

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 2024-0725)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, discussed the findings of his public records request.

Mr. Derrick Abney of Painesville and a Painesville City Council Member thanked Commissioner Hamercheck, NOACA Executive Director Ms. Grace Gallucci and NOACA for their assistance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction grant. He stated that the City of Painesville will be the recipient of an \$80 million grant. The funding will be used to close the city-owned Painesville Municipal Electric Plant, which is also a coal-fired power station that runs only a few days a year during peak summer month usage. It will be replaced with a 35-megawatt solar project and five, two-megawatt batteries on the Diamond Shamrock property. An additional benefit is that the grant will repurpose a large brownfield site near the lake, turning it into solar fields with areas for biking trails and wildlife.

Mr. Chris Bihary of Painesville, asked for a moment of silence for calmness of heart and calmness of family.

Mr. David Lima of Mentor, read a prepared statement regarding religion and politics and the separation of church and state.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive in Painesville, complimented Mr. Boyd on the great presentation he gave on the Public Safety Center. He also discussed the cost of the Public Safety Center and the costs of the Commissioners newsletters and magnets and how that money can be better spent elsewhere.

Bishop Mirbel of Painesville, thanked the Board of Commissioners for being good Christians.

Mr. Dale Fellows of Willoughby Hills congratulated the City of Painesville on a successful Party in the Park, spoke of freedom of speech and religion, and gave some of his thoughts on a certain public participant and his comments.

Mr. Matt Hebebrand of Mentor, stated that he is a Republican Central Committee member, and spoke on holding fellow republican politicians responsible for their actions and common decency.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE VILLAS OF CANTERWOOD FARMS – PHASE 3 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20240725\U01)(SD-443)

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 \$122,415.04 FOR WATERLINES FOR THE VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD FARMS PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 24-20)(20240725\U01)(SD-443)

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 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,518.59 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR THE VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD FARMS PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 24-20)(20240725\U02)(SD-443)

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 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,300,000.00 FOR GARY L. KRON WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (GLK WRF) DIGESTER CLEANING AND REHABILITATION PROJECT NO 461-S-2022, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: AUGUST 28, 2024 (20240725\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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH NERONE & SONS, INC. FOR ADAMS COURT, INDUSTRIAL PARK & MELRIDGE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO 415-S-2018 DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$69,054.84(20240725\U04)(UT-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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240725\U05)(UT-7)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY TO PERFORM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,471,549.00(20240725\C01)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik stated this is a momentous move forward to building the safety center without raising taxes. Mr. Boyd stated that this is the first substantial contract of the project. He explained that this contract signifies the initial transition step from HOK to Gilbane/K2M and Lakeland Management. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MORGAN MCINTOSH AND PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE CHUCK HILLIER MADE BY THE LAKE COUNTY TOWNSHIPS TO THE LAKE COUNTY 911 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CERTIFYING MEMBERS TO THE LAKE COUNTY 911 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE(20240725\C02)(407-B)

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.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,795,744.53(20240725\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.

10.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$842,347.43(20240725\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.

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240725\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.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240725\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, reminded everyone that her department is participating in Kids Day at the Lake County Fair today from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and they will have activities for the children.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd thanked Painesville City Manager, Mr. Doug Lewis and Painesville City staff for assistance with the zoning and planning processes. He stated that he met with Meeder Investments early this morning for a finance discussion. There will be a bond rating call the second week of August.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik echoed and emphasized Mr. Fellows comments on religious speech. Commissioner Hamercheck welcomed Mr. Lima back to the Commissioners meeting. He addressed Mr. Hebebrand and his comments during the public portion. He stated that we should be celebrating the award of the single largest grant in the history of Lake County. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that over the years there has been discussion of the negative impact of regionalism and the evils of NOACA. He spoke of the \$80 million grant received by the City of Painesville; which is the lions share of the \$129 million available and of the partnership created between the City of Painesville and a brownfield (the former Diamond Shamrock property). He was honored to assist in talking with the Cleveland Foundation, NOACA and so many other partners who were willing to work on this project. This national recognition should be celebrated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Regovich stated that, in addition to the great news about the \$80 million award, he wanted to thank Mr. Lewis and the City for being so easy to work with. He also congratulated Mr. Lewis on all of the great projects the city has completed so far and others in the process of. Mr. Lewis also thanked the Board for the recognition and

all of the assistance over the last few years. He mentioned the work that is currently happening on the square which is Phase 3 of their project and how it would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the County. He thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for bringing him together with Ms. Gallucci, the Cleveland Foundation and the Gunn Foundation to help them put together the application for this amazing grant.

Commissioner Hamercheck stressed that the \$80 million grant the City of Painesville received is the single largest grant in the history of Lake County.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixth day of August, 2024.

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