

June 17, 2010

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

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

LEGAL COUNSEL  
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
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(Tape 2010-0617)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:04 am, Thursday, June 17, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called Commissioner Troy and Commissioner Sines were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

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

Ms. Melnyk of Kirtland addressed the Board regarding a newspaper article stating that up to \$3,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funds were earmarked for the “Convoy of Hope” an outreach program to bring free food and other help to Lake County and surrounding county families that are feeling the financial pinch.

- Discussion took place when Ms. Melnyk questioned shouldn’t this money benefit Lake County residents “only”. The article says that thousands of fliers are being passed out throughout Lake County and part of Ashtabula County, and that no identification is required. And, since this is grant money, tax dollars, what will prevent an undocumented immigrant from benefitting? Ms. Melnyk feels that this money should be specific as to who will benefit.

Commissioner Troy: A coalition of local church groups puts on this event that takes place in numerous communities throughout the United States. Food and other goods are provided to those in need that come forward, similar to what the federal government used to do with surplus cheese and butter, etc... It is up to that particular group as to who receives these materials. The Commissioners were asked if they could help to cover some of the overhead expenses. Discussion took place with our Community Development Block Group Fund Department, and it was felt that this would be a very legitimate use of federal funds to help underwrite the cost of the rental of the Lake County Fairgrounds. In my opinion, this is a very good Christian, humanitarian thing to do and it is reaching out to folks in need. This is a use of federal funds that is clearly permissible, and it was the decision of the Commissioners to do so. No funds were taken out of general fund tax dollars.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20100617\U01) (UT-7)

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

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LCDU WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS TRANSFER OUT TO VARIOUS O.W.D.A. FUNDS (20100617\U02) (UT-2)

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

3. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LCDU SEWER AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS TO VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS (20100617\U03) (UT-2)

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

4. RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO PROCEED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF A WATERLINE ON LARCHMONT DRIVE IN WICKLIFFE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20100617\U04)

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(UT-24)

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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2010 (20100617\C01) (CT-8)

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

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM A. MARGALIS TO THE POSITION OF LAKE COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATOR TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY (COSA) LOSS CONTROL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (20100617\C02) (702)

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

7. RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING DAVID J. ENZERRA, DONALD S. FILIPSKI, AND ELIZABETH GURLEY TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014 (20100617\C03) (B-50)

Commissioner Troy: These three individuals are currently serving on the board and requested reappointment. The Commissioners are very happy with the work of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, and appreciate their commitment to service.

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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$752,562.91 (20100617\BC01) (C-4)

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$427,120.88 (20100617\BC02) (C-17)

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

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20100617\BC03) (C-111)

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

11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20100617\BC04) (C-111)

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

UTILITIES: None

STORMWATER: Commissioner Troy and Tim Miller briefly discussed an article in today's newspaper. Commissioner Troy said he would hope that Willowick is not inferring to their residents that one of the reasons basements are flooding is because they are members of the Lake County Stormwater Management Agency and that we are not doing our job.

- Mr. Miller will arrange to discuss this matter with Willowick a member community.

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None

FINANCE: Mr. Matas: We did receive notification of our March sales tax numbers. This is the first time in the last 14 months that there is actually a slight increase in sales tax revenue. For the year, we are down a little over 4% as compared to last year, and compared to 2008 we are down 7.93%. Right now, we are at 50.37% of the budget amount for June.

Commissioner Troy: So, we are pretty close to the estimate and staying within the target, thank you!

Commissioner Sines: We are seeing the flatness of the economy, but a slight inkling that it may be picking up a little bit. This is positive in some respect, but not overly good news.

CLERK: Ms. Elszasz gave a reminder that there will be an Investment Advisory Meeting prior to next week's regular Commissioners' Meeting, as well as the Tax Budget Hearing.

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Troy reported a couple things of interest from last week's County Commissioners Association Meeting:

- The law changed in the wee hours of the morning on June 4, 2010 for all election filing deadlines. They have increased from 75 days to 90 days. Those interested in going to the ballot in November must file 15 days sooner.

- There was a lot of discussion on alternative energy between local government groups and the state over the exemption from tangible personal property tax, which still exists for utility properties. Local government groups stated that this is a state imposed tax that is collected, and all proceeds go to the local levels.

The General Assembly has put the Board of County Commissioners in each county on the seat of determining to what level those taxes would be abated or forgiven within a particular county.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Commissioner Troy: The next Commissioners' Meeting will be on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 10 am proceeded by an Investment Advisory Meeting, and the statutorily mandated Tax Budget Public Hearing on the proposed Tax Budget, which is strictly the tax property rates intended to be applied in 2011 for all millage that is collected on a countywide basis.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Sines and Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am, with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

## **BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT

RAYMOND E. SINES, COMMISSIONER

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AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

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