

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

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

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(Tape 2023-1109)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 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. No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LOCKWOOD ROAD (CR24) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO; OPWC NO. DGAA10; LCE PROJECT NO. 2023-004 (Bid Opening: December 6, 2023)(20231109\E01)(E-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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, HARDY ROAD REGULATOR PROJECT 468-W-2023 (20231109\U01)(UT-2)

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 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417,000.00 FOR SUNSHINE ACRES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO 456-S-2021, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: December 6, 2023)(20231109\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.

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 8 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,096.44 WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,869.25 FOR VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT-PHASE I PROJECT 430-W-2020 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20231109\U03)(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.

5.RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,596,159.00 TO CHIVERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC FOR ARCOLA CREEK TRUNK SEWER PROJECT 454-S-2021(20231109\U04)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, explained that this is to complete Phase 2 (the final phase) of the wastewater connection in Madison. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE- YEAR COMBINED MAINTENANCE BOND WITH RIDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,132.21 FOR SANITARY SEWERS AND WATERLINES FOR BOOTH FARMS PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 21-64 & 21-65)(20231109\U05)(SD-441)

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO FERGUSON WATERWORKS FOR COLD WATER METERS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20231109\U06)(UT-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.

8.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20231109\U07)(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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REVISED LAKE COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) FOR THE PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY(20231109\C01)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Emergency Management Director, Mr. Joe Busher, was present and explained that this is the 29th revision of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and that the plan has been reviewed annually since 1987. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20231109\C02)(C-34B)

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.

11. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GEORGE M. PHILLIPS AS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2028(20231109\C03)(B-54)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik offered his congratulations to Mr. Phillips. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY CODE OF REGULATIONS(20231109\C04)(C-102)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that NOACA has requested ratification of the amendment to the Code of Regulations to restore the designation of the City of Cleveland's Board position to Mayor of City of Cleveland. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 175 E. ERIE STREET IN PAINESVILLE, OHIO, PARCEL #15-D-004-0-00-002-0 AND PARCEL #15-D-004-0-00-007-0(20231109\C05)(C-40b)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. The Board thanked Mr. Rogers for the hard work he does to make Lake County a better place. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS BY FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES FOR COUNTY EXPENSES OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AND DESIGNATING THE LAKE COUNTY TREASURER AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICE SERVICES (20231109\C06)(C-40c)

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.

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,501,805.03(20231109\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.

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,405,389.83(20231109\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.

17. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231109\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.

18. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231109\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- Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that JFS, in conjunction with the Sub-Zero Mission, will be hosting a "Stuff the Bus" event on Wednesday, November 29th in the Jobs and Family Services parking lot. Acceptable items are coats, winter hats and gloves, sleeping bags, tents, boots and new, in the package socks. She also stated that Lake County Job and Family Services is looking to fill several Eligibility Specialist positions and that JFS, along with OhioMeans Jobs, will be hosting a hiring event on Friday, November 17th, 2023, and that anyone interested in scheduling an interview can call (440) 350-4000 (option 3).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. and reminded everyone that County offices will be closed tomorrow, Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.

LEGAL – none.

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ENGINEER- County Engineer Gills stated that they received two bids on the Paine Road bid opening. One bid came in under the engineers estimate and they hope to have a contract and resolution ready for the next meeting so they can begin the project. Mr. Gills provided a long and very detailed update on funding, projects, and the history of several projects. The Board discussed several funding options and the possibility of only funding Ford Road at an estimated cost of \$2,660,000.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck and the Board discussed the upcoming real estate re-evaluation, inside and outside millage, that 60% to 80% of property taxes go to the school levies and that the Board has no authority to change that. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Board needs to stand with property owners and offset the increase of property values by lowering inside millage taxes. Commissioner Regovich stressed that everyone is in support of lowering taxes but the County needs to wait and see what the final numbers are and discuss after that. Commissioner Hamercheck expressed his disappointment in his fellow Commissioners and urged them to show leadership by making it known that Lake County will stand firm and not profit from a windfall. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he and Commissioner Hamercheck attended the ribbon cutting of the new Veterans Center at Lakeland Community College. Commissioner Regovich, on behalf of the Board, offered condolences to Judge Robert Patton’s family on the passing of his mother.

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 the verbal commitment that they made today and stated that 440 days for the road closure in Madison is way too long.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy thanked the Board and County Engineer Gills for the progress that was made today. He acknowledged that Veterans Day is this Saturday, November 11th.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road reiterated that 440 days for the road closure in Madison is way too long and that she is pleased to see things looking up for the residents of Ford Road.

Tammy Gabor of Ford Road discussed senior citizens and property taxes.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-first day of December, 2023.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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