

September 29, 2011

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

RAYMOND E. SINES, PRESIDENT
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER

LEGAL COUNSEL
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET
DIRECTOR
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AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

(Tape 2011-0929)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Sines called the meeting to order at 10:28 am, Thursday, September 29, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

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

- Craig Vrabec, 2435 Antioch, North Perry Village addressed the Board regarding as the county budget reduces what the plans are going forward.

Commissioner Sines: The budget is always a work in progress. We have to budget for the year, we have to balance the budget, we have made cuts, and program changes.

- Commissioner Aufuldish indicated that departments have been combined.

- Commissioner Troy indicated that public assistance money is a combination of state and federal funds. How it impacts the county is the amount of staff we will have to administer benefit programs. The county continues to squeeze and in a lot of cases the county does not have discretion in terms of what it can and can't do. The county is required to provide for elections, courts, the jail, etc.... It is all about revenues versus expenditures.

- The Commissioners will look at everything before considering raising the sales tax and there has not been an increase of that rate in Lake County for 42 years.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD. FOR COLD WATER METERS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20110929\U01) (UT-4)

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

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM LCDU SEWER DISTRICT EQUIPMENT AND LCDU SEWER DISTRICT VEHICLES TO LCDU SEWER DISTRICT VEHICLE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES (20110929\U02) (UT-2)

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

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20110929\U03) (UT-7)

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

4. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF DAVID J. IVANS FROM HIS POSITION OF DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE IV, LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (20110929\U04) (UT-3)

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

5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF KEITH MADDOX FROM HIS POSITION OF SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE IV, LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (20110929\U05) (UT-3)

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

6. RESOLUTION RECLASSIFYING CHARLES SADAR FROM THE POSITION OF MECHANIC I TO CUSTODIAN II IN THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 2011 (20110929\C01) (P-7)

Commissioner Aufuldish: The County Garage needs to lay off an employee due to lack of funds. According to the union contract an employee can bump down and this is what is taking place here.

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

7. RESOLUTION CHANGING THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011 TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 AT 2:00 PM (20110929\C02) (C-107)

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

8. RESOLUTION DECLARING UNUSED BUILDINGS AND THREE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 153 EAST ERIE STREET, CITY OF PAINESVILLE, OHIO, 485 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP, OHIO AND 1250 MENTOR AVENUE, PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP, OHIO, NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR COUNTY PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PUBLIC SALE OF SAME, ACCORDING TO SECTIONS 307.09 AND 307.10 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE NO MINIMUM BID (20110929\C03) (210)

Commissioner Troy: These properties are owned by the county and involve the old garage, the juvenile group home, and the old Dworken and Bernstein Building. Following the law, we need to declare these properties as no longer necessary for county purposes. We are trying to sell these properties and ideally we would like to get the best price for the county.

Commissioner Sines: These buildings are expensive to maintain and we realize this is not the greatest time to sell real estate. We will have the option to accept or reject any bid.

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE BUILDING (BID OPENING: October 19, 2011) (20110929\C04) (CT-8a)

Commissioner Aufuldish: We will be using some Community Development Block Grant Funds for this project.

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

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$836,731.15 (20110929\BC01) (C-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy

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“NAYS”: None

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,193,054.93 (20110929\BC02) (C-17)

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

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20110929\BC03) (C-111)

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

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20110929\BC04) (C-111)

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

UTILITIES: Rick Martin, Utilities Director: There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection this Saturday at the Lake County Fairgrounds from 9 am - 3 pm.

STORMWATER: None

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None

FINANCE: None

CLERK: None - Katarina Rodgers, Assistant Clerk was present on behalf of Amy Elszasz.

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Vrabec, 2435 Antioch, North Perry Village addressed the Board regarding Issue 2 and SB 5 and what the impact means to the County Commissioners whether SB 5 stays in place or is overturned.

Commissioner Aufuldish: It talks about raising the fees for employees health plan, and our county health plan is not in the union contracts. Whether you are union or not everyone follows suit. And, we have had very friendly relations with our unions.

Commissioner Troy: SB 5 is a creature of the legislature. And, I agree there were some changes that needed to be done in the public employee collective bargaining law. SB 5 does not give local government a lot of tools. We do not have health care in our contracts. These were negotiated contracts, management agreed to these terms. In my opinion this is a bunch of folks going to the legislature and saying save us from ourselves. If upheld, it will probably reduce our outlay in terms of third parties. I don't think it will change much in terms of the level of compensation that we currently give our employees. It does not have a huge impact on reducing out budget outlays either way.

Commissioner Sines: Commissioner Troy is right, a lot of this was caused by the General Assembly for example providing 15 days sick leave that can't be negotiated. Our employees pay 8% for health care and it is my opinion if this changes we will be required to charge employees 15%. I think both sides are exaggerating the impact of this bill.

John Murphy, 127 Chestnut Street, Painesville City commented that the private sector like Rite Aid employees would love to be paying 8% for their hospitalization. And said, wouldn't it be better for

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the Commissioners to negotiate the healthcare opposed to taking it out of the bargaining.
- Commissioner Sines basically indicated that those are business decisions that private industry makes and these are decisions that elected officials make in this county.
Commissioner Aufuldish: Our employees have not received a raise in 5 years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:53 am to conduct personnel interviews, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:53 am.
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 11 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 12:04 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this 6th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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K A T A R I N A R O D G E R S ,
ASSISTANT CLERK