

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2024-0119)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 19, 2024

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Lori Bobin of Ford Road in Madison, shared her thoughts on the resolution establishing rules for public participation. She stated that the comments made during last weeks public participation were disrespectful and uncalled for and that the Board should not have had to endure such language. She asked for everyone to be respectful and set an example for everyone watching or in attendance and reminding everyone that occasionally there are school aged children in attendance.

Mr. David Lima of Litchfield Drive in Mentor, read a prepared statement expressing his disappointment in the Board’s adoption of a resolution limiting or revising public comment.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive in Painesville, stated that on behalf of a resident that could not be in attendance he wanted to address the lighting issues on Lost Nation and Route 2 and how they have not been repaired or addressed in two years.

Ms. Roxanne Piermount of Maplegrove in Willoughby Hills, read a prepared statement regarding the shockingly high property taxes Lake County has and gave some history on previous states she has lived in and how those states handled taxes. She stated that it is unfortunate the way the County continues to raise taxes.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, read a portion of a resolution adopted on September 16, 2021 which pertained to establishing rules for the orderly presentation of public comment and shared his opinion on last week’s resolution as well as made some other statements.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR FAIRWAY PINES SUBDIVISION PHASE 5 IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(20240119\E01)(SD-439)

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

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$243,790.50 FOR A WATERLINE FOR FAIRWAY PINES SUBDIVISION PHASE 5 IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 23-20) (20240119\U01)(SD-439)

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

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,218.70 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR FAIRWAY PINES SUBDIVISION PHASE 5 IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 23-21) (20240119\U02)(SD-439)

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

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,013.30 FOR WATERLINES FOR ANDREWS RIDGE PHASE II SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY (JOB NO. 23-37) (20240119\U03)(UT-9)

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

5.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,596,159.00 TO CHIVERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR ARCOLA CREEK TRUNK SEWER PROJECT 454-S-2021(20240119\U04)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is the final leg of the Madison Wastewater interconnect. This final piece will take approximately one year to complete. Once complete, Madison Village will become fully serviced through the Lake County Department of Utilities for their sewer and water needs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING HEALTHY AGING GRANT FUNDING(20240119\C01)(C-20)

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

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$960,313.62(20240119\BC01)(C-4)

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

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,580,903.36(20240119\BC02)(C-17)

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

9.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240119\BC03)(C-111)

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

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240119\BC04)(C-111)

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

11. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS LEAD SAFE GRANT(20240119\BC05)(C-111)

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

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20240119\BC06)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Dimare and Mr. Underwood for the balanced budget presented today. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that they received 9 bids yesterday for the Old Town Sanitary Sewers Phase 2 Project. He stated that although only one bid was under the engineers estimate, it was promising that there were nine bidders.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that OMJ will be hosting two events, explaining that the first is a resume revision clinic which will take place on January 26th from 9:00 am to Noon and the second is entitled "Career Exploration" and attendees will be able to experience several exciting fields through the use of virtual reality headsets. This event will occur on January 31st from 9:00 am to Noon.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich thanked County Administrator Boyd and Director of Administrative Services Mr. Dimare for stepping in and working hard on the budget due to very unique circumstances. He acknowledged that this was no small feat for them to accomplish.

Mr. DiMare also thanked Mr. Boyd and all of the elected officials and department heads for their cooperation during the budget process.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighth day of February, 2024.

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