

OCTOBER 5, 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

(Tape 2023-1005)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, October 5, 2023.

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. Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road in Madison, spoke on the road closures and stated that her road has been closed 405 days. She is pleased to see there is work being done on Blair Road.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville referred to item #7 on the agenda asking for details. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, explained that this workers compensation agreement is amicable between all parties.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville Township reminded everyone that the distracted driving law goes into effect today and that early voting will begin next week. He spoke on the drug cartel and the Narcotics Board reports.

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

Ms. Michele Pennell from the Auditors Office was present to state that the 2022 State audit is complete and the County received a 4-star rating. She also stated the report is available for review online.

Mr. Ben Sokar, Executive Director of NAMI, invited everyone to attend their NAMI Walk this Saturday beginning at the Mentor Amphitheater. Anyone with questions may contact him at 440-639-1200.

Mr. Peter Wayman of Madison, asked that the Board work together with the Madison Trustees to do what is best for the residents.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,220,829.93 (20231005\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.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,536,298.14 (20231005\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.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231005\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.

4.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231005\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.

5.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE PROJECT FUND 597 AND SOLID WASTE FUND(20231005\U01)(UT-2)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROJECT HOPE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE TANF RECIPIENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$157,023.00, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023(20231005\JFS01)(JFS-11)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik commended Project Hope for all of the good work that they do. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RESOLVING THE MATTER OF ROACH VS. MCCLLOUD, LAKE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT CASE NO. 22CV001464(20231005\C01)(C-125)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TRANE U.S. INC. PROCURED THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,800.00 (20231005\C02)(C-7)

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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP) FOR THE NEOCAP ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT(20231005\C03)(C-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 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH COOPERATIVE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND EQUALIS GROUP THROUGH THE CCAO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (NEOCAP) BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$356,444.00 (20231005\C04)(C-7)

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, discussed the success of the second Household Hazardous Waste Collections. They processed more than 1,600 cars.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board congratulated Auditor Galloway and his staff on their 4-star rating.

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

Ms. Tammy Gabor of Ford Road read a prepared statement sharing the frustrations of the residents and that the Board needs to be more responsive and caring of the residents.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road was permitted a multi-question and answer portion with the Board regarding Ford Road, funding, timing, as well as several other topics.

Mr. Ken Gauntner of Madison stated that he completely understands the frustrations of the residents that live on and/or around Ford Road as well as the other roads in the area that are closed. He also understands that they are confused because given his previous experience as County Administrator and Trustee, he is also confused. He also conducted a question and answer with the Board and shared his thoughts on County money savings that could be done.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this fourteenth day of December, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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