

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	

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(Tape 2024-0730)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 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. Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Ms. Marian Norman on her upcoming retirement as HOME Program Manager and introduced Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. David Radachy. Mr. Radachy spoke of how Ms. Norman is a champion for the underserved in our community. She was instrumental in the formation of the Fair Housing Resource Center and the Code Blue Program. CDBG Manager, Ms. Rhea Benton, congratulated Ms. Norman on her retirement and stated how grateful she is for her knowledge. Commissioner Plecnik thanked her for her decades of helping those in need. Commissioner Regovich spoke of her knowledge of Federal guidelines and wished her a wonderful retirement. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that it has been an honor and privilege to work with Ms. Norman and how she is a bridge to those in need and that she always goes above and beyond to help them. Ms. Norman thanked everyone for their kind words and provided a history of her 35 years with the County and all the changes she has seen throughout them. The Board presented Ms. Norman with a special certificate in honor of her retirement.

Mr. David Lima of Litchfield Drive in Mentor, wanted to stress the importance of separation between church and read a prepared statement regarding such.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive in Painesville, shared that he was recently on a podcast to discuss election integrity and provided a handout to the Board.

Rev. Chris Bihary of Painesville, asked for a moment of silence for Lake County.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, discussed the results of his public records request.

Mr. Matt Hebebrand of Mentor, offered his opinions on NOACA and spoke of election integrity.

Mr. Dale Fellows of Willoughby Hills, congratulated Ms. Norman on her retirement and stated that the weather was perfect for the Lake County Fair this past weekend. He also spoke of the freedoms to speak on religion.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,589,120.00 TO FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO., INC. FOR VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT-PHASE 3, PROJECT 467-W-2023 (20240730\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.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,950,052.00 FOR NEW REVETMENT AT BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY - PROJECT NO 473-W-2023, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: AUGUST 28, 2024)(20240730\U02)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is to construct an armor stone revetment to protect the area from erosion. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL 2024 EXPENSES(20240730\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.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SECURITY FENCING REPLACEMENT AT 8505 GARFIELD ROAD FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (BID OPENING: AUGUST 28, 2024) (20240730\C01)(504-A)

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 ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER AMY COSSICK TO DESIGNATE MYRANDA KEISTER TO SERVE AS HER ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION(20240730\C02)(B-34)

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 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE COUNTY REPORT IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240730\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik spoke of how he came across a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Mentor that County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, was

heavily involved in completing. He feels that it is important to begin preparing an annual State of the County report for transparency of County functions. This report will include topics such as an overview of the county's budget and financial position, a review of major capital projects and infrastructure improvements, an assessment of county services and programs, an update on major initiatives and projects, and a summary of major accomplishments and achievements. This report will be prepared and presented by himself (Commissioner Plecnik) and Mr. Boyd sometime in September or October each year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION APPOINTING VIRGINIA (JENNA) BING TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026(20240730\C04)(B-20)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Ms. Bing for her willingness to serve on this very important Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PERRY JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 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(20240730\C05)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Ms. Karen Sundy, Perry Administrator and Fiscal Officer for the JEDD, was present and thanked the Board for their support of this project. She explained that this project has been many years in the planning and the funds will be used to install sanitary sewers, and a lift station and will service 60 acres. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MARINE PATROL 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(20240730\C06)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Boyd explained that the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol assists the Coast Guard with assisting stranded boaters, dive searches for police, fire, and search and rescue to name just a few. With cutbacks to the United States Coast Guard occurring, Marine Patrol has stepped up to assist when able. Sheriff Leonbruno pointed out that Lake Erie goes to the Canadian border and that the Ashtabula County Coast Guard Station has closed down. He stated that the Marine Patrol Dive Team are well trained for deep water dives. He shared that they recently rescued 3 people from drowning in Lake County and that they were able to recover the weapon used in a shooting in Willoughby. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

10.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$392,530.84 (20240730\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.

11.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,878,307.99(20240730\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.

12.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240730\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.

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240730\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, provided an update on the interconnect and stated that testing will begin sometime in January of 2025.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Suzanne Casar, announced that the Back to School Bash will be held this Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Harvey High School. This event is open to all Lake County families.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that we are nearing the end of the ARPA Project funding. He stated that there will be a virtual bond meeting on Monday, August 4th with Moody's for the jail project.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck shared that he was deeply disappointed with the lack of acknowledgement pertaining to the historic \$80 million (out of \$129 million) grant that the City of Painesville received from NOACA.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik stated that he was able to obtain the Grand Champion Chickens during the Lake County Fair Livestock Auction. He stated it was a very successful fair and that for the 4th year in a row, the Livestock auction broke its record. The auction earned \$454,000.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m. with the vote as follows: AYES": Commissioners Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-second day of August, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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