

APRIL 20, 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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CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 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 introduced Mr. Patrick Stitts who serves as the Public Service Coordinator for Lake County Department of Utilities. Mr. Stitts explained that in conjunction with the Lake County Solid Waste District and the Ohio State Extension, Clean & Green Art contest has been going on for approximately 25 years with amazing artwork being submitted every year. This year there were 535 participants from 12 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, and 7 high schools in the county. The art contest is an annual event to help encourage participation in Clean & Green Lake County which is celebrated From Earth Day, April 22 to May 31, 2023, encouraging the public to help clean and green their communities through recycling and anti-litter themed education. This year's winners were Nolan Hartmann, 5th grade, Parkside Elementary in the elementary division, Astrud Hinde, 6th grade, Wickliffe Middle School in the middle school division and the High School and Overall Winner is Sara Hussain, Grade 12, South High School. The Commissioners congratulated all the winners and assisted Sara in hanging her artwork in Chambers.

Clerk of Court, Ms. Faith Andrews, was present to share a letter she received complimenting one of her employees, Charity Stein, for her kindness and going above and beyond to assist a gentleman that was having a bad day. The letter also included a thanks to her for her support of the COPS Grant program.

Mr. Brian Massie, on behalf of concerned resident, Mr. John Rosa, shared Mr. Rosa's frustration with a building inspection issue from the previous owner of his home.

Mr. John Marra, Mayor of Timberlake Village, shared several ideas he had pertaining to the jail project. He also questioned how NOACA makes its decisions on funding and detailed the hardship his small community experiences when trying to obtain NOACA funds. The Board, County Engineer Mr. James Gills, and Mr. Marra continued to discuss several topics including more details about NOACA.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, thanked County Administrator, Mr. Boyd and Budget Director, Mr. Matas for the information they provided during the recent work session. Mr. Weiss discussed his work experience that involved large scale projects and bid openings.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 15 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023, CLEAN AND GREEN LAKE COUNTY (20230420\F01)(C-126)

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.

2.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230420\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. David Radachy, was present and explained that this year is the 55th Anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act; commonly referred to as the Fair Housing Act of 1968. He stated that it is an important goal of our government to eliminate housing discrimination and assure the rights of every citizen to buy, rent, and sell housing, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, familial status, national origin or disability. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE WEST END SERVICE CENTER FUEL STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT 469-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230420\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this resolution will allow his department to enter into an agreement to prepare specifications and bid documents. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TO SEWER PROJECT FUND 370-S SEWER CAPACITY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE DEVELOPMENT-CMOM(20230420\U02)(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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230420\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 SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR VIEWING AND THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF HAZEL DRIVE CUL-DE-SAC IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (Viewing: Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. - Hearing: Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chamber)(20230420\C01)(C-79)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. David Radachy, stated that this resolution sets the date for viewing the proposed partial road vacation. He explained that the residents of Hazel Drive submitted a petition for the vacation of an undeveloped portion of Hazel Drive. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION–NON-DEPUTIZED DISPATCHER SERGEANTS AND NON-DEPUTIZED DISPATCHER LIEUTENANTS, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2026(20230420\C02)(301c)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik, thanked everyone involved in the contract negotiations. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION–NON-DEPUTIZED DISPATCHERS EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2026 (20230420\C03)(301c)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2026 (20230420\C04)(301c)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. DEPUTIZED DEPUTY SHERIFFS, COURT OFFICERS, AND COURT OFFICER CORPORALS, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2026 (20230420\C05)(301c)

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 \$2,678,871.92(20230420\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 \$882,101.86 (20230420\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 AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230420\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 AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230420\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—Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that they have recently noticed a record setting uptick in packaging arriving at the landfill. He reminded all Lake County residents to do their best to reduce, reuse and recycle as often as possible.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, reminded everyone of the upcoming hiring event they are hosting on April 25th for social services workers. She stated that there are still some open time slots for interviews. Anyone interested may call to set up an interview at: 440-350-4000 #3.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd gave a detailed update on the necessary next steps relating to finances, debt structure, bond rating, debt service, etc. to proceed with the jail project.

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FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

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 stated that he supports law enforcement. Mr. John Marra discussed with the Board and Mr. Boyd his thoughts on the jail project and roads and bridges.

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

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

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

Minutes approved this fourth day of May, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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