

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

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JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2015-0122)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., January 22, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the minutes of the organizational meeting of January 12, 2015, and the regular meeting of January 15, 2015, were approved as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None
Commissioner introduced Mr. Kevin D. Malecek, the Commissioner-select and congratulated him on his appointment for the remainder of the term expiring December of 2016. He will be joining the Commissioners in February and they look forward to working with him.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: POINT IN TIME COUNT

Ms. Marian Norman, Program Manager in the Office of Planning and Community Development and Chairperson of Lake County Continuum of Care, reported on the 2015 Point in Time Count of the Homeless. The Point in Time Count is scheduled to take place throughout Ohio on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. This count is a HUD requirement and the numbers are reported directly to the State and is always held within the last 10 days in January. The money received supports local homeless and housing efforts. There is significant outreach for housing and this led to a decreased number of homeless last year. The total homeless population count was 72 sheltered and unsheltered people. Training will be conducted tomorrow for volunteers.

Commissioner Moran asked what is the rationale for doing the count in the middle of winter?
Ms. Norman replied that even in the winter, there is hope that they will be encouraged to seek shelter and be easier to count. Many local agencies including Extended Housing, Project Hope, the Forbes House, Salvation Army, ADAMHS Board and New Directions for Living assist, as do area churches.

Commissioner Troy stated that this count impacts the eligibility for Federal and State dollars and they are particular about the definition of homeless.

Ms. Norman agreed and stated that there is a lot of accountability and tracking related to the amount of funding received. She explained that the funds come from the Emergency Solutions Grant and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Continuum of Care meets the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at 125 E. Erie Street. The public is welcome to attend.

Commissioner Moran asked if the decline in foreclosures correlates to less families on the streets. She is concerned with the amount of children in homeless shelters.

Ms. Norman stated that foreclosures are not the issue it is the lack of affordable rental properties.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Ms. Becky Lynch, 8040 King Memorial Road in Mentor, thanked Commissioner Troy for the clarification a few months back stating that no County funding will go toward abortions. Today is the 42nd Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision and since that time, 57 million abortions have taken place in the United States.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING: February 18, 2015)(20150122\U01)(UT-8)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

- 2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: February 18, 2015)(20150122\U02)(UT-8)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

- 3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ASPHALT COLD PATCH FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: February 18, 2015)(20150122\U03)(UT-8)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

- 4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 26, 2015, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,714.02 (20150122\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

- 5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE MADISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LAKE COUNTY REGIONALIZED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2015(20150122\C01)(INS)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.
Commissioner Troy explained that the County is self-insured for health insurance and has opened the insurance program up to other public entities. They are required to pay our premium rate. This resolution executes an agreement for participation for Madison Township non-bargaining employees.

Mr. Lee Bodnar, Madison Township Administrator, stated that this is an advantageous opportunity and thanked the Commissioners for opening up this health insurance program, saving the Township significant funds in their

healthcare provision and employee benefits package. He encouraged other communities to explore this opportunity.

Commissioner Troy reported that an underwriting analysis is done for each outside applicant to determine if it is a responsible risk. He stated that he is happy to have Madison Township in the program.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran
"NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,534,020.25(20150122\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,743.60(20150122\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20150122\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20150122\BC04)(C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Rick Martin, Executive Director of the Utilities Department, reported there have been 17 water breaks and they are averaging one a day, mostly on the west end of the County. Crews are keeping up with repairs.

Commissioner Troy stated that the County got into the water business because the five communities on the west end requested that this happen and that was about 30 years ago. The County has the resources and employees to do the job and repair old water lines that were inherited.

Mr. Martin replied that someone is on site within a few hours of notification. They provide a good response time.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the County's healthcare consultant to discuss and plan for 2016.

FINANCE - Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, reported that budget hearings are set to begin next week with legislation being presented to the Commissioners in February.

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Moran reported that she is a member of the Lake Health Hospital Board and was proud to report on the highlights for 2014. The hospital earned three stars from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons for the open heart program, 3D mammography, robot-assisted surgery, and new medical staff. The hospital received \$3 million in gifts through the Lake Health Foundation and implemented a "Physicians First" policy in the Emergency Room so that patients are not sitting in the waiting room.

Commissioner Troy reported that the County Commissioners' Association held its first 2015 Board of Directors meeting and they are setting up regional briefings with ours being held in March. They will discuss the concerns of the CCAO as they come before the legislature. There was discussion regarding elections and electronic poll books in the State of Ohio. The books are a significant cost but polling places may be able to be combined if the current laws are amended. It sounds like many counties will be okay with their current voting machines through the 2016 Presidential election, but many will need to be replaced after that and it appears that there will not be any federal funding this time from a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Act for future election machine costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board?

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked about the number of homeless people in Lake County and stated that various circumstances determine if a person is homeless.

Ms. Kay Shaniuk, Director of Shaniuk and Associates, a management consulting firm, stated that she works closely with the agencies that comprise the Continuum of Care. Someone staying in a shelter is considered homeless. Others stay in places not fit for habitation such as in a vehicle. They will look for these people the evening of the count. She explained that 72 is the federal number for people who fit the definition of homeless for one night. It is a point in time count. In 2014, Project Hope saw 364 people come through the shelter. There were over 1,000 calls requesting shelter last year and the 211 hotline had to turn them down because there was no room.

Mr. Muzik asked how many beds were available at Project Hope?

Ms. Norman replied there are 35 beds but more beds will be open once more staff is hired.

Ms. Maureen Kelly, Clerk of Courts, asked if the successes are looked at as well and how is that treated?

Ms. Shaniuk stated that funds are used for housing crisis response. They receive points for housing people. They are expected to house people quickly for ideally up to 30 days and then move them to a more permanent location. Sometimes the rent can be subsidized. It is very difficult to find affordable housing. More information is available on the website homeinsight.org.

The next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Personnel - appointments

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss personnel matters related to appointments with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:40 a.m.
 The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board returned to open session at 11:27 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth day of January, 2015.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

 DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT

 JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER

 AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK