

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 2024-0418)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, 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 April 4, 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.

Commissioner Plecnik introduced Mr. Patrick Stitts who serves as the Public Service Coordinator for Lake County Department of Utilities. Mr. Stitts explained that in conjunction with the Lake County Solid Waste District and the Ohio State Extension, the Clean & Green Art contest has been going on for more than 25 years with amazing artwork being submitted every year. This year, there were 446 participants from 7 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, and 5 high schools in the county. The art contest is an annual event to help encourage participation in Clean & Green Lake County which is celebrated during Earth Day, April 22 to May 31, 2024. This year's winners were Braylon Reglus, 4th grade, McKinley Elementary in the elementary division. Winner of the High School division is Ella Raddell, Grade 9, Lake Catholic High School and Natalia Perez Soto, 6th grade, Fairport Harding Middle School was the middle school division and Overall Winner. The Commissioners congratulated all the winners and assisted Natalia in hanging her artwork in Chambers.

Ms. Linda O'Brien of Mentor stated that they have been able to qualify for funding to assist in the restoration of the historic Willoughby Hills cemetery and that it should be completed by July. She also provided the Clerk with information on the Liberty Camp and explained that they are dependent on donations. Then provide scholarships to children who cannot afford the fee and the camp is in its 4th year and more than 300 children have attended.

Mr. Brian Massie for Lobbyists for Citizens read an article that appeared in the Youngstown Business Journal pertaining to Lakeland Community College. He also spoke of the lawsuits involving Auburn Career Center. He invited the Board to participate in a podcast hosted by Mr. Joe Miller.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake discussed the Local Government Fund and offered several thoughts on how to distribute the funds that would be fair to all Lake County communities.

Ms. Lori Robinson from the Miracle Revival Church thanked the Board for attending the Miracle Revival Partners Event that the church hosted on April 13th. She offered an invitation for the Board to attend another event being held in Cuyahoga County and that there would be a bus provided for transportation.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville thanked Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Rothlisberger and Director of Administration, Mr. Matthew Armand for taking the time to speak with him. He complimented the employees of the landfill, explaining that he recently went to recycle a printer and the employees were kind, courteous and efficient.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,136.66 FOR THE HAZEL ROAD EXTENSION CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20240418\E01)(E-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.

2.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595 TO THE WATER FUND(20240418\U01)(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(20240418\U02)(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 AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS US, INC. FOR THE EVERGREEN PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 480-S-2024 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240418\U03)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, stated that this is part of their capital improvement plan. This pump station is approximately 40 years old and this improvement should increase the life for an additional 40 years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION ASSIGNING AUTHORITY TO SUZANNE CASAR, DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACT AS THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' DESIGNEE FOR APPROVING INTER-COUNTY ADJUSTMENTS OF ALLOCATED FUNDS(20240418\JFS01)(JFS-11)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar explained that this is an annual resolution. The law allows for the Board of Commissioners to assign authority to the Director of Job and Family Services to sign inter-county agreements. She explained this will allow for the 'trading' of funds between other Jobs and Family Services Departments throughout the State. The federal and state funds are not given away but can be given or traded to other counties where a funding need may be within a particular county. She added that before any transfer of funds is made, approval from the Budget Manager and the County Administrator is necessary. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FOR THE FY-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20240418\C01)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Willowick Mayor, Michael Vanni was present and thanked the Board and Planning Commissioner for awarding these funds. He stated that these grants will allow for a new generator in the Senior Center which currently hosts Meals on Wheels and will allow for the Center to become a warming center during extreme weather. He explained that they will also be able to place ADA compliant sidewalks along Vine Street. Director of Planning & Community Development, Dave Radachy was present and explained that these grant funds can be used for infrastructure improvements. Commissioner Plecnik was very happy to hear that the Senior Center would be able to be used as a warming center. Commissioner Regovich thanked Service Director Todd Shannon for his hard work on the many projects in the City. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is an excellent use of CDBG dollars. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A THREE-YEAR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY, CASUALTY, PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH THE COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (CORSA) FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027(20240418\C02)(INS)

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 RECOMMENDING APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER TO THE LAKE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 10, 2025(20240418\C03)(500-F)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Jason Boyd stated that Budget and Finance Manager, Mr. Zachary Underwood is being appointed to the Board to replace Donna Tyson who will be retiring from the County in less than 30 days. Mr. Boyd added that Mrs. Tyson has been on the committee for quite some time and did a phenomenal job. The Board also thanked Mrs. Tyson for her hard work on the committee. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHERIFF FRANK LEONBRUNO TO THE 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE(20240418\C04)(470-B)

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 DESIGNATING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN R. HAMERCHECK TO THE 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE(20240418\C05)(407-B)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,553,350.04(20240418\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.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$998,266.26(20240418\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.

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240418\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.

14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240418\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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Rothlisberger, thanked Mr. Muzik for the kind words and recognizing that many of his employees go above and beyond to assist the residents. He stated that the department receives many emails weekly from residents thanking the Utilities Department for their customer services. He added that next week they will be recognizing an employee at the Commissioners meeting for his assistance, stating he will wait until next week to share the incident.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd provided an update on the Public Safety Center meeting held yesterday. He explained that they are at the 50% Design/Development Phase. He explained that it was a very long but very productive meeting. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, congratulated one of his employees, Mrs. Norma Breach, who is celebrating 30 years with the County this week. He expressed that she is a great advocate for County employees and a true asset to the entire County. He also thanked Mrs. Tyson for her time and wished her well on her upcoming retirement.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck gave a detailed and in-depth history on the Local Government Fund. He explained that there is not a good history of the components of the program from 1982 and that the committee needs to do a deep-dive to create a fair distribution. He mentioned that the meeting at Auburn is an open meeting but it is for viewing only with no public participation. One topic at the next Local Government Fund meeting will be caps on dollar distribution and stop loss. He thanked Timberlake Mayor John Marra for the information and opinion he provided during public portion.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss Personnel- Employment with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this second day of May, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN PLECNIK, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK