

JULY 20, 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 2023-0720)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of: July 5, 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. Ohio State Extension Director, Ms. Lisa Manning, was present and introduced several youths to discuss their participation in 4-H and the upcoming Lake County Fair. The children provided the Board with information pertaining to the Livestock auction and invited them to attend. Commissioner Plecnik stated that the livestock auction is one of the best events at the Fair. He challenged all Lake County officials to attend the auction and bid on the livestock. Commissioner Regovich commended the youth for their yearlong hard work in preparation for the fair.

Mr. Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive, on behalf of Lobbyists for Citizens, thanked Ms. Suzanne Casar and Mr. Shawn Douglas for providing him with the statistics for the transportation aided Medicaid agreement with LakeTran. He stated that he was pleased to see that the numbers continue to increase over the years.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, also commended the 4-H youth and suggested people bid on the carcass auction. He stated his sons are active in the 4-H woodworking program and have qualified to compete at the Ohio State Fair.

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Madison directly addressed Assistant Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, to discuss how the Engineer's office prioritizes projects.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PORTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SURETY – PLEDGE RELEASE #3 FOR THE VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD FARMS – PHASE 2 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20230720\E01)(SD-443)**

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.

**2.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FUND 596 PROJECT 465-S-2022, BROOKDALE ROAD SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION TO THE SEWER FUND(20230720\U01)(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.

**3.RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAP-IN CHARGES FOR AUBURN ROAD SANITARY EXTENSION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20230720\U02)(UT-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.

**4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$713,092.60 FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT - EUCLID CITY LINE TO E. 288TH STREET PROJECT NO 431-W-2020, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening August 16, 2023)(20230720\U03)(UT-9)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Assistant Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Denis Yurkovich, stated that this is part of their Capital Improvement Program and the first of several waterline replacements along Lakeshore Boulevard. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE COMPANY FOR LIMESTONE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230720\U04)(UT-4)**

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 AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO WINWATER OF AKRON FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (Exhibit A) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230720\U05)(UT-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.

**7.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO CORE & MAIN LP FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS (Exhibit B) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230720\U06)(UT-4)**

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.

**8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 5 (LAKE COUNTY) FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) AND OTHER FEDERAL WORKFORCE RELATED FUNDS(20230720\JFS01)(JFS-15)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Job and Family Services, Suzanne Casar, stated that this defines the rules and regulations for accepting funds. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**9.RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE LAKE COUNTY APPOINTED COUNSEL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS IN CAPITAL CASES(20230720\C01)(CT-13)**

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 AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 N. ST. CLAIR STREET IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, OHIO (20230720\C02)(209-z-46)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this property is adjacent to the proposed Public Safety Center and fits the model for future needs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**11.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 41 EAST ERIE STREET OFFICE RENOVATIONS(20230720\C03)(207-N)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Mr. Boyd explained that this building is just west of the Juvenile Justice Center. The RFQ will plan and design the interior renovations of the Public Defenders Office. He added that this project will be a cost share through the Ohio Public Defenders Office. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**12.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FOR THE FAIRWAY BOULEVARD STORM SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT(20230720\C04)(UT-46a)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that this project has been in the works for quite some time and he is glad to see it moving forward. Mr. Boyd added that this is a cross-collaboration between Willowick Mayor Michael Vanni and Wickliffe Mayor Joe Sakacs as Fairway is partially in Wickliffe. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**13.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH COOPERATIVE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND EQUALIS GROUP THROUGH THE CCAO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE 41 EAST ERIE STREET BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$268,777.00(20230720\C05)(C-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.

**14.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,879,022.87(20230720\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.

**15.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,676,652.65(20230720\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.

**16.RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20230720\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.

**17.RESOLUTION ADVANCING AND TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230720\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.

**18.RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE ENGINEER ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND(20230720\BC05)(C-111)**

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On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that this will create the account so that funding can begin. The Clerk of Court will put \$500,000 towards the project and other funding sources will be looked at. He stated that Williams Road is slated to be the first project. Clerk of Courts Faith Andrews stated that she was happy to provide funding for this important safety issue. Commissioner Regovich thanked County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd and County Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas for their creative thinking. 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. Boyd stated that survey crews will be out over the next several weeks to set the boundaries for the Public Safety Center. HOK will be in town to meet with the team in early August. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Boyd for keeping Painesville City Manager, Mr. Doug Lewis, involved in the building.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that the Lake County Fair will run from July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, 8196 Rainbow Drive, spoke on three topics which were the newly created position of Workforce Development Director at Lakeland Community College, LakeTran and the Geauga County Transit System. He also announced that he reviewed the 2024 Tax Budget and discussed his book ban initiative.

Ms. Lori Bobin of Ford Road in Madison, thanked the Board for beginning to address a solution to the safety issue in Madison.

Mr. Ken Gauntner, Madison Trustee, thanked the Board for the ARPA funds for the Route 20 sanitary sewers. He was glad to see that Painesville City is willing to work with the County on the Public Safety Center, and thanked Clerk of Courts Andrews for the engineer's roads and bridges seed money.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, also discussed several topics which included the funds from Clerk of Court Andrews, politics and a billboard he had seen at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Plecnik wanted to not only thank Clerk of Courts Andrews but also former Clerk Maureen Kelly and he expressed his gratitude to both for being able to give back to the County. He also thanked Ms. Andrews staff at the Title office for their hard work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Collective Bargaining with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:48 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.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**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK