

February 3, 2011

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

LEGAL COUNSEL
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2011-0203)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Sines called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, Thursday, February 3, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2011, were approved as follows:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Sines asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present addressed the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (LATENT DEFECTS) WITH HALLMARK EXCAVATING, INC. FOR LAKE ROAD WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 319-W, IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$7,900.35 (20110203\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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND NEIGHBORING RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (20110203\C01) (C-50a)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT (2010-JG-C01-6458) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,636.80 BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF NEIGHBORING AND THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011 (20110203\C02) (C-50a)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,022,046.79 (20110203\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 "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$666,937.60 (20110203\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

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20110203\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

7. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20110203\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: None

STORMWATER: None

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None

FINANCE: None

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CLERK: None

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Troy: Among the many responsibilities that the county has is to pay for elections. This is a tight budget year and certainly we want to spend the minimal amount possible. Due to the fact that there were no partisan race filings in either of the municipal court races, there will be no primary election on May 3, 2011, and it is technically a “special election” day. Painesville City School District is asking for an additional levy on the May 3, 2011 ballot and then we have the Perry Public Library - 6 precincts, Kirtland Local School District - 7 precincts, and Riverside Local School District - 27 precincts, asking for renewal levies. This will require the county to put our Election Board machinery into place at 40 precincts in order to hold elections for renewal levies. This is cost of money that is advanced by the county government putting a strain on the 2011 budget and eventually charged back to these entities by the Board of Elections. This is an outlay of tax dollars, which I think is a needless expenditure in those communities because these are strictly renewal levies and can be put on the November ballot. If they can’t sell a renewal levy than they have got a bad message. The taxpayers of those particular entities ought to be concerned because eventually all the costs of these special elections will be borne by the taxpayers of these districts. Elections are not cheap!

Commissioner Aufuldish: I agree with all of your comments. And, I feel that if these local school boards have no confidence in their budget system and in the education that they provide to their students that they have to go to the ballot many times there is something wrong.

Commissioner Sines: This is common rather than uncommon that these organizations are concerned about passing their levies and in this case they are all renewal levies. And, is it necessary to put on the ballot, probably not. How do you get the message to these local entities who make these decisions that they should consider waiting until November?

Commissioner Troy: It is just dollars that won’t be spent on more books at the Perry Public Library and more learning activities in the Kirtland and Riverside School District.

Commissioner Sines: Taxpayer taxes have not gone up because of county taxes, but because of the levies that are being passed. It is not the Commissioners that are raising the taxes, it is the voters who are raising their taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Murphy, 127 Chestnut Street, Painesville said he was glad to see the Commissioners position on the special elections issue.

- Brief discussion took place regarding multiple school levy requests and property taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:20 am to discuss a personnel matter, with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:20 am.
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:35 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 11:06 am, 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 11:06 am, with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this 10th day of February, 2011.

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