

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 2024-0618)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 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 May 16, 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.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville discussed three topics which included Auburn Career Centers 1.5 mill levy, item #7 on the agenda stating that Lobbyists for Citizens can only support a levy that is 5 years or less and how the ADAMHS is asking for renewal of a 10-year levy. He also stated that they are preparing a petition to file with the Board of Elections to add 2 members to the Budget Commission and they hope to have it placed onto the general election ballot in November. Lastly, he stated he spoke to former Coroner, Dr. Komar about a new facility.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, spoke on several topics including a commercial for the Dog Shelter, an ethics course that Commissioner Plecnik took and about his graduation from a leadership academy.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski, a Painesville attorney, asked that the personal attacks on Commissioner Plecnik stop and how he has submitted a public records request adding that, if needed he will push to get a response to his public records request.

Mr. Carlos Mickler of Willowick, spoke on his concerns regarding the increase to water and sewer rates in Willowick, property taxes, the real estate market and depreciation of homes. He also spoke on OPERS and employer contributions.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake, stated that he received a Local Government Fund (LGF) spreadsheet from Medina County and has reviewed it in detail.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE LAK-PROUTY ROAD (CR 414) RESURFACING PROJECT WITH KARVO COMPANIES, INC. REDUCING THE AMOUNT BY \$221,167.17, FEDERAL AID NO. FAN E220(308), PID NO. 115910, LCE PROJECT NO. 2021-016(20240618\E01)(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.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP, LLC FOR THE TRANSMISSION MAIN REHABILITATION - SECTION 3W, CHAGRIN RIVER CROSSING-PROJECT 482-W-2024 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240618\U01)(UT-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.

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS US, INC., FOR THE RIVER STREET FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 483-S-2024 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240618\U02)(UT-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.

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 7 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,343.60 WITH D.B. BENTLEY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,097.00 FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE-EUCLID CITY LINE TO E. 288TH STREET PROJECT 431-W-2020 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240618\U03)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JUNE 21, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,527.07(20240618\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.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION; OHIOGUIDESTONE; HARBOR; UNITED LABOR AGENCY AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE SERVICES FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2024(20240618\JFS02)(JFS-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 PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION A RENEWAL LEVY OF NINE-TENTHS OF ONE MILL (.9) FOR TEN (10) YEARS ON REAL ESTATE WITHIN LAKE COUNTY FOR THE OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ADDICTION SERVICES PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS AND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, FINANCING, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION FACILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN LAKE COUNTY BY THE LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 5705.221 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20240618\C01)(C-5)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Executive Director, Ms. Kim Fraser, was present and provided the following information. This 0.9 mil levy generates \$5,481,314 (30.6% of our annual budget), their annual operating budget is \$17,909,745, and administrative overhead is 7% (and the statewide average is 8.8%). That in 2023, the average monthly cash balance for ADAMHS was \$4,500,000 (approximately 3 months operating budget). Lake ADAMHS maintains no other cash reserves. The levy provides funds for the following: clinical services, crisis and trauma response services, housing for individuals with mental illness, specialized services for seniors and youth, jail-based services and community forensic services. This levy was first placed before the voters in 1976, replaced in 2005, and renewed in 2014. The Board discussed with Ms. Fraser the way the levy is collected stating that it has been grandfathered in rollback on the property taxes meaning the state pays for a portion of the levy and that they are currently collecting on 2005 property values. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVE VELLENGA TO THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028(20240618\C02)(B-13)

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 APPOINTING ELAINE PRIORESCHI WAYTES TO THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028(20240618\C03)(B-13)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Vellenga and Ms. Pioreschi Waytes for their willingness to serve on this very important Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,279,797.80(20240618\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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,920,648.81(20240618\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.

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20240618\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.

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240618\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, thanked everyone that participated in the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, gave an update on the Public Safety Project stating that they are nearing completion of the design/development phase and that it is due from HOK next Thursday. Work with HOK (lead assistant design team) will be complete soon and they will be ready for Gilbane to take over as the lead design team. Mr. Boyd thanked the City of Painesville for their assistance in guiding him through the permit process and he stated that permits should be on the docket in July. The LandBank is preparing the necessary paperwork to begin demolition on several properties including the old OSU Extension building, 125 E. Erie and the old Burger King property. Mr. Boyd also stated that he is in the process of preparing a more detailed update for the Board on the Public Safety Project.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, stated that a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Lake County Tax Budget is scheduled to be held prior to the regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Auditor Galloway will be present to discuss real estate valuations.

Commissioner Plecnik stated that, in addition to preparing the Public Safety Project update, he has asked Mr. Boyd to prepare a State of the County address and thanked him for his hard work.

Commissioner Hamercheck addressed Mr. Mickler regarding his statement on OPERS. Commissioner Plecnik addressed Mr. Micklers concerns regarding Willowick’s water rates. He explained that each city decides how much of an increase to pass onto their residence.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. with the vote as follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixteenth day of July, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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