

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

(Tape 2024-1201)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Special Meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. Sunday, December 1, 2024 at the Emergency Operations Center in Mentor, Ohio.

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

County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that joining via phone this evening is Assistant County Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman. Mr. Boyd stated that today is Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 5:47 PM and as Commissioner Plecnik stated, we are calling the Special Meeting in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Subsection F. He reported that he has been on the phone all day today with Lake County EMA Director, Joe Busher, who has also been in contact with other agencies throughout Lake County as it relates to the winter storm that we've been experiencing here the past couple days and, according to the forecast, will continue for another two days. The current winter weather storm warning is from now through 7 AM on Tuesday, December 3. Mr. Boyd has been speaking with the County Buildings and Grounds foreman and others in downtown Painesville and they are doing the best they can to maintain County facilities, but it has been an uphill battle throughout the county. Mr. Boyd stated that it is his recommendation, along with that of EMA Director Busher, that the county declare the State of Ohio Emergency Declaration and without objection, Mr. Boyd read the following caption:

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AS A RESULT OF THE WINTER SNOW STORM AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS(20241201\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Plecnik reiterated that, for the health and safety of our residents, we are pursuing a State of Emergency at this point. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Commissioner Plecnik stated that this is the only item of business on the agenda and stated for the record: "That in talking with our County Administrator and talking with the Courts, we are going to be closing our County offices under the Commissioners jurisdiction for Monday. So we wanna make sure that word gets out to our employees and to the public."

Mr. Boyd stated that he will work on that directly.

Commissioner Hamercheck addressed Mr. Hackman asking if this declaration will help with the activation of Code Blue. Mr. Hackman stated that this declaration is one of the factors that will move the Code Blue process along. Mr. Boyd stated that he will begin making calls on this first thing tomorrow morning.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twelfth day of December, 2024.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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