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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER LEGAL COUNSEL
RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

(Tape 2023-1026)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, October 26, 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. Dr. Morris Beverage, President of Lakeland Community College thanked the Board for their willingness to collaborate with Lakeland and a shared commitment to expanding and aligning workforce development in Lake County.

Dr. Joe Glavan of Mentor Schools read a prepared statement and stated that he is honored to lead this collaborative effort between Mentor Schools, Lakeland Community College and our Lake County commissioners. Commissioner Regovich stated that he was proud to spearhead this collaboration and further invest in the future of the young adults in Lake County.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, asked the Commissioners to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars and discussed the County debt.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road in Madison, informed the Board that her road has been closed 426 days and is asking for some sort of timeline from them to fulfill their responsibility to take care of the closed roads. She shared her fear of needing any type of emergency services due to the time it would take EMS to get to her home.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, RIVER STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 475-W-2023 (20231026\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.

2.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20231026\U02)(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.

3.RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD(20231026\JFS01)(B-24)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Workforce Development, Mr. Cory Vojack, explained that this appointment is due to the resignation of a Board member and fulfills the appointment of a member from the private sector. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021(20231026\C01)(C-107)

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 ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 (20231026\C02)(INS)

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 ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUB-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024(20231026\C03)(INS)APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$942,630.06 (20231012\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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA-LOCAL 4340, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2024 (20231026\C04)(301b)

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 AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 215 N. ST. CLAIR STREET IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, OHIO (20231026\C05)(210-g)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd explained that this and the following resolution are part of the property acquisition necessary for the proposed safety center. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 216 E. JACKSON STREET IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, OHIO (20231026\C06)(210-g)

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.

10. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING HEALTHY AGING GRANT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS(20231026\C07)(C-20)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd thanked Senior Services Manager, Mrs. Alyea Barajas and Senior Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Cristen Kane for the work they put in to secure this funding. He explained that Mrs. Barajas will be preparing the RFP in accordance with the guidelines and added that the dollars must be spent by September, 2024. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mrs. Barajas for her hard work. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,356,326.69(20231026\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.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,046,339.58(20231026\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.

13.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231026\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.

14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231026\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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that their recent bid opening received six bids; two of which were below the engineers estimate, and he hopes this trend will continue.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar stated that there is a new State Department created by Governor DeWine called The Department of Children and Youth. Their mission is to promote positive, lifelong outcomes for Ohio youth through early intervention, quality education, and family support programs. They will be focused on helping all children live up to their full potential by providing developmentally appropriate services and resources from before they are born through adulthood.

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. He added that the estimates for the schematic phase will be due the week of November 20th.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Mr. Gills stated that Williams Road is under construction, Paine Road is going out to bid and he hopes that they will receive many bidders for this project. He stated that his department will be meeting with the consultant for the planning and strategy phase of Ford Road. Blair Road has been approved for \$500,000 in OPWC dollars. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Engineer Gills if he would be open to a resolution that outlines conditions and dollar amounts. Mr. Gills stated he would. Commissioner Regovich stated that he is committed to the funding but does not see the need to move \$5.7 million until final numbers are received and asked where Williams Road is headed. Commissioner Plecnik stated that road closures are an acceptable maintenance strategy but that we must

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find a way to reopen them. Moving funds from one account to another will not make this happen any faster. The Board and Engineer Gills continued to discussed the closures, funding and possible scenarios.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioners Regovich and Plecnik congratulated Commissioner Hamercheck on being awarded the 21st Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Award at NOACA's 2023 Annual Meeting. Commissioner Regovich added that it was a great honor for NOACA to acknowledge the hard work and dedication he has put into serving as the President of NOACA for 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich stated that he looks forward to attending the Leadership Conference in Washington next month. Commissioner Hamercheck gave a detailed report on the recent Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) meeting he attended which included the continued support for the MARCs system, discussion regarding interoperability, a microwave update, countywide encryption, and fire station alerting.

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

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Ford Road stated that she recently called for ambulance service, and she contacted the local news channels to share her frustrations that the Board is continually changing their answers to the resident's questions.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive congratulated the Auditor on the 4-star rating. He stated that losing Mr. Michael Matas as the County Budget Director is a huge loss for Lake County and its residents.

Ms. Lori Bobin of Ford Road shared her extreme frustration and disappointment that the Board will not make any steps forward.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road reminded the Board that these road closures do not impact only senior citizens but also young families and working people. She stressed that the Board needs to think long and hard on how they can get a permanent fix underway sooner than later.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 12:11 p.m. to discuss Personnel-Discipline and Personnel-Collective Bargaining with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:24 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this fourteenth day of December, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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