

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 2024-0111)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of: December 14th, 21st and 28th, 2023, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive in Painesville, stated that currently LakeTran has a carryover of \$20 million. It will also be receiving \$50,000 from the Senior Services Levy Fund and funding from Job and Family Services and he questioned if they really need the funding from the Senior Services Levy Fund because that money would greatly benefit seniors in our community. He also asked that the Board reconsider their vote on item #8 on the agenda.

Ms. Elayne Cross, a candidate for US House of Representatives, came to introduce herself to the Board. She stated that she found our website difficult to navigate.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, shared his thoughts on limiting the time of the first public portion and eliminating the second altogether. He also asked that the Board reconsider their vote on item #8 on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE LOCKWOOD ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$442,333.00 (20240111\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,800.00 TO NERONE & SONS, INC. FOR SUNSHINE ACRES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, CONTRACT 1, PROJECT 456-S-2021(20240111\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 19, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,485.67(20240111\JFS01)(JFS-14)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LEAD SAFE OHIO PROGRAM(20240111\C01)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY LEAD SAFE OHIO PROGRAM(20240111\C02)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,673.00, EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024(20240111\C03)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH MCDONALD HOPKINS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS APPROVED NOVEMBER 9, 2021 (20240111\C04)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED RULES FOR THE ORDERLY PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT DURING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS(20240111\C05)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that, while the public comment portion of the meetings are not a requirement, they are an important opportunity for the average citizen to voice their concerns. He respectfully requested that his colleagues reconsider limiting the public speaking portion. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, and Plecnik "NAYS": Commissioner Hamercheck

9.RESOLUTION EXPANDING THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL FOR THE SUPPORT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19(Y), 307.85 AND 307.694 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, FROM 5 MEMBERS TO 7 MEMBERS (20240111\C06)(B-20)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MATRIX POINTE SOFTWARE, LLC FOR A NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,000 (20240111\C07)(CT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 4, 2024(20240111\C08)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of City of Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley. Commissioner Hamercheck shared that over the last few years he and Mayor Morley had become great friends. He was a phenomenal leader. He spoke of how he and Ms. Judy Moran lead the County through the Covid pandemic by organizing weekly updates with all the elected officials in Lake County. The Board expressed their appreciation for all the success Mayor Morley brought to the City of Eastlake. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,943,183.36(20240111\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,693,862.78(20240111\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

14. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240111\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd also shared his condolences on the passing of Mayor Dennis Morley. He informed the Board that the General Fund Budget resolution should be ready to be placed on next weeks agenda.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that County offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. She also stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024 at 10:00 am which was changed from Thursday, January 18, 2024. This change will be reflected on the County website.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Gilda Spencer of Madison, asked for further explanation of resolution #8 pertaining to public participation. Commissioner Plecnik explained that the second public portion is being eliminated and the first portion has been reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes; which is at the discretion of the Board to extend if necessary. She also inquired as to why the Engineer was no longer in attendance at the meetings. Commissioner Plecnik stated that the Board is taking a more budget focused approach moving forward and the Finance Department will be in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have. Any questions she has can be answered by contacting

the Engineers Department directly. Ms. Spencer reminded the Board of the things she does not have and issues she encountering with the road closures.

Bishop Mirbel shared a prayer in honor of Mayor Dennis Morley. He complimented the Board for the work they do. He invited the Board to attend an emancipation service at his church which is being held on January 21st at the New Hope Baptist Church. Bishop Mirbel spoke of Martin Luther King and that how he was a great man.

Juvenile Court Judge Michael DeLeone was and excited to announce a special collaboration with the Lake County OSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development Program and the Ohio State Highway Patrol to implement a special traffic safety program for first-time teen traffic offenders at no cost to the County. CARTEENS (Care and Responsibility Teens) aims to keep teen drivers safe while having fun doing it. Youth and their parent or guardian will participate in an informational class with numerous engaging activities. Teen traffic offenders attending this program have typically been cited for speeding, stop sign violation, reckless operation, and other similar violations. The goal is to get them thinking about safety on the road and decrease teen traffic offenders. Ohio 4-H CARTEENS has proved to be a valuable tool in educating Ohio’s teen drivers and saving lives on Ohio Roads. Data collected from 4-H CARTEENS participants indicate a significant reduction in second-time traffic offenses, increased use of safety belts, reduced drinking and driving, and an increased use of caution when driving. More than 80 percent of participants in a recent survey said they planned to use more caution when driving and will increase their use of seat belts. Judge DeLeone offered condolences for Mayor Morley and spoke of the wonderful things he did for the City of Eastlake.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Collective Bargaining with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Regovich and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

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

Minutes approved this eighth day of February, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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