

NOVEMBER 16, 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 2023-1116)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 16, 2023.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Commissioner Hamercheck presented a Special Certificate to Minister Chris Lee for organizing and hosting the second annual Lake County Clergy vs. Law Enforcement Basketball Exhibition Game this past weekend. Commissioner Hamercheck read the certificate in its entirety. Minister Lee thanked the Board for the certificate and Commissioner Hamercheck for participating in the event which was created to break down barriers between clergy, law enforcement and all residents.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, asked the Board to continue to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars and briefly discussed his opinions on drug cartel and the state of the country as well as the world. He thanked the Sheriff, Chief Deputy Izzo and the Sheriff's staff for their continued hard work.

Mrs. Bushman of Ford Road, stated that her road has been closed for a total of 447 days. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 15TH AS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DAY(20231116\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik read the resolution in its entirety. Lake County GIS Director, Ms. Caroline Petersen, was present along with her staff. She thanked the Board for the recognition and reviewed several special events that have taken place to recognize this week. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO THE GREAT LAKES CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE PAINE ROAD RETAINING WALL AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,638,492.85(20231116\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, explained that this project was started under an emergency declaration and to keep the project moving along, the contractor personally came in to sign the contracts. He stated that there is a pre-con meeting scheduled for next week. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,468,300.00 TO NERONE & SONS, INC. FOR TWILIGHT LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 439-S-2020(20231116\U01)(UT-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.

**4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR AUTHORIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE RAW WATER PUMP STATION SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(20231116\U02)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated that this project is to construct long-term erosion protection for the western portion of the facility shoreline. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, CHESTNUT STREET SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 463-S-2023(20231116\U03)(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 TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 464-S-2022 MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT TO THE SEWER FUND (20231116\U04)(UT-2)**

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.

**7.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20231116\U05)(UT-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.

**8.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT NOVEMBER 22, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$799,402.60(20231116\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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 DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 4, 2024(20231116\C01)(C-107)**

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 BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPENDING HEALTHY AGING GRANT FUNDS(20231116\C02)(C-20)**

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.

**11. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF REVISED COUNTY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL RULES (Hearing Dates: Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Lake County Commissioners' Chambers) (20231116\C03)(C-66)**

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.

**12.RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE TRANCHE 3 FUNDING FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FORD ROAD AS DESCRIBED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER(20231116\C04)(C-107)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. County Engineer, Mr. Gills stated that they would like to quickly move forward with this project. The environmental study is nearly complete and they are working with the Army Corps of Engineers. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,538,808.71(20231116\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.

**14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$510,874.09(20231116\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.

**15.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231116\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.

**16.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231116\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar announced that they would be hosting a "Stuff the Bus" event for the SubZero Mission next week. She stated that they will be collecting new or gently used coats, boots, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, tents and socks (new only) for individuals in need. The collection will take place November 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM at Job and Family Services. Barra de Taco food truck will also be parked in their parking lot the day of the event.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd gave an update on the Safety Center, stating that they are working on the design process, and meeting in person every three weeks with the consultant. Mr. Boyd also gave an update on property acquisitions and which buildings are going to be razed. He thanked Telecommunications Director, Mr. Paul Stefanko, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Mr. Mark Iafelice, the Sheriff and his staff for the continued hard work with this planning process.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there will not be a Commissioners Meeting next week and that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and that County

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Offices will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. She wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mrs. Bushman stated she was pleased to see some movement on Ford Road. She wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Tami Gabor thanked Mr. Gills and Commissioner Hamercheck for keeping the best interest of the residents in mind. She read a prepared statement to the Board. She wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, was happy to see some movement on Ford Road and also wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Employment and 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 11:24 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:24 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**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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