commissioner Tyler thanked everyone for their kind words and expressed how much he has enjoyed serving the public. He stated that he is looking forward to planning a trip with his wife, Sandy in the very near future.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

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

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville expressed his support of law enforcement and stressed that the County must find a way to provide law enforcement with what they need. He wished Commissioner Tyler well in the future and complimented him for the hard work he has done over the last few months.

Mr. Joe Rinella of 10267 Cherry Hill Drive in Concord, stated that he had the opportunity to work with Commissioner Tyler at Lubrizol. He wished him well and thanked him for all he has done for Lake County.

Sheriff Leonbruno thanked Commissioner Tyler for the phenomenal job he has done and on behalf of his department, and thanked him for his interest in what the Sheriff's Department has to offer.

Sheriff Leonbruno addressed several disparaging remarks that were recently made by the public.

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Mr. Michael Paul of Mentor stated that law enforcement has 110% support from the Croatian community and urged everyone to come together.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Tyler seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Tyler, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-sixth day of February, 2023.

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