

AUGUST 3, 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 2023-0803)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 3, 2023.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Captain Cynthia Brooks was recognized for 39 years of dedicated service in the Sheriff's Office. During her career Captain Brooks served as a Sergeant, a Lieutenant, and a Captain. She also served as the Jail Administrator where she was awarded "Correctional Administrator of the Year" in 2022; a national recognition that consisted of hundreds of nominees. The Board presented her with a certificate of appreciation and unanimously expressed how greatly she will be missed. Tony Brooks, Sheriff Leonbruno, Bishop Mirbel, Brian Massie, and Prosecutor Coulson all offered their best wishes and their recollections of Captain Brooks.

Michael L. DeLeone was recognized for his recent appointment by Governor DeWine as Judge to the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division. He had been working as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for over 20 years and will begin his term as Juvenile Judge on August 14th. The Board presented him with a certificate of recognition and unanimously expressed how deserving Mr. DeLeone is of this appointment. Prosecutor Coulson, Adam Litke, Randy Rothlisberger, Jason Boyd, Jennifer Bell, and David Hackman all offered their congratulations and sincere appreciation for his assistance through the years.

Kelly Johnson was recognized for her dedication to "Letters of Love"; a program provided by the Lake County Council on Aging that distributes valentines handmade by local students to seniors in the community. The Board presented her with a certificate of their appreciation. Ann Marie Amaro (Council on Aging) detailed all the effort this program requires and how well Ms. Johnson manages it.

Chris Weiss of Leroy reviewed the results of the 4-H Livestock Auction held at the fair last week.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,934.000 FOR AUBURN ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION JOB NO. 22-49 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20230803\U01)(UT-12)

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

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 7 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 109,655.52 WITH MILLER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$279,670.50 FOR PHASE VI PART E-CELL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 421-L-2019 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20230803\U02)(UT-12)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this resolution is necessary to present the Board with a proposed award of a contract next week. This is Phase I of the interconnects with Madison. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, ADAMS, MELRIDGE AND INDUSTRIAL PARK, PROJECT 415-S-2018(20230803\U03)(UT-2)

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

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, KIRTLAND OLD TOWN SEWER PROJECT 445-S-2021(20230803\U04)(UT-2)

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

5.RESOLUTION TO DELETE A SEWER SUM CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230803\U05)(UT-7)

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

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 11, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,055.33(20230803\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

7.RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE APPROVING, SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THE ISSUANCE BY THE NATIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY OF QUALIFIED 501(c)(3) BONDS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 145 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE

OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF HOSPITAL AND/OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, A PORTION OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO(20230803\C01)(C-181)

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

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DEDICATION PLAT FOR MCKINLEY CROSSING SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(20230803\C02)(SD-442)

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

9.RESOLUTION APPOINTING NANCY E. FELLOWS TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2025(20230803\C03)(B-51)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board referenced some of Mrs. Fellow's accomplishments and congratulated her on the appointment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING AMY L. COSSICK TO THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 14, 2026(20230803\C04)(B-34)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board referenced some of Ms. Cossick's accomplishments and congratulated her on the re-appointment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING WALTER R. SIEGEL TO THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 14, 2026(20230803\C05)(B-34)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board referenced some of Mr. Siegel's accomplishments and congratulated him on the re-appointment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as 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 \$940,881.77 (20230803\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the as 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 \$294,201.88 (20230803\BC02)(C-17)

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

14.RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20230803\BC03)(C-111)

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

15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230803\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Suzanne Casar (Director) notified the Board that August is "Child Support Awareness" month.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd announced (2) events being held today at the Sheriffs Range; a Ribbon Cutting for the indoor training facility and a Groundbreaking for Phase 2.

FINANCE – none.

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

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commissioners praised the Fair Board on the success of the 2023 Fair and shared some of their experiences from last week. They thanked the Board for all the hard work that goes into making it such a well-attended event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

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Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord cited a letter from Prosecutor Coulson in response to Commissioner Hamercheck's question, should the Budget Commission continue to apply the alternative method of apportionment of local government funds after the BOC adopted a resolution in January of 2012 requesting that the alternative formula approved in 1982 for the distribution of local government funds be abolished. David Hackman (Prosecutors Office) informed Mr. Massie that there is a Budget Committee meeting this coming Monday (8/7) and he anticipates any questions of this nature will be addressed at that time.

Tammy Gabor of 6023 Ford Rd in Madison said she appreciates the Board's efforts at finding a financial solution to Ford/Williams/Paine roads. She asked a few questions of Traci Salkiewicz (Engineer's Office) regarding project prioritization, funding, timing, etc.

Chris Weiss of Leroy echoed some of Mr. Massie's questions concerning fund distribution. Mr. Hackman responded that, due to the very complex nature of the formula, it is best to wait until the Budget Commission holds their Monday meeting.

Tim Brown, Madison Twp. Administrator, asked if Items 14 and 15 had anything to do with funding being appropriated for line items regarding road and bridge work that was discussed a few weeks ago to help fund those projects. The Board responded they do not.

Christopher Galloway (Auditor) cautioned against any speculation as to who will get what in regards to the local government funding formula. He encouraged all local municipalities to send a representative to attend the Budget Commission meeting on Monday August 7th.

John Marra, Mayor of Timberlake, stated that he visited the Madison road closures and asked if it would be possible to find a temporary solution so roads can be used in the interim. Ms. Salkiewicz responded that the idea proposed by Mr. Marra is not feasible for this area. A solution is needed that will last at least 15 years and be within the budget they have available because spending additional monies for a temporary solution is not a viable option. Commissioner Hamercheck agreed and suggested Mr. Marra schedule a meeting with the Engineers Office if he has other suggestions.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:58 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

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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