

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 2024-0321)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 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 Meeting of: February 29, 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.

The Board presented a Special Certificate to Ms. Jessica Orlic as winner of the Downtown Painesville Organization logo contest.

Mrs. Spencer of Ford Road in Madison, spoke on the ongoing road issues in her area.

Bishop Mirbel of Painesville, invited the Board to attend a service at his church on March 29th and thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

Ms. Linda O'Brien who is Director of Lake County Liberty Camp, spoke on the history of those laid to rest in the historic Willoughby Hills cemetery and asked for the support of the Board. She provided the Board with an estimate of costs for the repairs of the cemetery and asked for the Board support for the costs.

Ms. Angela Schmidt of Eastlake, announced that the City of Eastlake will be recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. She provided a handout and pins to the Board and asked that they attend the recognition.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville, provided a Lobbyists for Citizens handout.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, wished Commissioner Hamercheck's mother well as she was recently hospitalized. Mr. Weiss also asked for support for every other veteran's cemetery in Lake County, not just the one in Willoughby Hills.

Ms. Kathy McAdams of Concord, stated that the Federal government is responsible for the maintenance of military gravesites. She also spoke of a volunteer program for child abuse and child abuse prevention.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville, asked the Board to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, spoke on the local government fund and seniors being taxed out of their homes.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MARCH 17TH TO 23RD, 2024 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY(20240321\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 Farm Bureau Public Policy Action Team Leader, Mr. Eric Cotton. Mr. Cotton thanked the Commissioners for their recognition of Agriculture Week. He provided the Commissioners with some locally sourced eggs, meat and vegetables and explained the importance of local farming. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,876.78 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR THE GLENBROOK ESTATES SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF MENTOR (JOB NO. 22-22) (20240321\U01)(UT-12)

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 TO DELETE SEWER SUMS AND ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240321\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.

4.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND FOR 2024 EXPENSES(20240321\U03)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$316,745.00 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR BROOKVIEW RESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 IN THE CITY OF MENTOR (JOB NO. 22-12)(20240321\U04)(UT-9)

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240321\U05)(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.

7.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT AS PROVIDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (SUB-GRANT #2022-AR-CLB-910A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00, BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES(20240321\C01)(CT-10A)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the Prosecutors Office for their hard work and for support of the Crime Lab. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A WORK AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BURGESS AND NIPLE, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 41 E. ERIE STREET OFFICE RENOVATION(20240321\C02)(209-z-43)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA-LOCAL 4340, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2027(20240321\C03)(301b)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the Prosecutors Office and Mr. Joel DiMare for their hard work on coming to an agreement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

10.RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY OBSOLETE AND NO LONGER NEEDED, TO WIT EPSON RECEIPT PRINTERS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00, TO BLUE EARTH COUNTY IN MINNESOTA FOR USE BY THE RECORDER'S OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307.12(B)(1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE(20240321\C04)(C-36)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY LEAD SAFE OHIO PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,224.00(20240321\C05)(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.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,677,283.22 (20240321\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 \$923,316.58 (20240321\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 (20240321\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.

15.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240321\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 due to the eclipse and an anticipated increase of traffic, the landfill hours for Monday, April 8th will be changed to 5:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that OMJ will be hosting 'traveling informational sessions'. The first will be held on April 15th from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the Willoughby Hills

Public Library and the second will be at the Willowick Public Library on May 17th from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM She thanked the City of Eastlake for their participation in Child Abuse Prevention Day and thanked Timberlake Mayor John Marra for the presentation of the resolution recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Day.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that an email went out to Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding the eclipse. He explained that the offices directly under the direction of the Board of Commissioners will be open on April 8th but with minimal staff and that Job and Family Services will be open but not to the public. Mr. Boyd provided an update to the Board on the proposed safety center. He informed the Board that the Sheriff, Chief Izzo, several other sheriff’s employees and more will be touring a new in-use jail facility in Tennessee. The purpose of this tour is to get a better idea of how they are handling technology ,utility and maintenance chases as well a few other interests of the Sheriff. He explained that a previous tour of a jail facility in Michigan provided a look at a facility under construction. Other topics Mr. Boyd discussed included an application for a grant which could be used for the Public Safety Center and a memo for the Board’s review regarding the opioid guidelines.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck encouraged the Board to support the preservation of the Willoughby Hills historic cemetery and suggested a reimbursement-based grant. He noted that it would be a worthy project in light of the country’s Semiquincentennial in 2026. He also stated that the Clerk of Courts has indicated her interest in assisting with funding. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he is in support of Ms. O’Brien and acknowledged that there is a need for renovations however, he does not feel the County Auditor would be in support of spending a few million dollars to address every historic cemetery in the County because the Board cannot fund only one cemetery. He pointed out that the City of Willoughby Hills owns this specific cemetery and he encouraged Ms. O’Brien to speak with the Willoughby Hills City Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich stated that he was able to attend 2 of 3 interviews for the new President of Lakeland Community College. He stated that the 3 worthy candidates came from a national search. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Dr. Beverage for his time at Lakeland Community College.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. to discuss Personnel-discipline with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck, and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:14 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck, and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eleventh day of April, 2024.

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