

MAY 18, 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 2023-0518)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 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 Meeting of May 4, 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.

The Board presented a special certificate to Lake County Department of Utilities employee, Ms. Debera Douglas in honor of her retirement. Mr. Matthew Armand, Lake County Department of Utilities Director of Administration was present to recognize Ms. Douglas and spoke of her kindness and how she will be missed after her 18 years of service. The Board thanked Ms. Douglas for her service to the Lake County Department of Utilities and stated that we, as a County, are thankful to her for her positive attitude.

The Board presented a special certificate to Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Reed for his lifesaving efforts. Commissioner Hamercheck read the certificate in its entirety. Deputy Reed thanked the Board for this recognition and stated that he was thankful he was in the right place at the right time to assist Ms. Feathers. Ms. Mary Feathers was present and stated that Deputy Reed is her hero and lifesaver and that he went the extra mile to ensure she made it to the hospital and got checked into the emergency room.

Mr. Morgan McIntosh, President of the Lake County Township Association and Concord Township Trustee reviewed a letter he sent to the Board regarding some deteriorating roads in the townships. He stated that they (the Township Association) have noticed a significant change in the roads. He reviewed the annual report given by County Engineer, Mr. James Gills at a recent Township Association meeting. Mr. McIntosh stated that the road repairs are the responsibility of the County. He hopes that the Township Association and the Board of Commissioners can come to some sort of solution to get these repairs made. Commissioner Regovich stated that he has been meeting with the Engineer and the priorities are determined by him.

Mr. Pete Wayman, Madison Township Trustee, read a prepared statement regarding the conditions of the roads and road closures and stated he hoped that the Board would do the right thing.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230518\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Senior Services Director, Ms. Alyea Barajas thanked the Board for recognizing May as Older Americans Month in Lake County. She stated that Lake County has more than 69,000 older adults who contribute their wisdom and experience to our community. She expressed how we are very fortunate in Lake County to be able to support older adults through funds from the senior services levy. Ms. Barajas stated that yesterday they celebrated Senior Day at the Great Lakes Mall where more than 300 seniors attended and 18 were recognized for their outstanding contributions. Mr. Joey Tomsick from the Council on Aging thanked the Board for recognizing Older Americans Month. He stated that the Council on Aging assists the seniors of Lake County with independent living for as long as they (the seniors) are able. Commissioner Plecnik stated that we should support and celebrate all senior citizens so that they may continue to live independently for as long as possible. Commissioner Regovich and Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County provides superior care and programs to the seniors of Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 14th to 20th 2023 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230518\F02)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that this recognition is needed more this year than ever with the shortage of new students entering the police academy and the lack of applications for police officers. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the Sheriff's Department and all the Police Departments in Lake County. Sheriff Leonbruno asked to speak on behalf of all the Lake County Police Departments in saying that it is important to recognize law enforcement and thanked the Board. He stated that this past Monday was Police Officers Memorial Day in honor of the officers that have lost their lives. He stated that in 2022 there were 60 officers killed by gunfire and so far, this year there have been 19. Commissioner Regovich thanked the Departments and said that the residents do not see how well all the police and fire departments in Lake County work together. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO GRAND RIVER ASPHALT CO. FOR THE ROADWAY MATERIALS – 2023 – PLANT MIX PAVEMENTS CONTRACT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377,500.00(20230518\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Engineer, Mr. Gills explained that this is an annual resolution. Commissioner Hamercheck clarified with Mr. Gills that all repair work is done in house with the department's employees. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO J.D. WILLIAMSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE LAK-(CR711-0.59) BISHOP ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,207,521.00(20230518\E02)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Gills explained they have received a Federal award through the County Engineers Association. The project is an 80/20 split and they have reserved \$250,000. from his budget to help fund this project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: June 14, 2023)(20230518\U01)(UT-8)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening June 14, 2023)(20230518\U02)(UT-8)**

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

**7.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, ADAMS, MELRIDGE & INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT 415-S-2018(20230518\U03)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. 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 Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND TRANSFERS-OUT TO GENERAL OBLIGATION RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFERS-IN(20230518\U04)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is a necessary transfer to pay the 2023 General Obligation principal and interest for a Kirtland Project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**9.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, HARDY ROAD REGULATOR PROJECT 468-W-2023(20230518\U05)(UT-2)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND TO PROJECT FUNDS 596 FOR NOTE PAYMENTS DUE JUNE 28, 2023(20230518\U06)(UT-2)**

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

**11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND SEWER FUND TRANSFERS-OUT TO OWDA BOND RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFERS-IN(20230518\U07)(UT-2)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,370,664.00 TO FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO. FOR VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 PROJECT 447-W-2021(20230518\U08)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is Phase 2 of the Vine Street Project and will be completed up to Route 91. Phase 3 will take place in approximately a year and a half and will go all the way to the freeway. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,566.80 FOR WATERLINES FOR BOOTH FARMS PHASE III SUBDIVISION IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 22-68) (20230518\U09)(SD-441)**

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

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**14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,517.84 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR BOOTH FARMS PHASE III SUBDIVISION IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 22-69) (20230518\U10)(SD-441)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230518\U11)(UT-7)**

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

**16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION PROCURED THROUGH SOURCEWELL ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ELEVATOR IN THE LAKE COUNTY NOLAN BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$358,909.00(20230518\C01)(C-7)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that the elevator needs a complete rebuild and that Buildings and Grounds has been keeping it running for the last year but it has reached the end of its service life. He stated that this project has qualified for CDBG funding to offset some of the costs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**17. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HAZEL DRIVE CUL-DE-SAC IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20230518\C02)(C-79)**

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

**18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,035,578.87(20230518\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**19. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$595,130.86(20230518\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**20. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230518\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**21. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230518\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd gave an update on the Sheriff's Range, stating that Phase 1 is nearing its completion and the electrical poles are in place and the electrician has begun the wiring. He stated that they continue to review contracts with HOK for the public safety facility and hopes to have more information for the Board soon.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that there will not be a Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER- Commissioner Hamercheck addressed Mr. Gills about some lighting issues he has received emails on. Assistant Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, was present and explained that they continue to work with ODOT on the Route 2 issue, how the area of SR615 and SR306 is a First Energy issue that they are working on, and the Hendricks Road issue is due to the contractor not properly powering off. They continue to work on this issue with ODOT, First Energy and the Contractor. She added that she and her department respond back to emails and phone calls when they have updates. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if mowing and litter cleanup has begun on the highways. Ms. Salkiewicz stated that they have started the mowing and gave a detailed outline of how the mowing is done in each area and why. She added that she has responded to this particular resident several times.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, stated that next week there will be a resolution on the agenda pertaining to an amendment to the Medical Mutual contract. He explained that there will not be any changes to coverage, contract pricing or fees but it is a change to administrative language and the Federal No Surprises Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive, thanked Mr. Boyd and Chief Izzo for meeting with him and several residents to review their questions about the new jail project. He stated that the meeting has given his group many thoughts to consider. He complimented the quality staff Lake County has working for their residents.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, thanked our military and law enforcement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Collective Bargaining and Real Estate – Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:34 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12: 34 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirteenth day of July, 2023.

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