

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 2024-0425)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 25, 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.

Commissioner Plecnik introduced Mr. Patrick Stitts who serves as the Public Service Coordinator for Lake County Department of Utilities who spoke of Utilities employee, Mr. Damien Sherwood. Mr. Stitts wanted to recognize Mr. Sherwood for his actions on April 12th, 2024. Mr. Sherwood's courageous and quick-thinking actions diffused a potentially dangerous situation from occurring when he assisted a resident whose truck had caught on fire.

Mrs. Bushman of Madison shared with the Board that Ford Road has been closed 608 days, and that she noticed this morning that Paine Road seems to be moving along.

Mr. Leonard Gilbert of Mentor, provided the Board with a handout referencing the ever-increasing property taxes, the sexennial tax reappraisals and how he and several others are working with younger adults to educate them on taxes.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive in Painesville, also provided a handout to the Board and spoke about issues at Auburn Career Center and Lakeland Community College.

Rev. Chris Bihary of Painesville shared his thoughts on the anniversary of the United Nations.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville thanked the Sheriff and law enforcement.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2024, AS WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240425\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik introduced Ms. Kayla Flowers, Industrial Hygienist from the U.S. Department of Labor to speak on the importance of Workers Memorial Day. Ms. Flowers thanked the Lake County Commissioners for their recognition of Workers Memorial Day and for their support for the safety and health for all workers. She stated that at OSHA, they want to see every business makes health and safety a core value so all workers can go home safe each day. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240425\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. The Board presented a certificate to Mr. Vernon Hall from the V-Twin Cruisers Motorcycle Club. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR THE LAKE COUNTY RESURFACING PROJECT - 2024, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,443,443.00(20240425\E01)(E-3)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597, SOLID WASTE FACILITY WHEEL WASH PROJECT 481-L-2024(20240425\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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 6 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,826.56 WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,819.80 FOR VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT - PHASE 2 PROJECT 447-W-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240425\U02)(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.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE GLENVIEW & TARBELL WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 477-W-2024 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240425\U03)(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.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,500.00 FOR HARTFORD ROAD WATERLINE EXTENSION-PART A IN CITY OF EASTLAKE(JOB NO. 23-54)(20240425\U04)(UT-8)

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 APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD (20240425\C01)(B-24)

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 REVISING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS(20240425\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.

10. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,428.03 TO GRADE LINE, INC. FOR THE WINTERGREEN HILL STORM SEWER CROSSEOVERS PROJECT AND DITCH IMPROVEMENT IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP, OHIO(20240425\C03)(UT-46A)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF KIRTLAND FOR VARIOUS STORMWATER PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY(20240425\C04)(UT-46A)

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,147,781.26(20240425\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.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$625,344.73(20240425\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.

14. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240425\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.

15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240425\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, stated Ohio Means Jobs will be hosting a Spring Career Fair at the Lake County Fairgrounds on May 8th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich stated that he had an opportunity to attend the new Waste Management state of the art recycling center. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Massie for his handout and addressed several concerns he made during public comments in regards to Lakeland. Commissioner Hamercheck read and addressed the following: "The Lake County Board of Commissioners also bears some of the blame in this debacle. It appears that the Commissioners appointed the Trustees and thought that their job was complete. You need to remind your appointees that they are in charge, and they do not report to the President." Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he feels it fair to point out that the report that triggered Mr. Massie's statements clearly states that the Board was not made aware of any financial difficulties and challenges and that the College President resigned 2 hours before the report came out publicly, and that the Board members that the Board of Commissioners

appointed were among the most active members and that they took actions to begin uncovering the irregularities. He stated that he is a strong supporter of Lakeland Community College but they have problems and that the Board is taking charge to address and correct these issues. He stated that he was glad to be in attendance recently at the groundbreaking of the new Engineering building refit and expansion and, thanks to the efforts of NOACA, Lakeland received a \$4.2 million grant. Through his leadership in NOACA and many other efforts, federal dollars have become more available to Lake County. He stated that the Board of Commissioners strives to put people of trust and quality on Boards. One example is the LakeTran Board when they did the right thing by suspending/rescinding the collection of sales tax which will be a direct benefit to Lake County residents. He mentioned several grants that LakeTran has qualified for and the many unseen efforts NOACA has done for Lake County. Commissioner Plecnik addressed Mr. Gilbert by stating that the Board agrees that property taxes have gotten out of control and that it is important to note Lake County may collect 2.1 mills but chooses to only collect 1.

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 Real Estate-Disposition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixteenth day of May, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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