

MAY 4, 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 2023-0504)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 30, 2023, February 23, 2023, April 6, 2023, April 20, 2023 and April 27, 2023, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Lake County Visitors Bureau Executive Director, Mr. Neil Stein, was present and thanked the Board for their consideration of resolution #12 and apologized for having to leave the meeting before its consideration. He explained the details of the Arts and Culture Grant Program and the Signature Events Program and its success. He stated that more than 500,000 people attend events all across Lake County. Mr. Stein introduced Ms. Shannon Barnhill from the Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras Committee. Ms. Barnhill thanked the Board for their time this morning and stated that for 81 years the Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras has been a very popular event. She explained that the Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras Committee is comprised of all volunteers and this year they only have 12 full-time volunteers. She discussed the cost increases of safety and fireworks and described the difficult time they have had finding an amusement ride company for the event. She also stated that she fears this may be the last year the Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras will take place and thanked the Board for the monetary support in past years.

Ms. Mary Ellen Abel of Painesville Township, thanked the Board for adopting a workers safety resolution last week and discussed the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), explaining that the organization helps to reduce deaths, injuries, and illnesses in the nation's mines through a variety of activities and programs. This includes the salt mines within Lake County. She asked that they be included in the resolution.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville Township, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for helping to facilitate 2 meetings for him.

Commissioner Hamercheck welcomed the Government students from Fairport Harbor High School who were present to observe today's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230504\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the ADAMHS Board and briefly discussed mental health issues that first responders experience. Commissioner Regovich stated that the last few years have been very hard on a lot of people and he hopes that people will continue to be willing to get the help they need. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the work Ms. Fraser and her staff at ADAMHS does is helping break the stigma. Executive Director of ADAMHS thanked the Board for this recognition to help raise awareness. She stated that mental health issues are as treatable as diabetes and high blood pressure. Ms. Fraser provided their 24-hour Compass crisis line for anyone needing assistance. The number is 440-350-2000. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 FOSTER PARENT RECOGNITION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230504\F02)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support in recognizing May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month. She explained how extremely important foster parents are to children and how they provide a safe environment for these children in the community. Ms. Casar introduced Mr. Gene Tetrick, supervisor of Job and Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Team. He stated that currently there are 46 foster homes taking care of the children in need. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked all the individuals that have become foster parents and applauded the difference they make in the lives of these vulnerable children. Commissioner Regovich shared that he has friends that were foster parents and they adopted all three of the children they fostered. Commissioner Plecnik stated that foster families are saints. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE LPA AGREEMENT INCREASING THE ODOT ELIGIBLE COST UP TO \$470,000.00 FOR THE LAK-BOOTH ROAD (CR535-0.24) BRIDGE RE-BID PROJECT IN THE CITY OF KIRTLAND, OHIO; FEDERAL PROJECT NO. E230160; PID NO. 117512; LCE PROJECT NO. 2022-018(20230504\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. Gills reminded the Board that last week he explained that at the bid opening for this bridge project, no bids were received. He explained that after speaking with several contractors, they responded that the engineer's estimates were too low for the contractors to be able to bid. He also stated that he was able to obtain Federal funding with an 80/20 and

that the project is ready for rebid. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, VINE STREET WATERLINE-WILLOWICK DRIVE TO S.R. 91 PROJECT 447-W-2021(20230504\U01)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,300,000.00 FOR ARCOLA CREEK/BENNETT ROAD SANITARY IMPROVEMENT, PHASE I PROJECT NO 454-S, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING June 7, 2023)(20230504\U02)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,824.78 FOR PINECREST ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 22-60) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AND AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. 307.73(20230504\U03)(UT-9)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230504\U04)(UT-7)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Hamercheck explained to the Fairport students that this resolution is placing delinquent water and sewer bills onto the homeowners taxes. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S)(20230504\C01)(C-73)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that this is an annual resolution that allows the County to receive two smaller community grants to assist with community events and energy efficiency. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**9.RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY OF THE INTENT TO AMEND THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ADD THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY(20230504\C02)(CT-17)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Narcotics Board has been discussing this addition for several years. Commissioner Regovich stated that he currently serves on the Narcotics Board and that this year there are six police chiefs set to retire. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the intuitional knowledge a Police Chief has is immeasurable. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK 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 EAST 327TH STREET SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE II PROJECT(20230504\C03)(C-107)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Regovich explained that there was a 2014 sewer rehabilitation study performed and these funds will allow the City of Willowick to address the inflow and infiltration issues. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT 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 WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT(20230504\C04)(C-107)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Boyd explained that this resolution and #10 and #12 resolutions fall within the guidelines of ARPA Funding and that these projects are ARPA eligible. All have been fully vetted internally by bond counsel, Ms. Amanda Gordon. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAKE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU 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(20230504\C05)(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.

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**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,586,402.19(20230504\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.

**14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$926,918.49(20230504\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.

**15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230504\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.

**16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230504\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- Ms. Suzanne Casar, Director of Job and Family Services, on behalf of Workforce Development Director, Mr. Cory Vojack, read a statement explaining that this week is "In Demand Jobs Week" in the State of Ohio and she listed the events that are being hosted every day this week.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd reminded everyone and County employees that the City of Painesville will be closing several roads including North Park Place on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM due to the Cinco de Mayo celebration being hosted on the square in collaboration with HOLA.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and reminded the Board of the public viewing of Hazel Drive before next week's meeting in consideration of the proposed vacation.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik stated that today is the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of National Day of Prayer. Commissioner Hamercheck mentioned the Kent State University shooting which occurred May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1970 in which 4 students were killed.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck briefly explained to the students of Fairport Harbor what the purpose of the OneOhio Region 13 Committee is and that it was created at the direction of Ohio's state and local leaders to oversee funds that the state will receive from the pharmaceutical industry as a result of the opioid epidemic. He acknowledged and thanked ADAMHS Executive Director, Ms. Kim Fraser, for her invaluable knowledge throughout the Opioid trial.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, on behalf of Lobbyists for Citizens, thanked Chief Adult Probation Officer, Mr. Craig Berry, for notifying him of the Corrections Board meeting held yesterday morning. He stated that he was pleased to see several Common Pleas Judges in attendance and that it was great to hear Judges Culotta and O'Donnell speak on several issues. He then went on to discuss his confusion regarding the size of the proposed new jail and a lengthy report prepared by Mr. Berry. He gave several statistics and questioned the proposed size of the jail. Sheriff Leonbruno addressed Mr. Massie's comments by explaining in detail the statistics Mr. Massie had left out of his statements.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11: 02 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighteenth day of May, 2023.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK