

APRIL 27, 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 2023-0427)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 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.

Commissioner Hamercheck presented a special certificate in honor of the late Carol Anne Grier and read it in its entirety. He stated that she was a beloved elementary school teacher at Buckeye Elementary School in the Riverside School District. In attendance to honor Ms. Grier were her husband, daughter and teacher Abby Plassard. They spoke of how kind and caring she was and how she always referred to her students as her kids. Ms. Ellen Foley Kessler was also in attendance and spoke of Ms. Grier's gentle nature.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2023, AS WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20230427\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck read the resolution in its entirety. OSHA Area Director, Howard Eberts, was present and on behalf of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), he thanked the Board for their support and recognition of Workers Memorial Day (April 28, 2023). Commissioner Plecnik stated that the unions continue to fight against 24-hour work days. Commissioner Regovich spoke on his experience with Local level changes, noting that when he was Mayor in the City of Willowick, it became a requirement that all roofers begin wearing harnesses. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that everyone should continue to remember workers who have lost their lives on the job, or experienced workplace injuries and illnesses. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO AMERICAN ROADWAY LOGISTICS FOR THE COUNTY ROADS PAVEMENT MARKINGS – 2023 PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,966.25(20230427\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, stated that this resolution is part of their annual road striping program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2023, LCE Project No. 2023- 011 (Bid Opening May 17, 2023)(20230427\E02)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Gills explained that this is an annual bid and if the bids come in high, they have the option to purchase the salt from ODOT. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$911,705.00 FOR E. 357TH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 459-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: May 24, 2023)(20230427\U01)(UT-8)

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.

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, GRACE COURT SANITARY LINING PROJECT 462-S-2023(20230427\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.

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MAY 5, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,351.11(20230427\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.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONCORD TOWNSHIP FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR AUBURN ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT (STONEWYCK TO RAVENNA)(20230427\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this and the following two resolutions fall within the guidelines of ARPA Funding and that these projects are eligible. All have been fully vetted internally by bond counsel, Ms. Amanda Gordon. Concord Township

Administrator, Mr. Andy Rose thanked the Board. President of the Township Association, and Concord Trustee, Mr. Morgan McIntosh thanked the Board for their cooperation with these projects.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONCORD TOWNSHIP FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR GIRDLED ROAD WEST WATERLINE PROJECT(20230427\C02)(C-107)

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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MADISON TOWNSHIP FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR ROUTE 20 SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT (20230427\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Township Administrator, Mr. Tim Brown, thanked the Board for this investment and stated that these improvements are setting up the township for further growth in business. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Madison Township was the first entity to submit a solid project and thanked the townships for their patience as the County worked its way through the approval process. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPOINTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS EFFECTIVE May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2025(20230427\C03)(695-a)

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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,510,764.86(20230427\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.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,659,414.66(20230427\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.

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230427\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.

14. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY ARPA (20230427\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.

15. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT(20230427\BC05)(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.

16. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAKE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS ARPA(20230427\BC06)(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- Ms. Suzanne Casar, Director of Job and Family Services explained to the Board that the month of May is Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month. Through funds provided by the State to educate the public on this issue, Job and Family Services has purchase use of a billboard located at Routes 2 and 20.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd gave an update on the Sheriff's Range, stating that Phase 1 is nearing its completion. He stated that there was a bid opening for the Sheriff's Office Tactical Garage yesterday and two bids were received for this project. Burgess and Niple will review the bids for their completion.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER- Mr. Gills stated that at a recent bid opening for a bridge project, no bids were received. He explained that speaking with several contractors, they responded that the engineer’s estimates were too low for the contractors to be able to bid. He stated that he was able to obtain Federal funding with an 80/20 for one of the projects and that his office is preparing the paperwork to rebid the project.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he attended the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday and provided an update. He reviewed how they provide guidance and strategic direction for public safety-first responders and their communications initiatives. He gave an update of the subjects discussed including software updates, radio upgrades and additional subscriber units to the MARCS system.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive, asked for clarification on the jail model that is being planned. He stated that he was under the impression that the rehabilitation model was a state mandate but has found that only certain rehab standards need to be met with the state mandated incarceration model. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that the most recent review of the jail costs was an ‘all in’ cost which would include custodial areas, offices, flex space, incarceration and rehabilitation areas just to name a few. The Board discussed with Mr. Massie current issues with the jail. Commissioner Regovich an issue with the very small medical space the nurses must work in. Commissioner Hamercheck agreed with the problems the jail nurses experience and added that at times they also use hallways to provide medical care. He also detailed some laundry and cafeteria issues that are also present. Mr. Massie then announced that must spearheading a grass roots effort against public schools under Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.321; Pandering Obscenities to Minors.

Lori Bobbin of Madison expressed her safety concerns regarding the road closures of Ford, Paine, Williams and the impending closure of Blair. County Engineer Gills stated that once the schools let out for the summer, he will be closing Blair. He explained that Paine is in the final planning stages and could go out to bid and be under construction by the fall. Ford is in the preliminary planning stages and could potentially be ready for construction by late fall.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, stated that for 17 years he has tried to have the flooding issues near his home addressed but has been unsuccessful. He expressed his frustration that the only answer he continues to receive is that “it is being worked on”. Mr. Boyd stated that Stormwater Director, Mr. Tim Miller, will be attending a meeting to discuss this project and that he (Mr. Boyd) will reach out to Mr. Muzik to discuss the outcome once he speaks with Mr. Miller.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy asked the Commissioners to make some decisions on several outstanding issues that they continue to discuss.

Ms. Tammy Gabor of Madison, expressed her frustration with the Board regarding the road closures.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11: 27 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich 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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