

AUGUST 31, 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 2023-0831)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Commissioner Hamercheck requested a moment of silence for the victims of the Florida hurricanes.

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 Meetings of: June 15, 2023, June 22, 2023, July 13, 2023 and August 17, 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. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the Rules of Public Comment passed by the Board on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by resolution 20210916\C03(C-107)

No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 31, 2023, AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230831\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. ADAMHS Board Executive Director Ms. Kim Fraser was present and stated that International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) seeks to create a better understanding of overdose, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths and create change that reduces the harms associated with drug use. The Lake County ADAMHS Board partnered with five mental health agencies across the county to share a day of events with the community. These events were to honour the people whose lives have been altered by overdose. They were for the family and friends grieving the loss of a loved one; workers in healthcare and support services extending strength and compassion and spontaneous first responders who selflessly assume the role of a lifesaver at a moment's notice. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, KIRTLAND-OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT, PROJECT 445-S-2021(20230831\U01)(UT-2)**

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.

**3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 554, RED CREEK SEWER, PROJECT 280-S(20230831\U02)(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.

**4.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT SEPTEMBER 8, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,387.62(20230831\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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.

**5.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,521,824.29(20230831\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.

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,892,278.44(20230831\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.

**7.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230831\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.

**8.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230831\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, reminded everyone that their customer service line has changed to the following: 1-844-644-6446.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd gave an update on the Public Safety Center.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Mr. James Gills stated that his office did an inspection of roads and bridges after the recent storms. He explained that Ford and Paine roads experienced significant movement. Williams had some movement and Blair sustained minor movement but he is not concerned with it at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik thanked the first responders that need to be out in all kinds of weather occurrences. Commissioner Regovich stated that there were more than 100 power trucks from both Ohio and out of state to help get the power back on to Lake County residents. Commissioner Hamercheck reported that there was 100% activation of all safety systems. He encouraged all residents to layer the many safety notifications that are available.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Ken Gauntner as Madison Township Trustee, stated that he received several calls from residents not understanding what the recent sirens were for. He suggested to the Board that they remind residents regularly in the newsletter that is sent out to all residents explaining what it is for and how to sign up for WENS notifications. He stated that the Ford Road Bridge has been closed for 370 days and asked if more funding was coming in for the Engineer’s Office to begin these repairs.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road, expressed her displeasure with no progress after 370 days. She thanked the Engineer for the slideshow, stating she found it very informative but 9 months too late.

Tami Gabor of Ford Road also thanked the Engineer for the slideshow, but agreed it was too late.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twelfth day of October, 2023.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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