

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 2024-0215)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 15, 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. Gilda Spencer of Madison discussed an article she read on the lights on Route 2 and the safety of the drivers. She reminded the Board of the services she still does not have due to the road closures in her area.

Ms. Tammy Gabor of Madison thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his persistence and assistance with obtaining the financing for the repairs to the roads in her area. She spoke with the Engineers Office and provided an update on the progress of the repairs. She stated that Ford Road should be open by fall of this year.

Ms. Roxanne Premont of Willoughby Hills provided a copy of an "Open Letter Published at Lobbyists for Citizens in Lake County" handout to Board and read what she was able in the allotted three minutes.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville also provided a Lobbyists for Citizens property tax handout to the Board highlighting several points.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SANITARY SEWERAGE, SOLID WASTE, AND WATER SUPPLY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240215\U01)(UT-41)**

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 TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 440-S-2020 MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT VFD TO THE SEWER FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE. REMAINING CASH IN PROJECT FUND IS TRANSFERRED TO THE SEWER FUND.(20240215\U02)(UT-2)**

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240215\U03)(UT-7)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A U.S. EPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY(20240215\U04)(UT-31)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN OHIO EPA TOLLING AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY(20240215\U05)(UT-31)**

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.

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 23, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660,378.04(20240215\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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 REAPPOINTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 2026(20240215\C01)(B-64)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS(20240215\C02)(C-5)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 4340, EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026(20240215\C03)(301A)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, thanked union representative, Mr. Bill Vidmar and the employees for their cooperation in coming to an agreement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**10.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,096,785.36 (20240215\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.

**11.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$784,462.14 (20240215\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.

**12.RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240215\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.

**13.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240215\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director Ms. Suzanne Casar wanted to remind the public assistance recipients that Medicaid unwinding is nearing its end. If they have not already done so, they must update their information by contacting their caseworker, calling 1-844-640-OHIO or visiting “benefits.ohio.gov” .

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd thanked the Building Inspection Department for the work they do. He stated that in Lake County, the construction industry is holding strong and there does not appear to be a ‘slow season’ over the last few years. Mr. Boyd provided the Board with an update on the in person proposed Safety Center meeting held yesterday, stating that in the next 6 to 8 weeks there should be a 50% design development plan that schematic design should be nearing completion in the next few weeks. One topic of discussion was the footprint of the jail and its setback for further cost savings. Also discussed was the partnership with the Landbank and that the 125 building and former OSU Extension Office building should be placed on a demo schedule soon. The two buildings that will be prepared for the County Prosecutor are located at 41 E. Erie and the County Public Defender will go into the old Burgess & Niple Building on West Erie.

CLERK –Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 22, 2024 at 10:00 am and that County offices will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President’s Day.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck gave a detailed report on the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). Several subjects discussed included radio encryption upgrades and the MARCS system. Commissioner Hamercheck asked his fellow Commissioners to join him in a letter of support to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services of First Responder Communications. He also discussed that there are quite a few radios being used in Lake County that are at the end of life (APX portable radios) offering to the State that Lake County be used as an isolated zone specific to the County for testing the new radio system.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik announced that the James A. Garfield Historic Site will be open on Mon., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-3 pm for free tours of the Garfield home, presidential trivia, kids’ activities, and crafts.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this seventh day of March, 2024.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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