

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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RICHARD J. REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2024-0822)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2024.

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: July 30 and August 6, 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. Ms. Fiona Ruminski was present to introduce herself as the new liaison for the Secretary of State's office.

A Special Certificate was presented to Mr. Terry Shook on his retirement from the Auditors Office where he served as a Deputy Auditor/Weights and Measures Inspector and currently serves as the Weights and Measures Supervisor. He accumulated an incredible 40 years of service. County Auditor, Mr. Christopher Galloway and Deputy Auditor, Ms. Michele Uber, were also present and spoke of how Mr. Shook has been a true asset to the office and that he will be missed. Mr. Dale Fellows of Willoughby Hills also spoke of Mr. Shook's vast knowledge. Mr. Shook thanked everyone for their kind words.

Ms. Tammy Gabor of Madison, spoke on the recent property valuation that she nearly mistook for junk mail and she wanted to warn other residents what to look for in their own mail. She also spoke on certain people that speak on their opinions and make accusations during the public portion and she wanted to point out the many county employees that are not only present in the meetings but that watch them from their offices and how their time is valuable.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville, on behalf of another Lake County resident, spoke of how Lake County and Cuyahoga County differ when making appointments to Boards and Commissioners. He also spoke of how Lakeland Community College Board members are sworn to track the finances of Lakeland Community College as part of their position.

Ms. Judy Burr of Project Hope, thanked the CDBG Department for their hard work and funding and wished them a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Mr. Chris Bihary of Painesville, asked for a moment of silence for teachers, parents and children as they begin the school year.

Mr. John Marra of Timberlake shared that Willoughby Muni Court is understaffed and underpaid and how they are going to see a vast increase in the number of cases that come through the Courts.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE 2024 LAKE COUNTY FAIR(20240822\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik read the resolution in its entirety and shared the statistics of the fair. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CDBG 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2024 IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20240822\F02)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. The Board presented Ms. Rhea Benton, Mr. Cristian Blake and Ms. Alana Ciancibello with the resolution. Ms. Benton had a PowerPoint presentation detailing the 50-year history of the CDBG Program and she discussed several Lake County success stories. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT WITH COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,344.00, LCE PROJECT NO. 2023-018 (20240822\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.

**4.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 2 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,840.40 WITH INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,099.05 FOR GRACE COURT TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PHASE III PROJECT 462-S-2023 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240822\U01)(UT-12)**

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, LAKE ROAD FORCEMAIN RELOCATION, 484-S-2024 (20240822\U02)(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.

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,686.75 FOR WATERLINES FOR BOOTH FARMS SUBDIVISION PHASE 4 IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 24-37) (20240822\U03)(SD-441)**

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 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,140.85 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR BOOTH FARMS SUBDIVISION-PHASE 4 IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 24-03) (20240822\U04)(SD-441)**

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20240822\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.

**9.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE COMPANY FOR LIMESTONE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20240822\U06)(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.

**10.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM 2 TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ZAPPITELLI ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS CENTRAL TITLE BUREAU, IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$443,880.00 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2024(20240822\C01)(209-Z-15)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, LLC TO PERFORM MANAGEMENT, FACILITATION AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,767,000.00 (20240822\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.

**12.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT**

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.

**13.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT FOR OFFICE RENOVATIONS OF 100 WEST ERIE STREET FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS(20240822\C04)(CT-13)**

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.

**14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,112,713.03(20240822\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.

**15.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$581,353.87(20240822\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.

**16.RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20240822\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.

**17.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20240822\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 possible replacement benefits from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. She stated that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients who experienced food spoilage during the recent power outages may be eligible for replacement benefits if they lost power for four hours or more. They can apply to receive replacement SNAP benefits for the amount of food the household lost, as long as it does not exceed their monthly allotment. Replacement SNAP benefits will be added to the Ohio Direction Card of the recipients.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Sheriff Leonbruno stated that Painesville City Council and reviewed and approved the outside of the proposed Public Safety Center as well as the parking lots. He explained that all variances have been completed and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections has also reviewed and approved the plans. He thanked Jeffrey Applebaum and Ellis Katz for the exemplary work they have done. Commissioner Plecnik spoke about property valuations and inflation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Regovich thanked Senior Services Manager, Ms. Alyea Barajas and Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Cristen Kane, for coordinating the many volunteers for the recent Senior Food Distribution at the Fairgrounds. He also thanked the many volunteers involved including Avery Dennison, Kathy Russo, Summer Torok, Patrick Stitts, and the Sheriff’s Department just to name a few. They were able to provide 475 bags of food to seniors of Lake County through a grant that was awarded to our Senior Services Department.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this tenth day of September, 2024.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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