

DECEMBER 28, 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
(Tape 2023-1228)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 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. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, asked the Commissioners to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars in 2024.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive referred to item #7 on the agenda and asked what a Tax Incentive Review Council does. Commissioner Regovich stated that this committee is to oversee the companies that are benefitting from tax incentives to ensure they are in compliance with the rules.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00 FOR MAINE AVENUE WATERLINE EXTENSION IN PERRY TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 23-49)(20231228\U01)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is a small extension that will benefit one resident. 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 (20231228\U02)(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.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 (20231228\JFS01)(JFS-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich. Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that this and the following two resolutions are annual contracts. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024(20231228\JFS02)(JFS-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.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024(20231228\JFS03)(JFS-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.

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 5, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,009.06(20231228\JFS04)(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.

7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM MARGALIS AND SCOTT TENNANT TO THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON AUGUST 11, 2025 (20231228\C01)(B-196)

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.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL ADDENDUM FOR THE CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (20231228\C02)(INS)

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.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RxBENEFITS FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES(20231228\C03)(INS)

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.

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH GRANULAR FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 (20231228\C04)(INS)**

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.

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,730,575.34(20231228\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.

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$585,188.74(20231228\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.

**13. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231228\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.

**14. TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20231228\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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, thanked all Water Treatment and Wastewater employees that worked or were on call during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and thanked the crews in advance for working over the New Year's holiday.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES- Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, provided the following end of the year statistics issued by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:

- Ohio ranks first in the region and in the top five states nationally for SNAP payment accuracy.
- Ohio's child care licensing staff made it possible for an estimated 355,000 children to be cared for in settings outside their homes.
- Ohio's child support workers made it possible for nearly 675,000 children to receive \$1.6 billion in support.
- Since April, Ohio county caseworkers confirmed continued Medicaid or CHIP eligibility for more than 1.6 million Ohioans.
- Ohio outperformed all previous monthly records in processing manual renewals, averaging nearly 80,000 renewals per month (650,000 total) since resuming annual redeterminations.
- Ohio consistently met or exceeded 90% of monthly redeterminations on time, outperforming the majority of all state Medicaid programs.

Ms. Casar also thanked her staff for their hard work and offered a special thanks for the employees that provided services throughout the holiday weekend and those that provided 24/7 care to the children in placement.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd thanked the staff and especially the 4<sup>th</sup> floor finance department for the phenomenal job that they did this year but these past few months in particular. He stated that he looks forward to introducing the new finance staff to everyone next week.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the Commissioners Organizational Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and that the first regular Commissioners Meeting will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 10:00 am. Commissioner Plecnik requested Clerk Bell reach out to newly elected Painesville School Board member, Mr. Anthony Marinelli, to arrange his oath of office during next weeks meeting.

LEGAL – none.

ENGINEER: Ms. Salkewicz gave a brief update on several projects including Williams Road which is due to be completed and opened by years end.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the staff and expressed his appreciation. He thanked Mr. Boyd for his diplomacy, patience and extensive knowledge as the office navigated through a very challenging situation. Commissioner Plecnik and Commissioner Regovich also thanked the staff for their hard work. Commissioner Plecnik asked Bishop Mirbel for a prayer and blessing for the Board for 2024.

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

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Ms. Gilda Spencer of Ford Road in Madison thanked the Board for addressing the road closures she and her neighbors are experiencing. She reminded the Board of all the services they still do not and will not have while the roads continue to be closed and through construction. She also reminded them of the past incidents that they have had to endure. Mrs. Spencer apologized to Ms. Traci Salkewicz for not always being the nicest when calling and stated that she now understands that it has been the responsibility of the Board and that her office was not in control of the funding timeline. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Ms. Spencer if she had been coached or provided information for statements that she has made during the public comment portion of the Commissioners meetings. Ms. Spencer indicated that she was not and any statements she made came from herself or neighbors that she is in contact with.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss Employment – Personnel with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eleventh day of January, 2024.

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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