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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR LEGAL COUNSEL **NEWS MEDIA**

(Tape 2024-0314)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 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.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville, provided a handout to the Board from Linda O'Brien who is Director of Lake County Liberty Camp. The letter pertained to a cemetery located in Willoughby Hills which is need of restoration work. The letter stated that she and Mr. Massie had met with the Willoughby Hills Law Director and Mr. Massie stated that there have been discussions with Clerk of Courts, Faith Andrews. He stated that Ms. O'Brien thanked both Clerk of Courts, Ms. Faith Andrews, and County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, for their support over the last three years.

Ms. Lori Bobin of Madison reminded the Board that Ford Road has been closed 566 days and Paine Road for 581 days; almost two years. She gave an update on the progress of the roads. Ms. Bobin thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his diligent and unwavering support in addressing these monumental projects. Ms. Bobin asked if there is only one time-limited public portion, how is the public supposed to get answers to their questions.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, also asked how the public is supposed to get answers to their questions. He addressed senior citizens and whether they would be able to afford their homes with increased property reevaluations and also spoke on the Local Government Fund and asked that monies be returned to residents.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION HONORING MARCH 3-9, 2024 AS OHIO 4-H WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240314\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik introduced Ms. Lisa Manning, 4-H and Family Consumer Science Educator from Ohio State University Extension to speak on 4-H. Ms. Manning thanked the Board for this recognition and explained that 4-H is the largest youth group in the Country. She spoke of the many, many programs offered by 4-H. She introduced 4-H members Gabby Powalie, Lorelye Budzicki, Emma Taylor, Emma Feckanin, and Audrey (Ruby) Pealer, who spoke on their experiences with the program and what that they have learned. Commissioner Hamercheck shared with the youth that they should never fear making a mistake and to always be bold in life. Commissioner Regovich stated that they are learning life skills and how they go above and beyond in their dedication to the 4-H program. Juvenile Court Judge Michael DeLeone was present and stated that it so great to see the youth of 4-H thriving in Lake County. He thanked Ms. Manning for the part she played in the success of the Carteen program. Commissioner Plecnik stated how wonderful it is to see all the youth in attendance today. He invited everyone to attend the Lake County Fair and to experience the auction. He stated that the lessons they are learning are mission critical and thanked them for attending today. Commissioner Regovich read the resolution in its entirety. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 3 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,247.40 WITH INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES LLC AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,439.00 FOR TRUNK SEWER REHAB, PHASE II PROJECT 452-S-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240314\U01)(UT-12)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OHIO EPA FINDINGS AND ORDERS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES HEATHERSTONE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT(20240314\U02)(UT-22)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that some time ago there was a malfunction at the Heatherstone Wastewater Treatment Plant and they were unable to repair it for approximately 6 months due to supply chain issues. They have been working with the EPA on a redundancy schedule. Commissioner Hamercheck stated and Mr. Rothlisberger agreed that there was never a public threat with the malfunction. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER AND SOLID WASTE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL 2024 EXPENSES(20240314\U03)(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.

5.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BASE BID AND THREE ALTERNATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$716,826.75 TO TUCSON, INC. FOR THE 1 ACRE CELL CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE VI PART F FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY PROJECT 447-L-2023(20240314\U04)(UT-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.

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6.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 22, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660,946.83(20240314\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 APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE WINTERGREEN HILL DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP, OHIO (BID OPENING: April 3, 2024)(20240314\C01)(UT-46)

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 CONTRACT WITH CARRIER PROCURED THROUGH SOURCEWELL ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HVAC SYSTEM IN THE NARCOTICS BUILDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$591,000.00(20240314\C02)(C-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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND GARLAND/DBS. INC. FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ROOF IMPROVEMENTS(20240314\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd stated that this change order is necessary due to unforeseen asbestos that was found as they were taking off the roof. 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 \$2,406,703.00(20240314\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 \$1,237,744.43(20240314\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 APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240314\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 AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240314\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:

<u>UTILITIES</u> – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

<u>COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR</u> – Mr. Jason Boyd provided the Board with an update on the proposed Safety Center. Mr. Boyd stated that there has been a 1-day newer jail facility tour in Tennessee scheduled for the Sheriffs and Commissioners team next Thursday with the tour on Friday. They will be looking at security electronic controls and utility chases. He also spoke of literature on congressional direct spending set forth by Congressman Joyce and Senator Brown, ARPA spending and the deadline of December 31, 2024. He will be looking into the status of several ARPA capital projects that have been awarded and discussed his presentation to the Leadership Lake County Program.

<u>CLERK</u> – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 10:00 am

LEGAL - none.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: Commissioner Plecnik addressed the question asked during the public portion. He explained that if anyone has questions or concerns, they should contact the Commissioners directly either by phone or email or by requesting an appointment.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he and Commissioner Regovich recently attended the groundbreaking for the expansion of Lakeland Community Colleges Engineering Building. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he was one of the first students to go through the program. He thanked Ms. Grace Gallucci and NOACA for doing a lot of the heavy lifting for this project resulting in a \$4.2 million Department of Education grant. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. John Rampe for his work on this project. The Board discussed the Willoughby

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Hills cemetery and that it is the responsibility of the City of Willoughby Hills to maintain and repair it. Commissioner Plecnik offered to write a letter for the Board to send to the City asking that they begin the repairs. Commissioner Plecnik asked Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Suzanne Casar to provide details on the upcoming raffle. Ms. Casar stated that the Foster Parent Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, April 6th at LaVera Party Center in Willoughby Hills. Anyone interested in attending can contact Job and Family Services for tickets.

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER

<u>ADJOURN:</u> On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eleventh day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN PLECNIK, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK