

OCTOBER 12, 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 2023-1012)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of: July 27, 2023, August 31, 2023 and September 7, 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.

The Board presented a special certificate to Lake County Clerk of Courts employee Taylor Fillbach for her lifesaving efforts. Commissioner Plecnik read the certificate in its entirety. Ms. Fillbach thanked the Board for this recognition and stated that she was thankful she was in the right place at the right time to assist the victim.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2023 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20231012\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik stated that no one is immune to this disease and that his mother is a survivor. Commissioner Regovich shared that 2 of his friends recently went through the breast cancer journey and stressed the importance of screenings. Commissioner Hamercheck also shared that his family has been touched by breast cancer as well and it is important to speak of it and get screenings. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL(20231012\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck read the resolution in its entirety. Commissioner Plecnik stated that it is time for all to stand and be counted in support of Israel. Commissioner Regovich hopes that people find comfort in this day of prayer. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that acts of anti-Semitism are on the rise and that there can be no tolerance for hate or these violent acts. He encouraged everyone to join the Board and to take a moment to pray for the people of Israel. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAINE ROAD RETAINING WALL AND BRIDGE PROJECT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2022-014 (Bid Opening November 8, 2023)(20231012\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Engineer, Mr. James Gills, explained that this project is ready to move forward and he is hoping for some competitive bids. He also stated that this is a very complicated project and will take quite a while to complete. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20231012\U01)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT OCTOBER 20, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$527,463.79(20231012\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,834,307.49 (20231012\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.

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$942,630.06 (20231012\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.

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231012\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.

9.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231012\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– Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that they received six bids at their recent bid opening and he hopes this trend will continue.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, announced that her Department held their annual Chili Cook off to benefit the United Way of Lake County on Wednesday, October 11th and again this year it was a huge success. She thanked Commissioners Hamercheck and Regovich for being gracious enough to be Judges for this event. Ms. Casar stated that the Foster Parent Association will be hosting a Carry Out Event with LaVera Party Center on Monday, October 23, 2023. There are two choices for meals and the meals can be picked up at LaVera in Willoughby Hills or at the JFS parking lot.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Jason Boyd stated that he continues to have weekly phone calls and in person meetings every 3 weeks for the proposed public safety center.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck discussed how there will be a need to replace the radios very soon as they are coming to the end of their service life. He explained the importance of double authentication and encryption and also that Motorola will be offering 3-5-7 year leases.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich thanked Ms. Casar for asking him to be a judge at the chili cook-off. He announced that, as the government liaison for United Way, there will be several activities planned. Commissioner Hamercheck also thanked Ms. Casar for asking him to be a judge at the chili cook-off and shared some of the entertaining names of the chili's.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Lori Bobin of Ford Road thanked the Board for recognizing what is going on in the world. She read a prepared statement regarding the road closures in Madison and stated that Ford Road has been closed 412 days and Paine Road has been closed 429 days.

Tammy Gabor of Ford Road had a question and answer with the Engineer pertaining to plans and funding, estimates of the projects and the bidding process. Commissioner Hamercheck stated there have been no agreements, only discussions.

Gilda Spencer of Ford Road reiterated that the residents of Ford Road have no Police, Fire or Ambulance service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

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

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