

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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(Tape 2024-0709)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Commissioner Plecnik informed everyone present that due to technical difficulties in Chambers, the Commissioners Meeting would not be broadcast on YouTube today and also that the microphones were not working. He asked anyone wishing to speak during public comment to try and speak loudly so the audience members may hear them.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Rev. Chris Bihary of Painesville, asked for a moment of silence for everyone to stay safe during the storms.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville thanked the Fairport Harbor Senior Center and Council on Aging for their work with seniors and asked that the Board be good stewards of tax payer dollars.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, spoke on several topics including a Press Release from July 14, 2022 and a Probate case filed in September, 2022.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski, a Painesville attorney, stated that he understands freedom of speech, doesn't feel public comment should be used for propaganda purposes and discussed his thoughts on the dog shelter commercial.

Ms. Beverly Schilero of Painesville, shared her feelings on the character of Mr. Weiss by reading a lengthy statement.

Ms. Kathy McAdams of Concord, also referred to Mr. Weiss and his comments. She also discussed the ever-increasing property taxes.

Several residents from the Outriggers Cove Development in Painesville Township were present to speak on the continued flooding in their development. The residents shared that the recent rains seemed to have overwhelmed the sewer system causing sewage to back up in their basements. These residents included Mr. Scott Knapp and Mr. Mike Milosec. Commissioner Regovich stated that he can sympathize with their complaints and that he too has experienced sewage flooding in his basement on more than one occasion. Commissioner Plecnik invited the residents to stay after the meeting to speak with Mr. Denis Yurkovich so that he could answer any additional questions they might have.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO CARGILL, INC. – SALT, ROAD SAFETY FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2024 FOR TREATED ROCK SALT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$491,040.00. (LCE Project No. 2024-005)(20240709\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 AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT FOR UNTREATED BULK ROCK SALT TO MORTON SALT, INC. FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2024, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,105,740.00 (LCE Project No. 2024-005)(20240709\E02)(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.

3.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT (INCLUDING BASE BID AND ALTERNATE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$521,675.00 TO TRI-MOR CORPORATION FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY-CONTRACT 1, ENTRANCE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT 472-L-2023(20240709\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.

4.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20240709\U02)(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.

5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK 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(20240709\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Willowick Mayor Michael Vanni was present and thanked the Board for these funds and for being a great partner to Willowick. He explained that this is a very important infrastructure project. He briefly discussed a previous infrastructure project that the city partnered with Wickliffe on and how the project came in under budget. Commissioner Regovich (who also served as Mayor of Willowick) shared some history on the issues Willowick has had for a very long time and how most of the sewer system dates back to 1928. He also stated that he too, has had flooding in his basement and looks forward to

this project to help alleviate some of the issues. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WILLOUGHBY UNION REALTY, LLC, 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(20240709\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. City of Willoughby Mayor, Robert Fiala was present and also thanked the Board. He explained that this project has been in the works for 8 years and is a capstone project for the city. He provided some history on the building, explaining that it is a very important historical building in need of preservation and that this project will specifically be used for window replacement. He introduced Mr. Justin Gantz from SōL Harris/Day Architecture who provided some background on the vision for the building and stated that they have received historic tax credits from state and federal agencies. The funds from this resolution will be used specifically for windows. He explained that the window work is to re-initiate the historic character of the window units, sills, and details. Non-historic windows will be replaced with new historically compatible windows to keep the history and charm of the building but provide energy efficiency. Commissioner Plecnik stated that this will be a great compliment to Downtown Willoughby. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,015,436.96

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 APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,139,905.80

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 FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240709\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.

10.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240709\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.

11.RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 (20240709\BC05)(C-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for the 2025 Tax Budget was held on June 27, 2024. 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 – none.

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 Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathleen Russo, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. to discuss Legal-Imminent Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck 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 11:00 a.m. with the vote as follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixth day of August, 2024.

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