

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 2024-1230)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 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 Meetings of October 10, November 21, and December 10, 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. Michael Talev of Caroline Drive discussed how he is unhappy with how some things have been handled with Job and Family Services.

Madison Township Chief of Police, Troy Hager explained that he was recently made aware that Commissioner Hamercheck was going to be awarded the "Got Your Six Award" through Police One Magazine and that the magazine is a publication that most law enforcement receives. He explained that, unbeknownst to anyone, someone had submitted the Commissioner and he won the award. Chief Hager read the congratulations letter and thanked him for his support of law enforcement.

Mr. Chris Bihary of Painesville, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his years of service and dedication.

Mr. Brian Massie of Rainbow Drive, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his years of service and dedication and shared how he has enjoyed discussions and debates over the years.

State Representative, Mr. Daniel Troy, expressed his gratitude for the service that Commissioner Hamercheck has given the County for the last eight years. He shared how last meetings are not the happiest things but he can say that there is life after leaving this office. He stated that in the two years they served together, they worked in a bipartisan fashion, although he doesn't believe partisanship should have anything to do with County government because there's no Democrat or Republican way to run a County, only the right way. He complimented Commissioner Hamercheck for the great job he has done and how he tried to get the County to focus more on what the important issues were and stay away from some of the culture war subjects that seem to come up every once in a while.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his years of service and tireless devotion to the County. He shared how he is humbled and blessed to be a father and shared letters his sons received from Congressman David Joyce.

Timberlake Mayor, John Marra, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his years of service. He stated that he was present today to advocate for a transformation and reform in the way public education is funded. He read a prepared statement and some of the information included a reform that will bring fairness, equity and sustainability to the school system while relieving the property tax burden of homeowners. He spoke of seniors and people on fixed incomes, and ways to strengthen public schools and ensure quality education.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL FOR THE COUNTY ROAD PAVEMENT MARKINGS - 2024 WITH J.D STRIPING & SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,805.73, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-0202 (20241230\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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20241230\U01)(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.

3.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,154.40 FOR WATERLINES FOR ANDREWS RIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE II JOB NO. 23-37 IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY (20241230\U02)(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.

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 8 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,052.84 WITH CHIVERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$229,714.89 FOR KIRTLAND OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2 PROJECT 445-S-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20241230\U03)(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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE RESEA SERVICES AT OHIOMEANSJOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,498.89 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 (20241230\JFS01)(JFS-2)

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.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 (20241230\JFS02)(JFS-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.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025(20241230\JFS03)(JFS-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.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025(20241230\JFS04)(JFS-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.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 10, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,319.40(20241230\JFS05)(JFS-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.

10.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT 1WITH RxBENEFITS FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES(20241230\C01)(INS)

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 REAPPOINTING KEVIN D. FREESE TO THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028(20241230\C02)(B-192)

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 REAPPOINTING JAMES F. STRUNA TO THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028(20241230\C03)(B-192)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,350,978.58(20241230\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.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$337,977.30(20241230\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.

15.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20241230\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.

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20241230\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.

17.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND(20241230\BC05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel Dimare, was present and explained that there are two types of funds in the Outside Funds. They are the Governmental Fund and the Proprietary Fund. He explained that the Governmental Funds are special revenue, debt service and permanent improvement funds and accounts for all grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose. He went on to explain Proprietary Funds include Enterprise and Internal Service. Enterprise funds are used to account for an activity for which fees are charged to external users for goods or services (Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste) and Internal Service Funds account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis (Central Purchasing, Mailroom, Health Care Accounts). 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, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his service and shared that it has been a pleasure to work with him over the last 20 years on different things.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, also thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his dedication and for placing his trust in her when she became the Director.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd provided a brief update on the jail, stating that construction can begin as early as next week as long as the conditional use permit is approved by the City of Painesville. The County continues to hit all of the timelines and budgetary items. Mr. Boyd wished Commissioner Hamercheck well and shared a few humorous stories. He thanked him for his leadership along with his colleagues in regards to the opioid litigation, his commitment to Public Safety, the sheriff's range project, the jail project and his work with the CARES Act Funding as well as his dedication to the success of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant exercises.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the Commissioners Organizational Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. and that the first regular Commissioners Meeting will be held Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 10:00 am. She also thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his dedicated services to Lake County.

LEGAL – Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Kelly Echols, thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his dedication over the last 8 years.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his service, dedication and hard work with NOACA, and the opioid case in addition to many other accomplishments over the years. He wished him well in the future.

Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the people of lake County for allowing him to serve as one of their County Commissioners for the last eight years and how it has been an honor. He also thanked the Lake County crew and his staff.

Commissioner Plecnik also thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his 8 years of service to Lake County.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Regovich, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck, Regovich and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN PLECNIK, PRESIDENT

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