

NOVEMBER 30, 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 2023-1130)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 30, 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. Commissioner Hamercheck introduced Mr. Matthew Armand, Lake County Department of Utilities Director of Administration who presented 25-year service recognition to the following Lake County Department of Utilities employees: Randy Rothlisberger – Sanitary Engineer, Frank Burkholder – Water Investigator, Michael Spencer – Wastewater Package Plant Lead Operator and Jolene Santee (not in attendance) – Engineering Office Manager.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive, thanked law enforcement, discussed inflation and the border.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), AND TO EXECUTE AN OPWC AGREEMENT FOR THE BLAIR ROAD RETAINING WALL AND RESURFACING PROJECT PHASE 1 IN PERRY TOWNSHIP(20231130\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Engineer, Mr. James Gills, stated that this resolution will permit his office to prepare and submit an application for funding. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER & SEWER FUNDS(20231130\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.

**3.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 5 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,846.12 WITH J.S. BOVA EXCAVATING, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,606.74 FOR DIVISION/BANK/ATWATER WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 446-W-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20231130\U02)(UT-12)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND THE SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MADISON RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS AND SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER AND SEWER DIVISIONS AND FOR THE ASSUMPTION BY THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MADISON(20231130\U03)(UT-44)**

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated that this second amendment is necessary to extend the current sunset date for one year due to unforeseen issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH X-PRESS UNDERGROUND, INC. FOR THE GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT - CONTRACT A PROJECT NO 364-S DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$83,553.83(20231130\U04)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is another major project for his department. This Capital Improvement project runs from the Fairport Harbor side of the Grand River to the Grand River Village side. Mr. Rothlisberger added that this will last more than 100 years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**6.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20231130\U05)(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.

**7.RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACQUELINE BONGORNO TO AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING MARCH 14, 2025(20231130\JFS01)(B-24)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Workforce Development, Mr. Cory Vojack, explained that this vacancy is due to the resignation of Ms. Karen Ralston. The appointment will continue to fulfill the private sector requirement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 8, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,404.49(20231130\JFS02)(JFS-14)**

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 PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2023(20231130\C01)(CT-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.

**10. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHRISTOPHER P. TUCCI TO THE LAKE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD FOR A NEW TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028(20231130\C02)(B-19)**

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 AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES-DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT TO OBTAIN MATCHING FUNDS OF UP TO \$35,000.00 FOR MARINE PATROL FOR THE YEAR 2024(20231130\C03)(CT-10a)**

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 ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Proposal Opening: December 21, 2023)(20231130\C04)(207-N)**

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 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 \$144,245.00 (20231130\C05)(C-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.

**14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,910,874.63(20231130\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.

**15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,905,042.41(20231130\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.

**16. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231130\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.

**17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231130\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 – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar thanked everyone who participated in the "Stuff the Bus" event for the SubZero Mission that was held yesterday. She stated that they collected new or gently used coats, boots, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, tents and socks for individuals in need and that they were very thankful for the donations that were received.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd gave an update on the Safety Center stating that they are currently working on the floorplan and flow of Level 0 and 1. He also stated that the temporary budget is prepared and ready for the Board's review in the Commissioners Office.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: none.

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OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Engineers Office, Buildings and Grounds and Mr. Boyd for their assistance in getting the warming center earlier this week. Commissioner Regovich wished all the local football teams good luck as they head to their championship games.

Commissioner Hamercheck stressed that attendance at this weeks NOACA meeting is extremely important.

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

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, thanked Ms. Germano from the Prosecutors Office and "Jessica" from the Clerk of Courts Office for their assistance on separate matters. Other subjects discussed by Mr. Massie included the Budget Commission, Local Government Fund and concerns about education.

Bishop Mirbel was present and thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for the thanksgiving blessing offered to his congregation. He praised the Board for their hard work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Employment with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:44 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Plecnik and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

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

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