

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

(Tape 2024-0806)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 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. Bishop Mirbel of Painesville, thanked the Board of Commissioners present and past.

Mr. Chris Bihary of Painesville, thanked Bishop Mirbel for acknowledging the Commissioners and asked for a moment of silence.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, spoke on several topics including the County newsletter, the H2O to go bus and the proposed wine region sign.

Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that they are only permitted to speak at the podium during public comment.

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

Mr. Matt Hebebrand of Mentor, stated that he is a Republican Central Committee member, and asked for a response from Commissioner Hamercheck regarding an issue with computers and key tags.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski, a Painesville attorney, offered his thoughts on public comment and read a quote from Benjamin Franklin.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AWARDDNG A BID CONTRACT TO SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE COUNTY LINE ROAD (CR 141) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE II, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$863,339.00(20240806\E01)(E-3)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT-E. 288th TO SEABORN, PROJECT 448-W-2021(20240806\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.

3.RESOLUTION AWARDDNG A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$381,883.54 TO DIAL ELECTRIC FOR DODD HILL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND CHIMNEY RIDGE PUMP STATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 2 PROJECT 456-S-2021(20240806\U02)(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.

4.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240806\U03)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 9, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,762.37(20240806\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.

6.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING BUILDING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TOGETHER COMPRISING THE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT(20240806\C01)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that this and the following resolutions pertain to funding for the Public Safety Center. He stated that after meeting with the underwriters and bond counsel, it is recommended that the Board approve the sale of \$80 million of bonds and up to \$80 million of notes. While in total this is authorizing up to \$160 million, the County only needs to borrow between \$115 and \$120 million. The remainder of the project could be paid for with cash on hand. This authorization gives the underwriters the ability to maximize the best interest rate scenarios for the County to finance the project. As stated in previous meetings, it is anticipated the annual debt service, beginning in 2025, to be about \$7 million annually on this project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING BUILDING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TOGETHER COMPRISING THE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT(20240806\C02)(207-N)

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 REAPPOINTING TIMOTHY C. BROTZMAN, IVAN VALENTIC AND RUDY VESELKO, III TO THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR TERMS EXPIRING AUGUST 14, 2027(20240806\C03)(B-34)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik thanked the gentlemen for continuing to serve on the Planning Commission Board. 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 \$2,393,391.75(20240806\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 \$696,721.50(20240806\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 VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240806\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 CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20240806\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 – Director of Job and Family Services, Suzanne Casar, spoke on the Back to School Bash that was recently held at Harvey High School. She stated that they don't have the firm numbers of how many families and children they served and she will update the Board once she has them. She thanked all the volunteers that were on hand to assist with this great event.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that they continue to prep for the Bond rating call and after today's meeting he will be involved with a prep call.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck pointed out that Mr. Hebebrand is in many positions of trust within the Lake County Republican and the community, and how he was disappointed in Mr. Hebebrand's recent public participation comments. He questioned Mr. Hebebrand's disparaging comments regarding NOACA at a recent meeting. Commissioner Hamercheck also addressed Mr. Hebebrand's public comments regarding an issue with computers and key tags and how the Attorney General has closed the investigation based on the findings of facts in conjunction with law enforcement in the United States and in conjunction with the Secretary of States investigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hamercheck provided an update on the OneOhio Region 13 meeting he attended yesterday, stating that they are in the process of the final review of applications for the \$2.4 million that is available. He also stated that Carl Dondorfer and Judy Moran are doing a great job.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

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

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