

September 27, 2012

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

RAYMOND E. SINES, PRESIDENT
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK
JASON W. BOYD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2012-0927)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Sines called the meeting to order at 10:24 am, Thursday, September 27, 2012.

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 September 18, 2012 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. Scott Daisher, Board of Elections Director gave an overview regarding how the upcoming elections process is progressing as follows:

- As of today, early voting at the Board of Elections Office will start Tuesday, October 2, 2012 through Monday, November 5, 2012.
- The times of operation for the three days prior to election day are not certain at this point.
- Approximately, 22,385 absentee applications will be put in the mail beginning October 2, 2012. An approximate 4,000 of the 22,835 are regular absentee requests and the bulk of this mailing is from the Secretary of State's Office to all registered voters. Tomorrow, the State will also be doing an approximate 4,000 - 5,000 supplemental mailings from a new updated file that the Board of Elections will provide.
- In the last two presidential elections there was only an approximate 96 vote difference. If this election stays true to that, we will be around an 80% turnout countywide. In 2008, we sent out approximately 55,000 applications and 46,000 were returned to be validated and counted.
- If a voter has requested an absentee ballot, but shows up at the polls on election day, they will have to vote on a provisional ballot, which will allow the Board of Elections to cross check and make sure that they have not already voted absentee.
- Discussion that the county seems to still be spending the same amount of money on election day, even though half of the public is participating in absentee or early voting. This is because of required Ohio Revised Code mandated equipment set up and pollworker coverage, which inflates the costs, and not due to voter turnout.
- There is a unique situation this election day with Eastlake City 4th Ward with an unexpired councilman's race. This is causing a special election with a separate ballot to be held the same date as the general election.
- Brief discussion that the Board of Elections will probably need to increase their original postage line item budget.
- Brief discussion that this past Saturday, employees were brought in to process mandated military ballots. These are incurred costs to the county.
- Brief discussion that the original Board of Elections budget was set for "no" weekend voting and "no" voting in office after 6 pm the Friday before election day and that adjustments will need to be made.
- Brief discussion that pollworkers are still being recruited for the elections. Brief discussion that the pollworkers are paid \$107.91 per day.
- Mr. Daisher indicated that all absentee application addresses are assessable via the Board of Elections website.
- Brief discussion took place as to what the Board of Elections process is to make sure that the register voter list has up-to-date and accurate information.
- Mr. Daisher briefly answered a question from John Muzik of Painesville Township regarding a system used by approximately 11 states to cross check votes to make sure there is only one vote in a state. This system continues to grow.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROPRIATION LINES AND INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS (20120927\U01) (UT-2)

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 AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO WORLDWIDE INDUSTRIES CORP. FOR BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT WASH WATER TANK PROJECT 342W IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,640.00 (20120927\U02) (UT-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

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20120927\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 AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO LONGO SEWER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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FOR GARDENSIDE DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 317-W IN THE AMOUNT OF \$591,099.10 (20120927\U04) (UT-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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTHEAST OHIO FOR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY BASED MENTORING PROGRAMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 (20120927\JFS01) (JFS-2)

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 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20120927\C01) (C-9)

Joel DiMare, Budget Director: This is the resolution that sets the amounts for the tax levies for 2013. In 2013, the General Fund will be dropping from 2.1 inside mills to 1.0 inside mills. This will affect collections from \$11.6 million in 2012 to an estimated \$4.8 million in 2013. The Senior Citizens Services Levy will increase from .4 mills to .5 mills, as passed this March, and will increase collections to \$2.7 million in 2013 after the anticipated decrease in property value. This levy is for a period of five years.

Commissioner Sines: I want to emphasize that we passed a sales tax increase and at the time we said we were going to lower the property tax. I don't believe that too many people can say that they have seen a reduction in a tax of any type in a long time. We are following through on our commitments to the residents in lowering that tax.

Commissioner Aufuldish: We feel that this will affect everybody of course, and will also help relieve property taxes on those that are on fixed incomes. We will now be relying more on users fees such as the sales tax.

Commissioner Troy: We are dropping our inside millage by approximately 57% from an amount of 2.1 mills, which we have been collecting at this rate since the 1930's, to a reduced 1.0 mills for the first time. We have taken a budget that at one point was approximately 25% dependent on property tax revenue and have reduced it to one that is 10% based on property tax revenue. And, we will be shifting more of the amount of our revenue streams to one based on a consumption tax. This consumption tax will be paid by a significant number of citizens who do not reside in this county. We appreciate the fact that they do come to Lake County to eat and spend money and hope that they will continue. As Joel has indicated, we were collecting \$11.6 million in property taxes this calendar year and are projecting we will only collect about \$4.8 million next year. This is because of the cut and also the fact that there is an anticipated decrease coming from the Auditor's Office in property values in the neighborhood of an 8% overall reduction, plus the continued phase out of reimbursement for tangible personal property tax and utility deregulations. The only other change is that the voters approved an increase in the Senior Citizens Services Levy from .4 mills to .5 mills, which will generate about the same amount of money as the .4 mills did in the first year of its collection.

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,329,682.68 (20120927\BC01) (C-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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,442,265.10 (20120927\BC02) (C-17)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR A NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20120927\BC03) (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

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20120927\BC04) (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

UTILITIES: There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection this Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Lake County Fairgrounds from 9 am -3 pm.

STORMWATER: None

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: None

FINANCE: None

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CLERK: None

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tony Hlabse of Fairport Harbor addressed the Board representing his wife Ellen Tizzano who owns property at 8778 Marjory Drive, Mentor, Ohio, regarding their failed septic system and would like to tie into the sanitary sewer system.

- The Commissioners referred Mr. Hlabse to Rick Martin, Utilities Director for assistance with this issue and process.

Commissioner Troy explained to John Muzik of Painesville Township that the Auditor's Office will be notifying taxpayers of the mentioned on average 8% - 10% reduction of property values.

Commissioner Troy: I would like to pause and mention that a longtime member of our ADAMHS Board, Bob Gentile, just passed away. Bob was an outstanding volunteer over the years in this county. Please keep Bob's family in your prayers.

Commissioner Sines: We do have a Public Hearing today at 1 pm for the proposed Vacation of South Linda Lane, Madison Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:10 am to discuss personnel appointments, with the vote as follows:

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

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

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

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Sines, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 11:25 am, with the vote as follows:

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

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Sines, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am, with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this 11th day of October, 2012.

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