

JUNE 29, 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 2023-0629)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, June 29, 2023.

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

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 Buildings and Grounds Custodian, Ms. Bobbie Walsh, in honor of her retirement. Mr. Mark lafelice, Lake County Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, was present to recognize Ms. Walsh and spoke of her kindness and how she worked her way up from parking lot attendant and Custodian I to Custodian II and thanked her for her years of service. The Board thanked Ms. Walsh for her service to the Lake County. Ms. Walsh thanked the Board for the recognition and indicated that she is looking forward to retirement.

The Board presented a special certificate to Lake County Tax Map/GIS employee, Mr. Bob Gockel in honor of his retirement. Mr. Gockel thanked the Board for this recognition and introduced his wife and daughter.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive, thanked the Sheriff and the Engineers Office for what they do.

Mr. Jim Sferra of Fairport Harbor, voiced his concerns regarding the future possibility of eminent domain of his property. He explained the background of his concerns and asked who he might speak with regarding his worries. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that he would be happy to meet with Mr. Sferra and would set up a meeting with him.

Ms. Margaret Bushman of Ford Road in Madison, voiced her concerns regarding the road closures in her area and asked what will be done. She pointed out that the road has been closed for nearly one year with no plans. Deputy Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, was present and explained the process of preparing a project to go out to bid, awarding of a contract, start times and concerns over material and labor availability.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, discussed the COPS Grant, some concerns he had regarding the Clerk of Courts, and funding for roads and bridges. Clerk of Courts, Ms. Faith Andrews, gave a detailed report to Mr. Weiss addressing his concerns and Sheriff Leonbruno also addressed Mr. Weiss and his statements.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive, spoke of a recent story he heard regarding prisoners escaping from a jail somewhere in Ohio and stressed that we must always support law enforcement.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PORTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SURETY – PLEDGE RELEASE #1 & #2 FOR THE VILLAS OF CANTERWOOD FARMS – PHASE 2 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20230629\E01)(SD-443)

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

2.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO CARGILL, INC., FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2023 FOR TREATED ROCK SALT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$487,860.00 (LCE Project No. 2023-11)(20230629\E02)(E-3)

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

3.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, INC. FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2023 FOR UNTREATED ROCK SALT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$970,200.00 (LCE Project No. 2023-11)(20230629\E03)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted 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, PROJECT 459-W-2022 E. 357TH STREET WATERLINE (20230629\U01)(UT-2)

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

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 7, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,119.17(20230629\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

6.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER PAMELA D. KURT TO REMOVE LYNNE YOHE AS HER ALTERNATE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO DESIGNATE KIM GILMORE TO SERVE AS HER ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (20230629\C01)(B-34)

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

7.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAMELA D. KURT TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023(20230629\C02)(B-50)

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

8.RESOLUTION APPOINTING BEVERLEY SCHILERO TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023(20230629\C03)(B-50)

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

9.RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM WILSON TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023(20230629\C04)(B-50)

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

10. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY CREDIT CARD POLICY(20230629\C05)(C-116B)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the foregoing resolution was adopted 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 \$2,399,714.06(20230629\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, 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 \$1,377,196.73(20230629\BC02)(C-17)

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

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230629\BC03)(C-111)

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

14.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230629\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES—Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, gave an update on the supply chain issues his department has experienced. He also stated that they always try and order more than is necessary for a job to build up their stock for emergencies.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Ms. Suzanne Casar, Director of Job and Family Services, explained to the Board that the month of May was Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month. Through funds provided by the State to educate the public on this issue, Job and Family Services was able to purchase a billboard located at Routes 2 and 20. Through an additional grant, the billboard will be posted through August. Ms. Casar, congratulated Bobbie Walsh on her retirement and stated that she has been a pleasure to work with.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd congratulated Bobbie Walsh on her retirement and wished her a very happy retirement. He updated the Board on the Public Safety Center, stating that HOK will be coming into town sometime in July for an in-person meeting. He also stated that HOK has secured approximately 80% of the subcontractors necessary for this project.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and that County offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER-. Ms. Traci Salkiewicz stated that just like the Utilities Department, the Engineers Department is having a somewhat difficult time stocking emergency material, especially parts for freeway lighting issues.

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OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik discussed several 4th of July celebrations and invited everyone to attend the DAR plaque dedication on the 4th in Painesville Square. He explained that this plaque is to commemorate all those Lake County residents that lost their lives in the Revolutionary war. He stated that he is grateful for the creation of the 250th committee that will begin planning celebrations for 2026. He wished the Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras committee good luck for this weekend's celebrations. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he hoped everyone could work together to get through the difficult times that the County is facing.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck asked Telecommunications Director, Mr. Paul Stefanko, for an update on the replacement of some important telecommunications equipment. Mr. Stefanko listed 5 of the top replacements he would recommend and provided a detailed report on their importance, condition and use. He also provided an estimate of costs with the \$1 million-dollar savings should the County choose to bundle the five items. Commissioner Hamercheck and Mr. Stefanko discussed each of the five items in further detail and the ramifications of not upgrading or replacing. They also discussed the solar eclipse, the MARCS system, funding and deadlines.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Gilda Spencer of Madison, discussed her displeasure with the road closures in Madison.

Ms. Lori Bobin of Madison, also shared her frustration with the road closures and safety issues.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, stated that Clerk of Courts, Ms. Andrews, addressed him after the first public portion and she would like to meet and address Mr. Weiss' comments. Mr. Weiss apologized to Ms. Andrews if he misspoke and stated that he looks forward to meeting with her and becoming more educated.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, thanked the Sheriff Leonbruno and encouraged the Board to provide the Sheriff with what he needs to keep Lake County residents safe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:56 a.m. to discuss Legal- Pending Litigation (2) with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich 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 tenth day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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