

MARCH 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 2023-0302)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck were present. Commissioner Hamercheck asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Juvenile Court Judge Karen Lawson. Commissioner Plecnik shared that Judge Lawson was a Cleveland State Law School graduate and our first female Juvenile Court Judge. Commissioner Regovich shared that Judge Lawson introduced him into politics and that he learned a lot while working on her campaign. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that she was a true public servant and briefly discussed the many programs she started.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Lake County Treasurer, Michael Zuren, was present to update the Board on first half property tax collection stating that this year's collection exceeded 2022 numbers and that they collected \$7 million more than last year. He added that there has been a couple new or increased levies and construction. Treasurer Zuren stated that his office has made it easier for residents to pay as they can now pay online or use a QR code in addition to the traditional methods. He shared some of the highlights of the educational series he has been doing. Commissioner Regovich thanked the Treasurer and his staff for taking the scary out of the unknown.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH (20230302\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. The Commissioners recognized the month of March as Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This year's theme is *Uniquely Me in 2023*. Ms. Elfie Roman, Superintendent of Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, was present and explained that the mission of the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood is to Empower individuals with developmental disabilities, Enrich the quality of their lives by providing support, advocacy, grants, and resources, and Promote community awareness. She introduced Larry, a participant, who embodies this year's theme. She explained his background and introduced his caregivers and those involved in assisting him. She stated that Larry is a young man who is physically disabled and unable to communicate through typical means. He perseveres and always has an extremely positive outlook. He used a communication device to tell his story, one that he primarily wrote. Also in attendance was his mother, Samantha, his Service and Support Administrator (SSA) and his Provider. Larry read a statement, through his computer aided device, of how this device has changed his life. This device allows him to completely communicate his thoughts, feelings and needs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM(20230302\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills was present and explained that this program allows for them to move forward on small projects without having to go out to bid. The state program has pre-bid and prequalified the participants. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 5 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,358.12 WITH TERRACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2022 LARGE METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT 455-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230302\U01)(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.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS (Open Requests for Proposal on March 22, 2023)(20230302\U02)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that due to the overwhelming response they have received in the past few years, they will be modifying the Special Collections this year. In order to give residents more of an opportunity to recycle, they will be able to drop off items at the Landfill from 7:30 am -3:30 pm Monday - Friday and from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays (excluding holidays) from June through August. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION TO DELETE A SEWER SUM AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20230302\U03)(UT-7)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20230302\U04)(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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 10, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,976.46(20230302\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.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH COOPERATIVE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND EQUALIS GROUP THROUGH THE CCAO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR ROOF LAYOVER FOR THE CENTER SECTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT BUILDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$459,639.00 (20230302\C01)(C-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Mr. Mark Iafelice, explained that utilizing the U.S. Communities Program has brought the Department a lot of success with their pricing on projects. He explained that this is a national contracting program that provides competitive bids from across the country. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2022 AND PRIOR YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20230302\C02)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Ms. Benton for her hard work. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10.RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL RICE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE LAKE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 21, 2025(20230302\C03)(C-43)

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$814,637.03(20230302\BC01)(C-4)

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 PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,258.54(20230302\BC02)(C-17)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230302\BC03)(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.

14.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230302\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that Judge Lawson was the ultimate advocate for children in need and she will be deeply missed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that the budget hearings have been completed and Budget Director Matas will need a couple weeks to review. The Budget will be completed by the end of the month. Mr. Boyd complimented Telecommunications Director, Mr. Paul Stefanko, and Building and Grounds Superintendent, Mr. Mark Iafelice for all of their behind the scenes work.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

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NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik announced that this year is the 20th anniversary of the Ice Wine Festival and that our wine region is unmatched.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the budget of the Probate Court is in good shape as is the General Division and the Juvenile Courts.

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

No one present wished to address the Board.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of March, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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