

MAY 11, 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 2023-0511)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Thursday, May 11, 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. Senior Services Director, Mrs. Alyea Barajas, was present to provide information on a new senior program entitled "Are You OK". She explained that this new program for seniors is scheduled to launch in early July and will be housed with 211 at Lifeline, Inc. She stated that they are thankful to the Cleveland Federal Community Leadership Institute (CFCLI) for choosing senior services in Lake County as their community service project area, and to Lifeline, for their continued partnership. Mrs. Barajas explained that the mission of the CFCLI is to identify and develop leaders who are committed to advancing greater cooperation among Federal agencies and strengthening community partnerships. She thanked the CFCLI team: Ms. Suzanne Trocha from the U.S. Department of Defense, Mr. Bryan Traband from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Nick Naugle, also from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Mr. Mike Power of the United States Coast Guard. She introduced Mr. Traband and Mr. Naugle to speak a bit on the program. They thanked Mrs. Barajas and Mrs. Kane for working so hard to assist them with this program.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, referred to items # 13-15 pertaining to LakeTran Board reappointments. He stated that he would like the LakeTran Board to rescind the sales tax increase of 2019 and gave his reasons for this request. He stated that if they rescinded this increase, it would give the Board an opportunity to fund the jail and he explained his reasoning.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS 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 (Bid Opening: June 21, 2023)(20230511\U01)(E-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.

2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, TALL TREE BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 414-W-2018(20230511\U01)(UT-2)

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.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT AND SERVICE TRANSFER SEABORN TO VINE STREET PROJECT 466-W-2023(20230511\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.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, NEW ARMOR STONE REVETMENT AT BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT 473-W-2023(20230511\U03)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this will provide shore protection due to additional erosion over the past five years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$404,500.00 FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK SANITARY SEWER CONTRACT 2 PROJECT NO. 415-S, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: June 7, 2023)(20230511\U04)(UT-8)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS WATER AND WASTEWATER CHEMICALS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230511\U05)(UT-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.

7.RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON MARCH 15, 2023 FOR CHLORINE AND SODIUM BISULFITE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230511\U06)(UT-8)

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.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR THE AQUARIUS WATER TREATMENT PLANT TRANSMISSION MAIN STUDY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230511\U07)(UT-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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH KS ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE NEW ARMOR STONE REVETMENT AT THE BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT 473-W-2023 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230511\U08)(UT-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.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH EUTHENICS, INC. FOR THE LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT AND SERVICE TRANSFER PROJECT 466-W-2023-SEABORN TO VINE STREET FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230511\U09)(UT-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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MAY 19, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,021.04(20230511\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 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(20230511\C01)(C-46)

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 REAPPOINTING BRIAN FALKOWSKI TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MAY 15, 2026(20230511\C02)(B-37)

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 REAPPOINTING LANE H. SHEETS TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MAY 15, 2026(20230511\C03)(B-37)

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 REAPPOINTING KIM STENGER TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MAY 15, 2026(20230511\C04)(B-37)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Ms. Stenger for her service to the LakeTran Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN SECURITY AUTOMATION SYSTEMS AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY JAIL INTERCOM SYSTEM RETROFIT(20230511\C05)(404-Q)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Director of Telecommunications, Mr. Paul Stefanko, explained that this resolution is to replace the 33-year-old system. Over the years, his department has been able to repair it however they no longer can get parts and there are no companies that will service this system. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

17. 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-DEPUTIZED SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANT AND COURT SERGEANTS EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2026(20230511\C06)(301C)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Sheriff Leonbruno and Chief Izzo for their hard work during these negotiations. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

18. 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-COMMISSIONED CORRECTIONS SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2026(20230511\C07)(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.

19. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,648,854.28(20230511\BC01)(C-4)

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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.

20. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,743,403.04(20230511\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.

21. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230511\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.

22. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20230511\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that they will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day on Saturday, June 10th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Fairgrounds.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES-none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd briefly explained the creation of the Residential Appeals Board and thanked Chief Building Inspector, Mr. David Strichko, for his assistance. He explained that, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the five-member board will meet on a needed basis and shall consist of the following: an Ohio Licensed attorney, an Ohio Registered Architect, an Ohio Registered Professional Engineer who is specialized in structural engineering, an Ohio Registered Professional Engineer who is specialized in mechanical engineering, and a discretionary appointment of the commissioners. He stated that candidates should submit their resumes to Clerk Jennifer Bell by July 1.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER- Mr. Gills did not have a report but Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Engineer's Office continues to investigate every funding opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he recently attended a Public Safety Committee Meeting and topics of discussion included Next Gen911, Local Government Funds, and indigent defense. He discussed several other topics included the OneOhio Region 13, and the Metropolitan Housing Authority. The Sheriff discussed some major incidents that have been occurring around the County and wanted to express his gratitude to County Police, Fire Emergency, and Dispatchers for how well everyone works together. He also discussed several disaster training sessions they have done.
The Board expressed their support for all safety forces.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Marty Hiller, Director of the Free Clinic, announced that they will be having a grand opening and ribbon cutting of their new facility.

Mr. Michael Paul of Mentor, expressed his support of all law enforcement.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville Township, provided the Board with an update on Title 42 and immigration.

Mr. Brian Massie, on behalf of his group Lobbyists for Citizens, provided an update about what his group is doing to address pandering of obscene materials in public schools.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, discussed his concerns with NOACA in detail with the Board. He also addressed County Administrator Boyd offering his thoughts on the HOK contract.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy discussed his thoughts on jail funding and referred to an article he saw in the Tribune. The Board and Mr. Weiss continued to discuss the jail, jail funding and capital projects.
Commissioner Plecnik stressed that he is against any tax increases ever.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Real Estate-Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich 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 Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirteenth day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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