

AUGUST 24, 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 2023-0824)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Thursday, August 24, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of: August 10, 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. Mr. Alan Exley, Chief Bridge Engineer, was in attendance to present a slideshow and detailed explanation of the Ford Road Bridge. He explained the history, the degree of failure and its timeline and the complications with it. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that how to pay for this project is a discussion for another time. Commissioner Regovich stated that he had hoped this answered some of the questions and concerns of the residents affected by its closure.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road in Madison, thanked Mr. Exley for the presentation and asked why Williams Road became the first priority for repairs. Mr. Gills explained that Williams Road was not the priority but rather an easier, quicker project that was ready to go with plans. The other two projects (Ford Road and Paine) are much more complicated and the gave a detailed explanation of where they are in planning.

Rev. Chris (last name inaudible) invited everyone to attend the One World Day Parade in Cleveland this Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> .

Ms. Lois Osborn of Painesville, read a prepared statement regarding her comments made during the public portion of the August 10<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Meeting regarding comments made by Mr. Massie about the Painesville City Schools .

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, thanked Mr. Exley for the presentation and offered his thoughts on the slideshow. He was interested in knowing when these projects would be funded.

The Commissioners briefly discussed having a worksession before next week's Commissioners meeting to discuss funding for the engineer's projects.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES UNPAID SEWER SERVICE, WATER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20230824\U01)(UT-7)**

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

**2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, KIRTLAND-OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 445-S-2021(20230824\U02)(UT-2)**

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

**3.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230824\U03)(UT-7)**

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

**4.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT FOR A BULLET RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY(20230824\C01)(CT-18)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Regovich stated that he recently took a tour of the Crime Lab and had the opportunity see the current bullet recovery system. He explained that the current tank leaks. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HERDA'S TRUCK REPAIR, INC., REGARDING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION(20230824\C02)(CT-8)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,038,598.40(20230824\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$636,164.75 (20230824\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230824\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**9.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230824\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, stated that his crews were called out at approximately 9:00 PM last night (Wednesday) due to serious flooding on Route 2. He explained that basins could not process the water from the fast and heavy rain that occurred.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich thanked all the crews, the Utilities and Engineers Departments and the many first responders from Lake County and other counties that assisted with the Shoregate Towers partial garage collapse, the fire and heavy rains and flooding.

Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that in order for the County to be compliant to receive the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, there must be a public announcement of the following grant and allow for public comment.

"Pursuant to the requirements of the grant, notice is hereby issued that the Lake County Sheriff's Office intends to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program-FY 2023 Local Solicitation in the amount of \$28,538.00 to purchase a 2023 Police Vehicle (patrol vehicle). This vehicle will be fully marked and equipped for emergency service and will replace an older vehicle that is currently in use."

Commissioner Plecnik stated that he would be attending the following events this weekend: the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Cleveland Bocce Tournament in Wickliffe, the Painesville Car Cruise, the Joseph and Emma Smith Home dedication, the Hope Delivered event at the Lake County Fairgrounds, the ribbon cutting of the Wickliffe City Schools new campus, and the Hispanic Fest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville, discussed proficiency scores of Lake County schools.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy thanked the Sheriff's Department for all they do and discussed the need for updated encryption for the safety of all first responders.

Ms. Lois Osborn of Painesville, Commissioner Plecnik, Mrs. Bushman of Madison and Mr. Chris Weiss addressed the comments made by Mr. Massie pertaining to Lake County schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Employment and Legal-Pending Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:04 p.m.

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ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this seventh day of September, 2023.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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