

AUGUST 10, 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 2023-0810)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of: May 25, 2023, June 29, 2023, July 20, 2023 and August 3, 2023, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Wickliffe Mayor Joseph Sakacs thanked the Board for item#6 on the agenda and stated how much this funding will help the city.

Mr. Dan McGraw of Mentor spoke on Mentor Public Schools and his displeasure with the ongoing book issues.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville also spoke on the Mentor Public Schools book issues.

Mr. John Muzik of 85 Coventry Drive in Painesville spoke on the flooding issues in Painesville Township and asked the Board to periodically give an update on what is happening.

Ms. Lois Osborne of Painesville thanked the Board for their approval of CDBG funding for the Painesville Community Gardens.

Mr. Todd Shannon, Service Director for the City of Willowick, thanked the Board for funding to repair failing water pipes in the City.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT WITH COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,256.85, LCE PROJECT NO. 2022-019(20230810\E01)(E-3)

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

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT WITH COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,223.00, LCE PROJECT NO. 2022-019 (20230810\E02)(E-3)

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

3.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE FUNDS(20230810\U01)(UT-2)

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

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20230810\U02)(UT-2)

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

5.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230810\U03)(UT-7)

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

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021(20230810\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that this has been discussed for the last seven years. Commissioner Regovich thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for getting this project started. The project will not involve any excavation and is a relatively new and innovative way to install piping. He added that it has been tested and is working very well. Commissioner Plecnik commended Commissioner Regovich for his hard work on this when he served as the Mayor of Willowick.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT FOR A GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/GAS PHASE INFRARED SPECTROMETER/MASS SPECTROMETER WITH AUTOSAMPLER FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY(20230810\C02)(CT-18)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, stated that this new instrument will enable the Crime lab to effectively test for the newest illegal drugs finding their way into the County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,801,753.56(20230810\BC01)(C-4)

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

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,050,792.73(20230810\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: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230810\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck pointed out that this includes a \$1.3 million transfer being placed into the Roads and Bridges account that will allow work to begin on the Williams Road project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230810\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: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Suzanne Casar, spoke on the Back to School Bash that was recently held at Harvey High School. She stated that they handed out 1,500 backpacks that were donated by the Salvation Army and served 2,300 children and their families which is 970 more families than the last event in 2019. Many children were able to have their teeth cleaned at the Colgate Mobile Bus and were also able to get clothing and haircuts in the gym of the school. She thanked all the volunteers that were on hand to assist with this great event.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd discussed the Public Safety Center kickoff meeting held this past Tuesday with HOK and many subconsultants. He gave a detailed plan of the next steps that will occur over the next couple of months. Mr. Boyd stated that they will be touring similar facilities in Indianapolis and Tennessee in the near future.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Ms. Traci Salkiewicz announced that the Engineers Department will be hosting a hiring event tomorrow (Friday) from 2:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at their offices located at 550 Blackbrook Road, Painesville.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck discussed the recent Budget Commission meeting and several scenarios pertaining to the Local Government Fund and how there should be an opinion from the Attorney General's office soon. Commissioner Hamercheck suggested that the Board of Commissioners in an effort to foster productive discussions with the cities, villages and townships take the County position from 11% share to 0% for at least the next two years as a tangible good faith act.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck discussed the Veterans and First Responders Foundation event he attended this past weekend. This foundation was founded by Mr. David Knott and the goal is to serve thousands of men and women each year and provide a physical space and full services to address and support veterans and first responders.

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

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Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive thanked the Board for providing ample time for public comments. He thanked County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, and Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, for all they do and their vast knowledge about the functions of the County.

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Ford Road in Madison, asked what updates the Board can provide on her road closure. Commissioner Regovich stated that plans are in process and that funding to begin Williams Road was approved at the meeting today. He also stated that as future projects progress the Board will provide updates.

Mr. Ron Strauser, Service Director for the City of Wickliffe, thanked the Board for passing the resolution for funding the sewer improvements in Wickliffe and Willowick.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy thanked the Board for the funding for the Williams Road project. He discussed the following issues: road funding, the Clerk of Courts funding for the Engineers Office and books in public schools

The following residents voiced their concerns and frustrations regarding the Mentor Public Schools, the Mentor School Board and book bans:

Ms. Lois Osborne of Painesville.
Mr. Michael Paul of Mentor.
Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville.
Ms. Tammy Gabor of Madison.
Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy.
Mr. John Muzik of Painesville.
Mr. John Marra of Timberlake.

Commissioner Plecnik acknowledged the hard work and tough decisions that School Board members must make.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:41 a.m. to discuss Personnel-collective bargaining with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich 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 12:35 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this seventeenth day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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