

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 2024-1017)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

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

Dr. Joe Glavan, Director of Workforce Development for Mentor Schools, Lakeland Community College and the Lake Shore Compact was present to discuss workforce development and reviewed a Power Point presentation. Several highlights included 8 workforce grants awarded totaling \$16,265,532.00 over the past twelve months, the increased collaborations throughout the county, a new record of 1,607 Lakeland Community College credits and enrollment and what the planned future steps are. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Dr. Glavan for the presentation and thanked Commissioner Regovich for his work in this partnership.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Plecnik asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Bishop Mirbel of Painesville thanked the Board for all they do. He invited anyone interested to the Lake County NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner being held on October 19, 2024 and provided the phone number for preregistration.

Mr. Brian Massie of Painesville, on behalf of Ms. Linda O'Brien, asked the Board to reconsider the previous request of \$50,000 to make repairs to the historic Willoughby Hills cemetery. He added that there are 2 Revolutionary War heroes buried in the cemetery. Mr. Massie thanked County Administrator, Jason Boyd and Director of Administrative Services, Joel DiMare for providing the information for his public records request.

Ms. Lois Osborn of Painesville spoke of a 2021 incident regarding a Clerk in Mesa County Colorado and referred to an article in the New York Times.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy discussed several items of concern he had with Commissioner Plecnik.

Ms. Beverly Schilero of Painesville spoke of several issues she has had with Mr. Chris Weiss. She provided copies of several police reports to Clerk Bell.

Ms. Lyndsie Wall of Mentor addressed Commissioner Hamercheck in asking about a 2021 incident and also queried why Ms. Becky Lynch and Ms. Faith Andrews requested voter machine manuals from the Board of Elections.

Mr. Brian Kolkowski of Painesville also addressed Commissioner Hamercheck, asking for him to provide answers and provided more information regarding the 2021 incident, a Cyber symposium and if any sensitive information was released.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,943,308.00 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: NOVEMBER 20, 2024) (20241017\U01)(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.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (October 2024) OF THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT(20241017\U02)(UT-31)

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 TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 426-S-2019 MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SCADA AND INSTRUMENTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE. REMAINING CASH IN PROJECT FUND IS TRANSFERRED TO THE SEWER FUND(20241017\U03)(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.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, E. 296TH STREET WATERLINE, CITY OF WICKLIFFE, PROJECT 471-W-2023(20241017\U04)(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.

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT OCTOBER 25, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$676,791.89(20241017\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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND MADISON TOWNSHIP FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE EMERSON ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT(20241017\C01)(UT-46A)

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 REAPPOINTING PAM MARTIN TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2025(20241017\C02)(B-49)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Ms. Elife Roman, Superintendent of the Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood, was present and thanked the Board for the prompt appointments of Ms. Martin and Mr. Tarantino. This will allow more time to inform the new members of this Board information. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS J. TARANTINO TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2025(20241017\C03)(B-49)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners Hamercheck and Plecnik "ABSTAIN": Commissioner Regovich "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,355,158.30(20241017\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 and Plecnik. "ABSTAIN: Commissioner Regovich "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575,721.01(20241017\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 GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20241017\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(20241017\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 –Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger provided an update on the Madison Village Sanitary Sewer Interconnect Project stating that there is some paperwork to complete and the transfer is scheduled to occur by December 1, 2024.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Regovich stated that he recently attended a *Herren Talks* speaking engagement at Andrews Osborne Academy. Chris Herren is a former NBA player who battled addiction throughout his career and came dangerously close to losing everything. He now speaks to students throughout the country and presented to several schools in Lake County. His visit to Lake County focused on speaking with seventh and eighth-grade students, emphasizing the importance of recognizing trusted voices within their circles; whether in their schools, families, or communities. He thanked Ms. Marlene Cornachio , Kim Fraser, (Executive Director Lake County ADAMHS Board), Ms. Marie Leach and Judy Moran for the work they put into this event. He also thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for all of the hard work he put into the OneOhio Board to secure funding for events like this.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twelfth day of December, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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