

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2024-0307)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 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: January 30, 2024, February 8, February 15, and February 22, 2024 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. Lake County Council on Aging Director, Mr. Joe Tomsick was present to invite the Board to attend their annual March for Meals which will be held on Saturday, March 16th at the Great Lakes Mall. He explained that this event recognizes the important services that the Lake County Council on Aging offers.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville, provided a Lobbyists for Citizens handout and read it in its entirety to the Board.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville, thanked the Lake County Council on Aging and Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar. He stated that they are great public servants who always keep the best interest of Lake County senior citizens in mind.

Mrs. Spencer of Ford Road in Madison, explained to the Board that there has been an additional service they are not able to get which is the US Mail. She stated that when there are substitute drivers that are unfamiliar with the area they will not deliver the mail to them. She also stated that she will be calling the Sheriff's Office regarding whether or not the Sheriff's Department will come out to the residents on Ford Road when needed.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, asked how the public is supposed to get their questions and/or concerns answered during the new public comment portion. He also encouraged the Board to break away from NOACA and partner with Ashtabula and Geauga Counties to form a new County agency.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH (20240307\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Regovich read the resolution in its entirety. Commissioner Plecnik introduced Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood Executive Director, Ms. Elfie Roman and Ms. Ashley Cozzens who is the Community Relations Manager. She introduced Mr. Ian Carter, who is this year's Deepwood representative. Ian spoke to the Board explaining that he is 22 years old, a graduate of Mentor High School and he works at Habco Tools and Development. He loves playing basketball and attending sporting events. Ian takes LakeTran nearly every day to get to all of his activities and to work. Ms. Roman thanked the Board for their continued support of LCBDD/Deepwood and individuals with developmental disabilities. Along with Ian's father, John Carter, in attendance were his aunt, uncle, brother, and sister. Also, in attendance with Ian were Mitch VanDeweel and Travis Smetana who are the CEO's of his day program, 'Spark Specialized Services LLC' and many of his friends. Ian presented the Board with a special gift. The Board thanked Ian and praised his work ethic and many activities. Commissioner Regovich stated that he looks forward to seeing Ian at the next Broadmoor Bobcats basketball game. Commissioner Hamercheck expressed how impressed he was with all of Ian's activities and employment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

ITEM #4 WAS MOVED:

4.RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICE OF THE LAKE COUNTY CORONER VACANT AS OF MARCH 3, 2024, AND APPOINTING DR. DAVID KEEP AS ACTING CORONER UNTIL THE LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPOINTS A PERSON TO THE VACANCY(20240307\C01)(C-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik stated that this vacancy is due to the retirement of Dr. Mark Komar and that Dr. Keep will be the acting coroner until the Republican Central Committee appoints someone to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Plecnik read some of the career highlights of Dr. Keep. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Commissioner Plecnik administered the Oath of Office to Dr. David James Keep. Dr. Keep thanked the Board and stated that it was an honor to serve as Deputy Coroner for the last 15 years.

2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20240307\U01)(UT-2)

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240307\U02)(UT-7)

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 DONATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO GRAND RIVER VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307.12(D) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE(20240307\C02)(CT-10)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Grand River Police Chief, Paul Papes, was present and thanked everyone involved in this vehicle donation. Commissioner Hamercheck stated this was a great gesture to help out fellow communities. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION APPOINTING KEVIN D. FREESE TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2029(20240307\C03)(B-51)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he has known Mr. Freese for quite some time and reviewed several of his accomplishments as well as his educational and work background. Commissioner Hamercheck pointed out that the vacancies in this resolution and the following resolution are due to current Board members not wishing to renew their Board appointments. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None. Mr. Freese thanked the Board for their confidence in him and gave some background on his childhood, education and work experience. He dedicated this appointment to his mother and explained that she was a great influence in his life.

7.RESOLUTION APPOINTING TIMOTHY M. O'BRIEN TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2029(20240307\C04)(B-51)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Regovich stated that Mr. O'Brien could not be present today due to work commitments. He read several of Mr. O'Brien's accomplishments and spoke of his background. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,352,140.95(20240307\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.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,220,530.87(20240307\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.

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240307\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.

11.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240307\BC04)(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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that they received 5 bids last week for the Red Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. He stated that a couple of the bids were under the Engineers estimate and it was promising that there were some bidders under the estimate.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will be hosting a "Gen Z" Virtual Career Fair on May 8th, 2024.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd updated the Board on the proposed safety center meeting held yesterday, explaining that topics of discussion involved jail doors and ceiling heights. He also stated that there will be a group from Lake County traveling to a new jail facility in Tennessee. The main focus will be on the newest security and electronics being used at that facility. He also reported that Commissioner Hamercheck, Clerk Bell and himself attended the State of Painesville City event today and shared many exciting upcoming projects the city has planned. He spoke of the great partnership between the County and Painesville.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 10:00 am and that daylight savings time is this weekend.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich stated that he recently had a meeting with Dr. Strosaker from University Hospitals to discuss the many positive changes occurring with the hospitals and that he looks forward to seamless transition with the new acting coroner, Dr. Keep.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, 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 eleventh day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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