

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

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(Tape 2024-0502)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 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 Meetings of April 11 and April 18, 2024 were approved with the vote as follows: AYES": Commissioners 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 administered the Oath of Office to Dr. David James Keep as Lake County Coroner.

Mrs. Spencer of Ford Road in Madison reminded the Board of the services she still does not have due to the surrounding road closures. She was told that if everything goes well some of the construction should be completed by the fall of this year (2024).

Rev. Chris Bihary of Painesville, asked that everyone pray for young people, students and families as we recognize the National Day of Prayer.

Ms. Lori Robinson from the Miracle Revival Church, thanked the Board for all they do and read a press release pertaining to an event the Miracle Revival Church will be hosting on May 10th at 6:30 pm. She also extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, discussed a recent published news article.

Mr. Leonard Gilbert of Mentor, thanked Commissioners Plecnik and Hamercheck for addressing his concerns and comments regarding increasing property taxes.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville, as a citizen and a representative for Lobbyists for Citizens, expressed his support to the Board. He congratulated County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, on the excellent presentation he gave at the Corrections Board Meeting earlier this week. Mr. Massie provided the Board with a handout of Lake County Fund Balance; which was provided to him by the Lake County Auditor. He reviewed several accounts collecting levy funds with quite high fund balances. He thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for assisting in the process to suspend LakeTran’s collection of sales taxes.

Mr. Reginald Black of Painesville, commended the Board for the work that they do.

Bishop Mirbel of Painesville, recognized National Day of Prayer.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 FOSTER PARENT RECOGNITION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240502\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar, thanked the Commissioners for their continued support in recognizing May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month. She explained how extremely important foster parents are to children and how they provide a safe environment for these children in the community. Ms. Casar introduced Mr. Gene Tetrick, Supervisor of Job and Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Team. He provided a few statistics on foster homes and stressed how they are always looking for foster parents. Mr. Tetrick thanked all the individuals that have become foster parents and applauded the difference they make in the lives of these vulnerable children. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20240502\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik introduced Ms. Alyea Barajas, Senior Services Manager, Lifeline Executive Director, Ms. Carrie Dotson and Mr. Joe Tomsick, CEO of Council on Aging. Ms. Dotson thanked the Board for the recognition and stated that through the support of the Board and the Healthy Aging Grant, they have been able to provide services to seniors such as the Adult Guardianship Program and the Helping Hands Program. Mr. Tomsick stated that the Board has laid the foundation for support of seniors and he introduced incoming Council on Aging Board President, Mr. Paul Pahorsky. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2, 2024 AS OHIO PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND THE WEEK OF MAY 12 to 18, 2024 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20240502\F03)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sheriff Leonbruno offered applause to all law enforcement across the State of Ohio. He offered several statistics and reminded everyone that we need to remember that officers on the street are our first line of defense. Commissioner Hamercheck

acknowledged Mentor Special Police Officer Jerry Lynch, who lost his life in the line of duty when he contracted Covid-19. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2, 2024 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240502\F04)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik stated that there is nothing in this world more powerful than prayer. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LAK-MIDDLE RIDGE ROAD (CR 22) RESURFACING PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP / MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO; PID NO. 119690; FEDERAL AID NO. FAN E240101; LCE PROJECT NO. 2023-012(BID OPENING: MAY 29, 2024)(20240502\E01)(E-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.

6.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2024, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-005 (BID OPENING: MAY 22, 2024)(20240502\E02)(E-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.

7.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE COMPANY FOR THE ROADWAY MATERIALS – 2024 – LIMESTONE CONTRACT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,725.00(20240502\E03)(E-3)

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.

8.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO GRAND RIVER ASPHALT CO. FOR THE ROADWAY MATERIALS – 2024 – PLANT MIX PAVEMENTS CONTRACT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,500.00(20240502\E04)(E-3)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, UNION STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 479-W 2024(20240502\U01)(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.

10.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, REGENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 478-W 2024(20240502\U02)(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.

11.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240502\U03)(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.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$938,700.00 FOR SOLID WASTE FACILITY ENTRANCE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION-PHASE 1 - PROJECT NO 472-L-2023, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: MAY 22, 2024)(20240502\U04)(UT-8)

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 LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MAY 10, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,765.22(20240502\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S)(20240502\C01)(C-73)

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 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY PROBATE COURT GARAGE PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Bid Opening: May 29, 2024)(20240502\C02)(CT-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.

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,031,776.43(20240502\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.

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,739.94(20240502\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.

18. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240502\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.

19. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240502\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 – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, reported that Mr. Cory Vojack, Director of Workforce Development, could not be present today but asked that she report on the upcoming events. She stated that the seventh annual In-Demand Jobs Week will take place May 6th to May 10th and that this year’s theme is “Ohio, the Heart of Opportunity”. The week is designed to promote Ohio’s most in-demand and fastest growing industries through statewide hiring, education and training events. She also stated that 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 – Mr. Boyd stated that he provided an update and presentation on the Public Safety Center at the Corrections Board meeting held yesterday morning. He explained that they are at the 50% Design/Development Phase and that he would be sharing the presentation during an upcoming Commissioners meeting. He thanked the Buildings and Grounds Department for their hard work with spring clean-up.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich reported that he had the opportunity to visit the Madison Senior Center yesterday to share in the Hawaiian Lei Day celebrations.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. with the vote follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixteenth day of May, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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