

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 2024-0716)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Commissioner Plecnik asked for a moment of silence for ADAMHS Board member Mr. Curt Lau, for the 17-year-old youth from Madison that passed away this weekend, and for the occurrence with former President Trump.

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 Meeting of: June 18, 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 stated that the Sheriff and many others have expressed concern for the lack of compliance with the rules of public comment as well as Ohio law. He reminded everyone that, according to ORC 2917.12, it is a crime to disturb a lawful public meeting which includes Commissioners meetings. He stated that this includes performing any act which would obstruct or interfere with the due conduct of the meeting or make any utterance gesture, or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group. Given the heightened tensions recently, he hopes everyone can work together to be more respectful and show respect.

Sheriff Leonbruno reminded everyone to wait until the current public speaker is done speaking before coming up to the podium and that everyone needs to wait until they are called upon by Commissioner Plecnik.

Mr. Chris Bihary of Painesville, thanked Commissioner Plecnik for his moment of silence and added an additional moment of silence for all Lake County people.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, discussed a lawsuit that was filed in the Probate Court in 2022. Mr. Weiss read the complaint, the outcome and offered his opinions.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski of Leroy Township, spoke of Mr. Weiss, his weekly comments and his application for an open School Board seat. He also spoke of his support for Commissioner Plecnik and the incident with former President Trump.

Mr. Joe O'Brien of Mentor, asked everyone to be kind and reminded everyone of those who fought for our freedoms so that we may enjoy freedom of speech.

Mr. Frank Pitchler of Perry, stated that he sits on the Republic Central Committee and has for years. He offered his support for Commissioner Plecnik.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596-MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY DIGESTER REHABILITATION PROJECT 408-S-2017 AND SEWER FUND(20240716\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.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,245,000.00 FOR AQUARIUS WATER TREATMENT PLANT MOTOR CONTROL CENTER (MCC) REPLACEMENTS - PROJECT NO 451 W-2021, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: August 21, 2024)(20240716\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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 19, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,229.15(20240716\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.

4.RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 2, 2024(20240716\C01)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,878,032.20(20240716\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.

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,636,486.38(20240716\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.

**7.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240716\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.

**8.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240716\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, Ms. Suzanne Casar, discussed two upcoming events that her department will be participating in. They include Kids Day at the Lake County Fair on July 26<sup>th</sup> and the Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd discussed the upcoming Fair and how the Commissioners have participated financially with the internal paving contract for that through the Engineers Office and the roofing project through the Buildings and Grounds Department. He also reminded everyone that Party in the Park will be happening this weekend and Park Place and the Square will be closed beginning Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Boyd stated that his Public Safety presentation will take place at next Thursdays Commissioners meeting and that there will be a link posted to the Commissioner’s website so that the public may view the presentation as well as any future updates. He stated that the County has received the Conditional use permit, demo approval and also design approval from the City of Painesville.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS:-none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich thanked the Sheriff and his department for hosting special training for the Bomb Squads at the Public Safety Training Facility. Chief Deputy Robert Izzo thanked Commissioner Regovich for the recognition. He explained that the Lake County Bomb Squad, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland Office, hosted the RAPID Program. This is the FBI’s Research Development Testing and Evaluation Program, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security Science, and Technology Branch and the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head. He stated that over four days there were 25 bomb technicians from 9 separate bombs squads across Northeast Ohio participating and they were exposed to realistic scenario-based training with some of the newest technologies and techniques being used today by bomb disposal operators on a national level. This was an exceptional opportunity to bring advanced training here to Lake County to increase the safety and security of our community.

Mr. Boyd briefly discussed a fire at the Landfill last Friday evening. There were no injuries and minimal damage. He thanked everyone that was involved and will provide an update once the post incident report is complete.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 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**

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JOHN PLECNİK, PRESIDENT

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