

JULY 27, 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 2023-0727)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:21 a.m. Thursday, July 27, 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. Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville, reviewed some information that was discussed at the Investment Advisory Board meeting held before the Commissioners Meeting. He explained that he had requested information from Deepwood and what he received from them was not to his satisfaction and he will follow up with them. He questioned item #11 on the agenda for software for the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Madison, she asked for an update on the road closures in Madison. She stated the McDonald triplets that attended a previous meeting as 4-H participants did extremely well at the fair and were awarded the sportsmanship award. Commissioner Regovich stated that the Budget Director was on vacation and that he would be meeting with Mr. Matas upon his return. Commissioner Plecnik encouraged everyone to attend and bid on the livestock at the auction this weekend. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Engineers Office and pointed out that they were responsible for paving the fairgrounds to ensure the safety of the participants and visitors.

Sheriff Leonbruno addressed Mr. Massie's question and clarified that the Sheriff's Office operates off three separate packages. The item on today's agenda is the third phase of the software series and is an upgrade to the contract and is for the dispatch center/ central communications.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, congratulated Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, on his recent appointment as Juvenile Court Judge. He spoke on the Clerk of Courts surplus funds and discussed his thoughts and views on the surplus funds.

Commissioner Hamercheck spoke on a small business he recently visited. He encouraged everyone to visit Tink's Cove and explained that they accept donations and provide the less fortunate with free clothing and any other needs they can provide. They also have a shop to purchase unique items and he shared what he had purchased. Commissioner Plecnik added that the Board will be honoring Mr. DeLeone at next weeks Commissioners meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO THE OHIO BRIDGE CORPORATION DBA U.S. BRIDGE FOR THE LAK-BOOTH ROAD (CR609-0.24) BRIDGE PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$447,129.45(20230727\E01)(E-3)

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 AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR AZALEA RIDGE FARMS SUBDIVISION IN PERRY TOWNSHIP(20230727\E02)(SD-394)

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 AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR MCKINLEY CROSSING SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(20230727\E03)(SD-442)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND(20230727\U01)(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.

5.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,099.89 FOR WATERLINES FOR MCKINLEY CROSSING SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 22-14)(20230727\U02)(SD-442)

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 ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,630.26 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR MCKINLEY CROSSING SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(JOB NO. 22-15)(20230727\U03)(SD-442)

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289,750.00 TO DAVIS DIGGERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK SANITARY SEWER-CONTRACT 2 PROJECT 415-S-2018(20230727\U04)(UT-4)

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,453,522.00 TO J.S. BOVA EXCAVATING COMPANY, INC. FOR BENNETT ROAD TRUNK SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 454-S-2021 (20230727\U05)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this resolution awards the contract to begin Phase I of the interconnect with Madison. Mr. Rothlisberger thanked the Board for the significant amount of ARPA dollars to make this project happen. He added that this company was the lowest and best bidder. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230727\U06)(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.

10.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DEDICATION PLAT FOR AZALEA RIDGE FARMS SUBDIVISION IN PERRY TOWNSHIP(20230727\C01)(SD-394)

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.

11.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HEXAGON SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ONCALL COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (20230727\C02)(C-2)

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

12.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT(20230727\C03)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that this is a significant step forward in the public safety center planning process. He reviewed a detailed timeline of what the next steps will be. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,119,932.05 (20230727\BC01)(C-4)

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.

14.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$806,714.44(20230727\BC02)(C-17)

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.

15.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230727\BC03)(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.

16.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230727\BC04)(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.

17.RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROSIE BENNETT NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2023 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20230727\F01)(C-126)

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.

18.RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GRIFFIN DEMSHAR NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2023 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20230727\F02)(C-126)

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.

19.RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AUDREY RUBY PEALER NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2023 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20230727\F03)(C-126)

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, reported that Phase 1 of the Kirtland Old Town Sanitary Sewer Assessment Project is complete and near ready for tie in. They plan to advertise for Phase 2 of this project in the fall for construction in the summer of 2024.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that her department will be staffing a table at the Fair to provide information on their services. They will be sponsoring Kids Day at the Fair today. She congratulated Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, on his recent appointment as Juvenile Court Judge.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd reported that there would be a ribbon cutting for Phase I of the Lake County Sheriff's Training Facility and a groundbreaking of Phase 2 of the new Lake County Sheriff's Training Facility on Thursday, August 3, 2023. He thanked Clerk of Courts, Ms. Faith Andrews for the additional funding for Phase 2. He congratulated Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, on his recent appointment as Juvenile Court Judge.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – Commissioner Hamercheck asked Mr. DeLeone for clarification of the newly created fund for the Engineers Office asking that although there is no money in the fund currently, could the Engineers Office still go out to bid on projects. Mr. DeLeone responded that if the monies are in the process of being appropriated, yes, they could go out to bid. The Board congratulated Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, on his recent appointment. Mr. DeLeone thanked everyone for their well wishes.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he attended the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee meeting and the biggest single topic of discussion was the 2024 solar eclipse. He explained that the committee has reviewed documents from other states that have experienced this type of event. He also stated that 70% of the United States population is within a 24-hour drive time to Ohio. Commissioner Hamercheck stressed that safety plans are underway and that Lake County is an exit point for the eclipse. He listed several other topics that were discussed during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville congratulated Mr. Michael DeLeone on his recent appointment as Juvenile Court Judge. He stated that he spoke with a woman who had concerns about end of the unused drug recycling program. Commissioner Hamercheck stated how over the years this program has had some challenges and he cited several of them. He also invited those involved in the program to speak at a Commissioners Meeting.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake spoke of the road closures in Madison and stated that as a former contractor, he had some thoughts and ideas that he would like to discuss with the engineer's office. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he appreciates Mr. Marra's ideas, enthusiasm and passion, but that these complex projects are best left to the professional, licensed engineers in that office. Chief Deputy Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, addressed in detail, each of the roads that Mr. Marra discussed.

Chief Deputy Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, stated that her office would be hosting a job fair Friday, August 11th and Saturday, August 12th with more information available on their website.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy spoke on radio encryption and transmitting as well as east end roads and bridges. The Board and Mr. Weiss continued a detailed conversation of various funding strategies and interpretations on several topics.

Commissioner Hamercheck highlighted the following points for clarity: The Engineer shall maintain his language in the Ohio Revised Code, that moving funds does not equal defunding a department, how he is not willing to go to the public and tell them they must wait 30 years to have the problem addressed, and that we (the County) are looking at a 30-year bond for the new Sheriff's facility. The Sheriff has gone on record stating that he is not in support of something that could compromise the county for thirty years and where we would have to commit every available nickel to one project and not be able to maintain or perform any other legally obligated projects, nor could Commissioner Hamercheck imagine any bonding underwriter in their review process allowing a county to ignore every other responsibility. It is also important to point out that Lake County is the 11th most populated county in the state and has the infrastructure that goes along with that. He explained that the Engineers Office has put in an exhaustive effort in search of funding and they are doing the best they can with the limited resources they have. He pointed out that when no other funding source was available, the Engineer did the responsible thing and came to the Board immediately explaining the problem. Not only does the County have at-risk life safety issues with the closed roads but there is also a risk of losing matching funds with an 80/20 split due to the Engineers Office not having the 20% share to put towards the projects. Lastly, if a bond is brought forward there must be a mechanism to pay for it that is clear and sustainable.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake asked Ms. Salkewicz if their office has the cost estimates for Paine, Ford and Williams Roads. She stated that there are plans for Williams Road, there is a tentative estimate on Paine and they are working on preliminary engineering with options for Ford Road. He verbally made a public records request to the Engineers Office for the engineering report regarding repair vs replacement of Ford Road.

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:11 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12: 38 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twelfth day of October, 2023.

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