

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 2024-0627)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, June 27, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich, and Plecnik were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of: May 23rd, May 30th and June 6th, 2024, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich, and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Commissioner Plecnik asked that Director of Board Elections, Mr. Dante Lewis and former Director of Board Elections, Ms. Jan Clair, speak about Mr. Thom Seymour who is retiring today. Ms. Clair thanked Mr. Lewis for allowing her to speak on behalf of the Board of Elections and how she is honored to speak on such an incredible person. She stated that Thom was hired part-time to assist Mr. Robin Tagliamonte in delivering voting machines to polling locations. He was then hired full-time where he learned every facet of the election process such as voter registration the petition process, absentee voting, nursing home voting, assisting voters and candidates at the counter and he also touched on campaign finance. When asked to takeover campaign finance reviews he did so happily learning everything that was required by law. Mr. Seymour than designed a campaign finance Excel workbook that was recognized by the Secretary of State's Office as such an excellent tool. It was presented to the other 87 counties for their use in auditing if they chose. Mr. Seymour has also been a presenter at past SOS conferences for his knowledge and expertise in campaign finance. Mr. Dante Lewis also thanked Mr. Seymour for his years of service and knowledge to the Board of Elections. Mr. Dale Fellows thanked Mr. Seymour for his community dedication, his loyalty and his dependability to the Board of Elections. Commissioner Plecnik wished him years of health and happiness in his retirement. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked him for all he has done and wished him well. Commissioner Regovich stated how he has been happy to know him and is thankful for all of his knowledge and assistance in the past. The Board presented Mr. Seymour with a special certificate in honor of his retirement. Mr. Seymour thanked the Board for the certificate. He stated that it is an honor and privilege to live in a country that gives us the rights and freedoms that we have; to have served with so many dedicated and devoted people and especially the ones who have given the last full measure. He is also thankful to have worked with those in Veterans Services, Am Vets, American Legion, Marine Corps League and the VFW. He stated that he has been blessed to have had the opportunity to have such great coworkers.

Mr. Chris Bihary of Painesville, asked for a moment of silence for all those working in public service. He wished Mr. Seymour happy retirement.

Bishop Mirbel of Painesville, offered his blessings and thanked the Board for what they do.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive in Painesville, briefly reviewed several topics which included the tax budget, his public records request regarding the cost of the County newsletters and magnets, and Lake Health and how the County used to own them. He asked about any agreements or money that may have changed hands now that the County no longer owns the Lake Hospital System and also questioned Auditor Galloway's statements on property reevaluation. Mr. Massie stated that he reserves the right to come back at later date to question the tax budget once he has had an opportunity to analyze it.

Ms. Gilda Spencer of Madison provided an update on the progress of Ford Road, discussed a recent power outage in her area that caused another road closure and also outlined the services she does not have.

Mr. Reginald Black of Painesville, complimented the Board on the great job they do.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, discussed his review of a recent purchase order paid by the County.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski of Leroy Township, spoke on a public participant and his comments emphasizing his (Mr. Kolkowski) support for Commissioner Plecnik.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL RELEASE OF A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR 8220 MOUNT ROYAL DRIVE (JOB NO. 14-87) IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20240627\U01)(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.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING: JULY 17, 2024)(20240627\U02)(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.

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING: JULY 17, 2024) (20240627\U03)(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.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20240627\U04)(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 LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 5, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,306.73 (20240627\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 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2024(20240627\C01)(CT-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.

7.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,700.00 TO MARUT AND SONS EXCAVATING, INC. CO. FOR THE GRANDRIDGE POINTE DRIVE STORM SEWER OUTFALL REPAIR PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO(20240627\C02)(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.

8.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN HAMERCHECK AND APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN PLECNIK TO SERVE ON THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING ALTERNATES TO SERVE ON THEIR BEHALF FOR THREE YEAR TERMS EXPIRING MAY 22, 2027(20240627\C03)(C-146)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mr. Bertone for this willingness to serve as his alternate. Commissioner Hamercheck also thanked Mr. Rothlisberger for serving as his alternate and for his knowledge over the years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 197 N. ST. CLAIR STREET, 215 N. ST. CLAIR STREET, AND 216 E. JACKSON STREET IN PAINESVILLE, OHIO, PARCEL #15-D-004-0-00-006-0, PARCEL #15-D-004-0-00-010-0 AND PARCEL #15-D-004-0-00-011-0(20240627\C04)(C-40b)

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 AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, LAKE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (LMHA) AND REGIONAL ECONOMICALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING (REACH4HOME) FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021(20240627\C05)(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.

11.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER, INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- 2 (ERAP-2) FUNDS(20240627\C06)(C-34B)

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 A CHANGE OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD TO INCREASE THE BOARD SIZE FROM FOURTEEN TO FIFTEEN MEMBERS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024(20240627\C07)(B-50)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik stated he is deeply grateful to all those who volunteer on this Board. He stated that this change in membership comes out of the State budget that was adopted last year and changes the ratio of appointees from County government and the State to 2/3 and 1/3 by an increase of 14 to 15 members making the Board divisible by 3 in order to meet the ratio. He thanked Mr. Boyd for having the required dialogue with the ADAMHS Board before presentation of this resolution. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,765,404.57 (20240627\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.

14.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,215,794.34(20240627\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.

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240627\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.

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240627\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. Randy Rothlisberger, discussed lead and drinking water and how it is going to affect the Lake County Water Department as well as some of the rules that are involved with lead and drinking water. He provided some history to the amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act called the “Copper Rule” and how it is required that all Utilities test their water to determine if there is lead in the drinking water and if so, how to go about rectifying the issue. He explained that there are several ways that it can be done. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that Lake County has been in compliance for the last 30 years.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES –none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 10:00 am. and reminded everyone that there will be no Commissioners meeting next week.

LEGAL – Mr. Hackman addressed Mr. Massie stating that he will be contacting him about his public record request.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

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 sixth day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN PLECNIK, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

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