

DECEMBER 14, 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 2023-1214)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, December 14, 2023.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of: October 5th and 26th, 2023, and November 2nd and 9th, 2023, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Buildings and Grounds Custodian, Ms. Audrey Waytes, was present to receive a special certificate in recognition of her 25th anniversary serving Lake County. Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Mr. Mark lafelice and Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar, praised Ms. Waytes for her wonderful attitude and work ethic.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, asked for clarification of item #11 on the agenda. Commissioner Hamercheck responded this policy pertains to the County's General Fund Carryover Balance, including the Budget Stabilization and Payroll Liability Funds, shall equal or exceed thirty percent (30%) of the current year's operating budget.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$965,500.00 FOR THE ONE-ACRE CELL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY PROJECT NO. 474-L-2023, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: January 24, 2024)(20231214\U01)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is the last phase of the cell expansion project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO.6 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,188.64 WITH X-PRESS UNDERGROUND, INC., ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,616.22 AND ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE SURETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT CONTRACT A PROJECT 364-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20231214\U02)(UT-12)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this project which runs from the Fairport Harbor side of the Grand River to the Grand River Village side is now complete. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,206.00 FOR A WATERLINE FOR WEST PINES SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS (JOB NO. 23-39) (20231214\U03)(UT-9)

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20231214\U04)(UT-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.

5.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING COLLEEN CONNORS TO THE GREAT LAKES OHIO REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL AS A COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALIST FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026 (20231214\JFS01)(B-193)

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 REAPPOINTING LIZ MILLER TO THE GREAT LAKES OHIO REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL AS A COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALIST FOR TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026(20231214\JFS02)(B-193)

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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 22, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$586,946.54 (20231214\JFS03)(JFS-14)

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 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20231214\C01)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Madison Township Administrator, Mr. Tim Brown, and on behalf of the Trustees, wanted to thank the Board for the CDBG funding and explained how helpful these funds will be to expand the walking trail along Lake Erie. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION NO. 4 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LIFELINE, INC. AND FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER, INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- 2 (ERAP-2) FUNDS(20231214\C03)(C-34B)

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 ADOPTING THE REVISED LAKE COUNTY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL RULES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 14, 2024(20231214\C03)(C-161)

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 ESTABLISHING A FUND BALANCE RESERVE POLICY FOR THE GENERAL FUND(20231214\C04)(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.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,186,897.04(20231214\BC01)(C-4)

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.

13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$588,571.52(20231214\BC02)(C-17)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20231214\BC03)(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.

15.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231214\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, wanted to express her thanks and gratitude to everyone that has supported foster children and families in need this Christmas season. She stated that the generosity of everyone is truly overwhelming.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that the 2024 OGF resolution will be on next week's (December 21st) agenda. He also gave an update on the Safety Center.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Chief Deputy Engineer, Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, provided an update on several projects including the Williams Road Retention Wall.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich provided an update on the CCAO Conference he attended last week and stated that there were several interesting topics such as economic development and jail funding. He stated that there are currently 44 counties in the State of Ohio that have jail projects and he was happy to report that Lake County is ahead of the game and doing very well.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, referred to a News Herald article pertaining to the \$27 million Lake Metroparks carryover and how he is currently reviewing their financial statements. He also spoke of the Budget

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Commission, inside millage and a recent AdHoc Committee Meeting. Commissioner Hamercheck permitted a question and answer portion between Mr. Massie and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. David Hackman. There was also a discussion between Mr. Massie and Commissioner Hamercheck regarding the AdHoc Committee.

Bishop Mirabel praised the Board for caring about their constituents and being caring men that do what is best for the County.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eleventh day of January, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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