

JANUARY 5, 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 2023-0105)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 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. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville asked how decisions are made regarding where cases are heard. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, responded that municipal courts do not handle felony cases, and he briefly explained the process for the transferring of cases and court assignments.

The following people voiced their opposition to the proposed sales tax increase:

Mr. Matt Rhodes of Concord, as the Lake County representative of the "Men of Honor" group and Mr. Josh Pollock of Painesville Township. Commissioner Hamercheck addressed Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, asking whether other political subdivisions (i.e.: Metroparks, Deepwood, etc.) have any legal authority to transfer monies from their collected levied funds into the General Fund. Mr. Hackman responded that there is a specific use for levies that is to be used by the collecting agency only. Commissioner Hamercheck also confirmed and Mr. Hackman stated it was correct that the Board of Commissioners has no authority to take funds from these subdivisions. He stated that it seems to be a growing misconception of the residents and some elected officials that this can be done which it cannot. Commissioner Hamercheck invited Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Pollock to meet after the meeting if they are interested.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. 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(20221229\C03)(C-107)

**** (12/29/2022 TABLED FOR RECONSIDERATION ON 01/12/2023) ****

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20230105\C01)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. David Radachy, was present and explained that funds were received from HUD and all public hearings were held. They will be funding 29 projects utilizing \$1.9 million. This resolution will permit CDBG to begin signing all agreements and he added that all projects must be completed by September 29, 2023. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,381,347.70(20230105\BC01)(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.

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230105\BC02)(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.

5. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230105\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd welcomed Commissioner Plecnik back.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathleen Russo, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich also welcomed Commissioner Plecnik back and looks forward to working with him. Commissioner Hamercheck also welcomed Commissioner Plecnik back.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Michael Paul of Mentor stated that he supports the Sheriff’s Department and voiced his opinions on elected officials supporting many non-profits and how he would like to see more of them supporting the Sheriff and all law enforcement agencies.

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 stated that he agrees with all of Mr. Paul’s statements in that more elected officials and department heads should make their support of law enforcement known to the residents of the County. He wished Commissioner Plecnik well in the future. He complimented him for his hard work.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixth day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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