

SEPTEMBER 28, 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 2023-0928)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 28, 2023.

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 398 days.

Ms. Anna Rokhlina of Eastlake spoke of her frustrations in trying to sell her home as it is her understanding that her home is a multi-family home but the city looks at it as single family. Commissioner Hamercheck stated he would follow up with the city.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2023, AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20230928\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik read the resolution in its entirety. Present to receive the resolution was HOLA Executive Director, Ms. Veronica Dahlberg, Executive Director from the Visitors Bureau, Mr. Neil Stein, Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar and Cory Vojack, Director of Workforce Development. Ms. Dahlberg spoke on the Hispanic community in Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,536,400.00 FOR ARCOLA CREEK/BENNETT ROAD SANITARY IMPROVEMENT, PHASE II PROJECT NO 454-S-2021, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: October 25, 2023)(20230928\U01)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is one of the final pieces of the Cashen Road Wastewater Treatment Facility project. He stated this project will be followed by the Bennett Road/Chapel Road Project. The completion of these projects will then transfer water and sewer to the Lake County Department of Utilities for Madison customers. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE- YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,007.700 FOR CAPITAL PARKWAY SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION JOB NO. 22-42 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20230928\U02)(UT-12)**

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.

**4.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$330,000 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 408-S(20230928\U03)(UT-15)**

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.

**5.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$1,500,000 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 336-S(20230928\U04)(UT-15)**

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.

**6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE PROCURED THROUGH SOURCEWELL ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMMERCIAL DIESEL GENERATOR FOR THE RED CREEK PUMP STATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RED CREEK SANITARY SEWER PROJECT 280-S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,082.00(20230928\U05)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this has been a several years long project and will soon be ready to advertise for bids. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that they are able to get a better price for this piece of machinery utilizing state purchasing. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7.RESOLUTION TO DELETE A SEWER SUM AND ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230928\U06)(UT-7)**

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.

**8.RESOLUTION TO DELETE A WATER SUM AND ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20230928\U07)(UT-7)**

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.

**9.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT OCTOBER 6, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,657.11(20230928\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.

**10.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THOMAS DREHER TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026(20230928\C01)(B-20)**

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 REAPPOINTING LISA MANNING TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026(20230928\C02)(B-20)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Dreher and Ms. Manning for volunteering their time to serve. Commissioner Regovich thanked them for their dedication. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**12.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER, INC. FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS(20230928\C03)(C-34B)**

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.

**13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,944,750.32 (20230928\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.

**14.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,508,004.23(20230928\BC02)(C-17) (20230928\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.

**15.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230928\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.

**16.RESOLUTION MAKING A CASH ADVANCE AND TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230928\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.

**17.RESOLUTION ADVANCING AND TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20230921\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- none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd stated that he, along with Commissioners Hamercheck and Regovich, Sheriff Leonbruno, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Mr. Mark Iafelice and Telecommunications Director Mr. Paul Stefanko, toured a jail recently built near Detroit, Michigan yesterday. The Board and Mr. Boyd discussed several design features that may work in the building. Mr. Iafelice and Mr. Stefanko found the design of the sallyport and mechanical rooms very helpful. Sheriff Leonbruno pointed out the differences between the Detroit facility and the plan for our facility in that we (Lake County) want to return the inmates to society better than when they came in by offering medical, addiction and mental health treatment.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

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ENGINEER: County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, stated that there will be a pre-construction meeting for Williams Road the second week of October.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

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

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Ford Road reiterated that the residents of Ford Road have no Police, Fire or Ambulance service. She referred to a truck that got stuck for 4 hours recently and explained the home health aid that assists her husband had to cancel her next appointments because she could not get to her next jobs. She also updated the Board on a mother that could not pick up her children from school stating that this mother was fined by the school for late pickup. She asked the Board why there was no vote on Ford Road today. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the funds need to be transferred and that there needs to be two votes from the Board. Ms. Spencer spoke of her daughter who lives in Willoughby Hills and how her road (Rogers Road) will only be closed for a couple weeks as it is not a County owned street.

Mr. Brian Massie for Lobbyists for Citizens, reminded the Board that his group continues to monitor the financial statements of LakeTran. He explained that they (Lobbyists for Citizens) have asked the LakeTran Board to rescind their tax levy as they have 'changed the deal' on the citizens. He stated that the attorney representing LakeTran explained that it would take 10,000 signatures on a petition in order for the change to be placed on the ballot. Lobbyists for Citizens volunteered to help Mr. Cappelle obtain the signatures.

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.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, offered his thoughts and suggestions on the Ford Road closure and repair as well as Williams, Paine and Blair. He stated he does not blame the residents for coming in every week to speak as it is a dangerous situation for them.

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-Employment with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik, 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 12:04 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**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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