

SEPTEMBER 14, 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 2023-0914)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 14, 2023.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road in Madison, spoke on the road closures and stated that her road has been closed 384 days. While she is happy that there is work being done on Blair Road, she shared her frustrations with all of the road closures.

Workforce Development Director, Mr. Cory Vojack, stated that OMJ will be hosting a Senior Citizen Job and Resource Fair at the Fairport Harbor Senior Center on September 22nd from 10am to noon.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,437,101.00 FOR TWILIGHT LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO 439-S-2020, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: October 11, 2023)(20230914\U01)(UT-8)

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.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR COLD WATER METERS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: October 4, 2023)(20230914\U02)(UT-8)

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.

3.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$758,590.00 TO D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT-EUCLID CITY LINE TO E. 288TH STREET PROJECT 431-W-2020(20230914\U03)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, stated that this is part of their Capital Improvement Plan. 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 22, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$637,258.71(20230914\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 ACCEPTING THE ADDENDUM TO THE FY 2024-2025 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 2.0 GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION(20230914\C01)(CT-3)

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 APPOINTING CHIEF TROY MCINTOSH OF THE MADISON VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A THREE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024(20230914\C02)(B-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this vacancy was due to a retirement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SEWER LATERAL INSTALLATION PROGRAM TO SERVE THE URBAN COUNTY JURISDICTION AND TARGET THE OLD TOWN AREA IN THE CITY OF KIRTLAND(20230914\C03)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Planning and Community Development Mr. David Radachy, explained that this resolution is CDBG's portion of the project that will assist income qualified residents with the lateral hookup fees. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 201 N. ST. CLAIR STREET IN PAINESVILLE, OHIO, PARCEL # 15-D-004-00-008-0 (20230914\C04)(C-40b)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this is a 50/50 cost share with the LandBank and the property is part of the proposed safety center

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

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,922,040.11(20230914\BC01)(C-4)

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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,411,908.30(20230914\BC02)(C-17)

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.

11.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230914\BC03)(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.

12.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20230914\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, presented a brief slideshow and explained how well the landfill expansion project is progressing. The new scale house features much new technology such as having the capability to accept cash, credit and debit which will improve operations and expedite customers through the line. He thanked Denis Yurkovich, Tim Gourley and Miller Brothers Construction for all the hard work they are putting into this project.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd discussed the Public Safety Center stating that everything is progressing very well. A larger meeting with the consultants is planned for next week and they will review a revised schematic drawing. Two design firms submitted plans and both will be interviewed in the next few weeks. He announced that there will be a formal unveiling of the new digital display board in the main lobby next Thursday, September 21st at 8:30 a.m.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. She also announced that the Recorder will be holding a Recorder's Technology Fund Annual Public Hearing next Thursday, September 21st at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Chambers.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Chief Deputy Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkewicz, stated that the Engineers would be hosting a hiring event to fill the positions of laborer, mechanic helper and mechanic in the Engineer's Maintenance Garage. The event will take place at the Engineer's Maintenance Garage located at 550 Blackbrook Road, Painesville Township on Friday, September 22, 2023 between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm and again on Saturday, September 23, 2023 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck and the Board reviewed and discussed in detail the proposed draft resolution for roads and bridges for the Engineer's Office. Commissioner Hamercheck read the notes incorporated on the draft resolution made by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik's notes included taking Ford Road Bridge and Blair Road Retaining walls off the list and requiring a performance audit. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that a performance audit is not necessary and that nothing changes the Board's responsibility to these projects. He verified this statement with Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Hackman. Mr. David Hackman, stated that the Board is responsible for County Roads. He read the statute pertaining to County roads indicating "such roads shall be maintained by the Board of County Commissioners.". With regard to a performance audit, there is no requirement that a performance audit be done. Its outcome will not change the responsibility of the County Commissioners to maintain the roads and keep the public safe. Commissioner Regovich stated that he has met with Engineer Gills and the feeling is that funding will be provided as the projects are ready to begin. Blair Road would be the next project ready and they have asked the Budget Director to look into best options for funding. County Administrator, Mr. Boyd, offered his apologies to Engineer Gills regarding a missed memo. He reported that he has been working with ODOT to see if they are able to assist in any way with funding above and beyond the funding the Engineer's Office already receives.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Paine and Williams Roads will cost more than \$4.2 million and referred to language provided by the Prosecutor. He then addressed Commissioners Plecnik and Regovich and asked how they would like to proceed. Commissioner Regovich responded that Mr. Gills and Budget Director Matas would need to speak first before any decisions are made. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if some decision or resolution could be expected by next Thursday. Commissioner Regovich reiterated he would need to speak with Mr. Gills.

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NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck reported that 3 years ago Madison Township was approved for an OPWC grant but did not receive it, they have completed the proper paperwork and are working through the issue to receive the funds.

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

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville Township, asked the Commissioners to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and to always protect the seniors.

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Ford Road addressed the Chief Deputy Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkewicz on several items including how a performance audit works and which roads may be ready to move forward. She has sought legal counsel to understand her rights regarding the road closures and safety issues.

Ms. Tammy Gabor of Ford Road referred to a comment made during last week's meeting and expressed how it was an attempt at bad humor and not appreciated. She also expressed her anger and frustration at the Board and how there is a deflection of blame.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road also expressed her displeasure with the lack of decisions and asked for further clarification of the proposed resolution. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the resolution and its changes with Mrs. Bushman and stated he is seeking a second vote from his colleagues. Commissioner Regovich stated that as projects come up and there is a determination of the true cost for each project it can then be determined what steps can be taken. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that at this time Ford Road and Blair Road are not on the list, there is no funding at this time and this is a serious matter.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, referred to the Engineers presentation from a previous meeting and stated he is still in disagreement with their opinions on how to repair or replace these roads. He shared his displeasure with NOACA and suggested that Lake County split off from NOACA.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy also referred to the Engineers presentation from a previous meeting and stated he was impressed with Commissioner Hamercheck's absorption of the detailed information Mr. Exley provided.

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 second day of November, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER

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