

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 2024-0718)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

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 and offered a prayer.

Mr. Reginald Black of Painesville, also offered a blessing.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, spoke on several topics that he is requesting more information on and/or a response from Commissioner Plecnik.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski, a Painesville attorney, stated that his son, a former air force pilot, now an attorney living out of state, shared his thoughts on Lake County republicans. Mr. Kolkowski also shared a poem.

Bishop Mirabel offered praise to everyone.

Mr. Dale Fellows of Willoughby Hills, stated that the was involved in the Christmas in July event hosted by the Salvation Army. He shared their (the Salvation Army) appreciation to the Commissioners for their continued support.

Ohio State Extension Director, Ms. Lisa Manning, was present and introduced several youths to discuss their participation in 4-H and the upcoming Lake County Fair. The children provided the Board with information pertaining to the Livestock auction and invited them to attend. Commissioner Plecnik stated that the livestock auction is one of the best events at the Fair. He invited all Lake County officials and residents to attend the auction and bid on the livestock.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2024 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20240718\F01)(C-126)

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 CONGRATULATING AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2024 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20240718\F02)(C-126)

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 TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER AND PROJECT FUND 595-LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 431-W-2020(20240718\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.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT FROM RT.91 TO RT. 2, 467-W-2023(20240718\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.

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, DODD/CHIMNEY RIDGE/SUNSHINE ACRES FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS-PROJECT 456-S-2021(20240718\U03)(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.

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 5 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,999.49 WITH SCS ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE 2022 LFG SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 458-12)L-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240718\U04)(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.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SALVATION ARMY 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(20240718\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Dale Fellows, a member of the Salvation Army Board, was present and thanked the Commissioners for this funding. He explained that their

previous canteen was damaged during Hurricane Katrina. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZUPKA AND ASSOCIATES AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE 2024-2027 FINANCIAL REPORT(20240718\C02)(C-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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR OFFICE RENOVATIONS OF 100 WEST ERIE STREET FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (BID OPENING: AUGUST 14, 2024)(20240718\C03)(CT-13)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Boyd stated that this is the future home of the Public Defender's Office and that the costs for renovations will be reimbursed by the State Public Defenders. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD HELD BY THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 301.27 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE(20240718\C04)(C-116-b)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that the Lake County Employees Credit Union no longer issues business credit cards. The CCAO has been working with Huntington Bank. A new credit card policy will be prepared in the future. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

11.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$604,875.24 (20240718\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.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,516,044.50(20240718\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, provided a detailed and comprehensive 65-page PowerPoint presentation on the Public Safety Project.

The presentation will be available in its entirety on the Commissioners website under "Public Safety Center Updates". All of the latest developments and information about the Lake County Safety Center project can also be found by visiting <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/> and clicking "Public Safety Center Updates" for video updates and other project information.

Mr. Boyd introduced Dan Malchesky from Ohio State University and stated that Dan would be shadowing him today.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik extended his gratitude to Mr. Boyd and Sheriff Leonbruno for their invaluable contributions to this project. Sheriff Leonbruno stated that they have been fortunate to tour several other facilities around the country. All of the County's strengths and weaknesses have been evaluated. He added that one of the best decisions made was to acquire Mr. Jeffrey Applebaum whose national and international experience has proven to be invaluable. The Board discussed the planning process, finance planning and their gratitude to the City of Painesville for their partnership and for working so well with the County. They also expressed their appreciation to Mr. Boyd for all of his hard work on this project. Commissioner Hamercheck provided some history of the current jail stating that even when it was a brand-new building, it was obsolete the day it opened. He also discussed the planning of this new jail with Boards and Administration previous to this current one. He complimented Mr. Boyd on his excellent presentation and stated that finalizing the finance strategy will be one of the most difficult steps and that everything must be considered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:58 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 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.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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