

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 2024-0328)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 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. Linda O'Brien of Mentor referred to a letter she previously provided to the Board urging them to assist with the restoration of the historic Willoughby Hills cemetery.

Mrs. Spencer of Madison provided the Board with an update of the work being done on the roads in the area she lives in. She discussed her thoughts on the new limits during public portion and stated that she prefers her questions be answered during a public meeting and on the record rather than in a phone call or private meeting.

Ms. Lori Robinson from the Miracle Revival Church presented the Board with an invitation to attend the Miracle Revival Partners Event the church is hosting on April 13th. The event is a community conversation with the public and legislators about changing legislation on collateral sanctions that prevent felons from moving forward and a discussion on recidivism.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville complimented Council on Aging for the work they do for senior citizens and all of law enforcement for the difficult jobs they have. He also discussed inflation.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY(20240328\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar stated that the Children Services Division will be planting blue pinwheels in front of the JFS building on April 10, 2024, symbolizing the children and families served by the agency during 2023 and a reminder that all children deserve happy, carefree childhoods. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Ms. Casar and her staff for all they do and stated that this is a time to recognize the primary importance of safety in our community and speak for those who have no voice. Ms. Casar introduced Assistant Administrator from Job and Family Services, Ms. Mary Udics. Ms. Udics invited everyone to wear blue to work on April 10th. She invited everyone to take a blue pinwheel, lapel pin and wristband for anyone that would like to show their support in honor of the children that Job and Family Services has served during the last year. Ms. Udics stated that they responded to more than 1,500 calls regarding neglect or abuse in 2023. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROADWAY MATERIALS - 2024 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ROAD DEPARTMENT, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-003 (Bid Opening April 17, 2024)(20240328\E01)(E-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 TENTATIVELY AWARDDING CONTRACT A (BASE BID) AND CONTRACT B (BASE BID AND ALTERNATE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,983,888.83 TO J. SEVERINO CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR RED CREEK SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 280-S(20240328\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that this resolution is a requirement of the Ohio EPA as the Department of Utilities received a 0% loan from them for this project. This resolution, once adopted, will initiate the load process for the department. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK & SMITH GROUP, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240328\U02)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT APRIL 5, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,510.17(20240328\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.

6.RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO FOR THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307.12(D) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE(20240328\C01)(C-21)

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 DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 2, 2024(20240328\C02)(C-107)

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 THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCESS WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER’S LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, AGENT FOR MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2025 (20240328\C03)(304-y)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that the County carries stop-loss coverage as extra protection for the County for workers compensation. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,241,804.23(20240328\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.

10.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,222,389.81(20240328\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.

11.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240328\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.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240328\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 – Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar, expressed her gratitude to everyone that has called the hotline with concerns. She shared the Child and Elder Abuse Hotline which is answered 24/7. This number is: 440-350-4000 choose option #1.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 10:00 am

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik explained that if the Board wishes to answer questions, it would be done under old or new business.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss Personnel- Employment with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:45 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

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