

JUNE 8, 2023

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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| 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 2023-0608)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO ON JUNE 15, 2023(20230608\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Job and Family Services Director, Suzanne Casar, stated that June 15, 2023 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day here in Lake County and across our country. It is the time of year when cities and states can take a moment to shed light on this significant issue. Lake County Job and Family Services is mandated to investigate each and every call and report they receive. She reported that during the year 2021, her department responded to over 450 calls concerning abuse, neglect or exploitation of a senior. Ms. Casar stated that Lake County is fortunate to have a dedicated unit of social workers who investigate elder abuse and neglect. Anyone who suspects an elderly individual in our community is being abused, neglected or exploited should contact their hotline to report it. This hotline is manned 24/7 and the number to call is 440-350-4000, Option #1. Commissioner Plecnik stressed that "if you see something, say something" and that friends and family should watch out for as well as the different ways in which the elderly can be exploited. Ms. Casar stated that the Department of Job and Family Services will host a World Elder Abuse Awareness walk on June 15 at 11:45 AM beginning at Job and Family Services. All are welcome to attend and participants are encouraged to wear purple, the color designated for elder abuse awareness. Commissioner Regovich encouraged seniors or anyone with concerns to utilize the hotline. Commissioner Hamercheck reiterated the importance of "see something, say something". The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MADISON VILLAGE DESIGNATING LAKE COUNTY AS THE LPA FOR THE LAK-MIDDLE RIDGE ROAD (CR 22) RESURFACING PROJECT IN MADISON VILLAGE AND MADISON TOWNSHIP. (PID XXXX), LCE Project No. 2023-012) (20230608\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, stated that this is the last portion to be paved and reconditioned. After speaking with NOACA, they were able to move this up on the project list and another one back to a later date. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20230608\U01)(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.

4.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2024-2025 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 2.0 GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION(20230608\C01)(CT-3)

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.

5.RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JULY 20, 2023(20230608\C02)(C-107)

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 THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AND/OR RENEW COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND VILLAGES IN LAKE COUNTY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED(20230608\C03)(C-46)

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 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT(20230608\C04)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that a public notice will be published tomorrow (Friday, June 9th). The RFQ is to perform soil borings and due diligence and ensure that the site is sufficient before construction were to begin. There will be 14 days to review and score the submitted RFQ's before making a recommendation to the Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, LLC TO PERFORM MANAGEMENT, FACILITATION AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$555,000.00(20230608\C05)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Boyd stated that if approved, this resolution will permit the County to enter into an agreement with PMC, Mr. Jeff Applebaum and associates to assist with the development of a schematic and detailed design of the proposed Public Safety Center. He stated that they will assist with contracts, contract negotiations, and contract reviews in addition to having a plethora of other resources for the County. Commissioner Hamercheck pointed out how this agreement is a continuation of the processes that are necessary for the proposed Public Safety Center. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Mr. Applebaum is a local attorney with much expertise. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION 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(20230608\C06)(B-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this has been a long process and thanked everyone for their cooperation. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Commissioner Regovich; as the Commissioners representative on the Narcotics Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSAL STAGE 2 CRITERIA ARCHITECT CONTRACT WITH HOK FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT APPROVED APRIL 7, 2022 (20220407\C02)(20230608\C07)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Boyd stated that this is the next step to proceed to the criteria architect phase of the project. This phase will work toward preparing the scope, scale and site of the proposed Public Safety Center. He explained that there should be some firm numbers for the project by early 2024. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Boyd for all the knowledge and the hard work he has put into this project. He stated that this will be a long-term asset that will serve the County for 50 to 60 years and will adapt to updates, changes and repairs. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Boyd, Sheriff Leonbruno, Mr. Applebaum and HOK for their hard work on this project. Commissioner Regovich thanked Mr. Hackman and the Prosecutor's office for the assistance they are always willing to give. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if this resolution were to be approved how long would it be before there would be information for consideration. Mr. Boyd responded early 2024. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the only valid presumption is that this project is moving forward and the County must find a real way to fund it. We (the Board) cannot wait until the hard numbers are received. Mr. Boyd added that there has been a slight increase in state jail funding. Sheriff Leonbruno stated that this is the 3rd building project he has been involved with and stressed that it is a very complicated process. He also stated how lucky the County is to have skilled people like Mr. Applebaum assisting the County and how Mr. Boyd has been a great asset in spearheading this project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR A GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/GAS PHASE INFRARED SPECTROMETER/MASS SPECTROMETER (GC-IR-MS) WITH AUTOSAMPLER FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY (Bid Opening: July 19, 2023)(20230608\C08)(CT-18)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Hackman, for simplifying the language of this computer system. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,953,961.72(20230608\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.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,514,433.24(20230608\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.

14.RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230608\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.

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15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230608\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 –Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, reported that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th from 8 am – 2 pm at the Fairgrounds and how this is one of their most popular collections.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, reported that effective June 13th, they will be switching their Public Assistance and Customer Service line to a centralized call center. The benefits of switching to the centralized call center is that clients would no longer have to prepare and personally drop off their paperwork in the dropbox of Job and Family Services and they would not have to see a social worker and the social workers could accept an "audio signature". In addition to the previous they can also apply by phone for SNAP cash and childcare and they can apply for benefits, renew benefits and report changes. The number that they will be directed to call is: 1-844-640-OHIO (6446).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd gave an update on the ARPA Courthouse HVAC Project. Stating that they are approximately 90% through the design phase and that he continues to meet with the Judges and Mr. Iafelice on this. This has been a complicated project because the Courthouse is a historic building. He also reported on the Sheriff's Range, stating that Phase 1 is nearing its completion and the electrical poles and the wiring are in place and working. He stated that there will be a Phase 2 preconstruction meeting arranged in the very near future.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and that the resolution setting the new Commissioners Meeting schedule through mid-October will be posted online later today.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER- Mr. Gills stated that effective Monday, June 12th, Williams Road between 608 and Cascade will be closed until further notice.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik wished Treasurer Zuren a Happy Birthday. Commissioner Hamercheck briefly discussed a communication project and will keep the Board updated.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck discussed the State Budget, stating that the Mentor Harbor received an additional \$3 million and the local share is \$500,000. He stated that the waterplant did not receive approval and that there were cuts to school districts budgets in every city but Fairport and Kirtland. Commissioner Plecnik stated that the cuts made were very disappointing. He pointed out the cut to the Willoughby-Eastlake School District budget went from \$1.9 million to \$396,000 in the state budget and the only way to make up the difference is to cut programs or place a levy on the ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive, on behalf of Lobbyists for Citizens, spoke of a several items his group finds disturbing such as the drug cartel, pandering of obscene books and an event that Morley Library is hosting. He also mentioned that Representative Jamie Callendar is proposing to legalize marijuana and tax it to fund the schools.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake discussed with the Board issues that he has with NOACA.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, discussed crime, drugs, elder abuse and immigration.

Ms. Tammy Gabor of Madison, discussed her displeasure with the road closures in Madison and how nothing has been done. She asked the Board to lay out a plan for this increasingly dangerous situation. Commissioner Regovich assured her that while the public may not see it, they are working on ways to rectify the issues. The Board discussed several budget items and the Treasurers projections for revenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:56 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 12:15 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12: 15 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirteenth day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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