

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

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(Tape 2017-0413)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2017.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner

Hamercheck, the minutes of the regular meetings of March 30, 2017 and April 6, 2017 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,336,500.00 FOR GLK TRICKLING FILTER REHABILITATION PROJECT 384-S-2016 AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: MAY 3, 2017) (20170413\U01)(UT-9)

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

2. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,207,230.00 TO MONTE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR BACON ROAD TO LANE ROAD WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 371-W (20170413\U02)(UT-4)

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

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20170413\U03)(UT-7)

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

4. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2017 LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (201740413\C01)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. EMA Director, Mr. Larry Greene, was present and explained that the plan is reviewed on an annual basis with comprehensive revisions occurring every two years. He stated there are minor changes to the Operations Plan. Commissioner Troy thanked Mr. Greene for all of his hard work and congratulated him for being chosen as the YMCA Board Member of the Year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE UNDER WHICH THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION AGREES TO ESTABLISH, EXPAND, RENOVATE, OR OCCUPY A FACILITY IN THE LAKE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AND HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES OR PRESERVE EMPLOYMENT OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES IN RETURN FOR CERTAIN TAX INCENTIVES SPECIFIED IN SAID AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY APPROVED MARCH 11, 2014 WITH AN AMENDMENT ADOPTED DECEMBER 22, 2016 (20170413\C02)(C-98)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy asked if this was a 50% abatement. Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority Director of Public Finance and Controller, Mr. Tim Cahill, was present and stated that it is a 50% tax abatement. Commissioner Troy stated that this enterprise agreement is a 50% abatement on real estate and that there is no tangible personal property tax. Mr. Cahill explained that the Port Authority acts as the enterprise zone managers. He stated that the original agreement was approved in March of 2014 but delayed until last year when Lubrizol approached the Port for a possible extension. Mr. David Skursha, Facilities Manager of the Lubrizol Corporation in Wickliffe, was present and stated that the extension was requested to complete negotiations between Lubrizol and the City of Wickliffe. He explained that the project was downsized and re-scoped and will expand the Wickliffe World Headquarters to provide for a future global workforce. Mr. Skursha explained the future expansion plans and how they plan to employ approximately 500 more employees. Commissioner Cirino thanked Mr. Skursha and the Lubrizol Corporation for their continued partnership with Lake County. Commissioner Troy asked if the expansion would attract new employees as well as retain current employees. Mr. Skursha replied that the plan is designed to employ an additional 500 employees and that the plan will support the future growth of the company. Commissioner Cirino complimented Mr. Skursha on the extensive and appealing greenspace Lubrizol has provided. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROGRESS PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 8 AND PARTIAL RELEASE OF RETAINER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,548.61 WITH MILLER CURBING AND PAVING, INC. FOR THE HUNTING LAKE DRIVE AND WATERFOWL WAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (20170413\C03)(UT-46a)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy asked Mr. Tim Miller, Storm water Management Director, if the project has been completed. Mr. Miller explained that the project is approximately 95-99% complete with a very short punch list which should be completed in the next couple of weeks. He stated that is customary to release a portion of the retainer and that they will hold back \$10,000. Commissioner Troy asked if this should take care of the ongoing issue with the drainage in the cul-de-sac. Mr. Miller stated that it appears the issues have been repaired as there were no issues following the significant rains we have had recently. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20170413\C04)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated this resolution changes the meeting from Thursday, May 18th to Tuesday, May 16th. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 2016 COVERDELL GRANT AGREEMENT (SUB-GRANT #2016-PC-NFS-7802) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,121.62, BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 (20170413\C05)(CT-18)

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,203,407.93(20170413\BC01)(C-4)

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

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,812,580.82(20170413\BC02)(C-17)

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

11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170413\BC03)(C-111)

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

12. RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2017 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20170413\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Ms. Marian Norman, Program Manager, stated that this resolution assures that all residents are treated fairly. She explained that there are still some cases of discrimination, but not nearly as many as in the past. The Fair Housing Resource Center offers seminars to landlords and residents to assist in outreach and education regarding fair housing. Ms. Norman announced several upcoming training seminars that the Fair Housing Resource Center will be hosting throughout the year. Commissioner Troy asked how well Lake County is complying with the current federal regulations pertaining to fair housing. Ms. Norman stated their report was returned for minor changes and they are continuing to put together detailed information. She reported on the housing complaints from all levels. Commissioner Cirino asked if there were any major issues being adjudicated at this time. Ms. Norman stated she would need to check the reports for that information. She reported that there has been an amendment to ORC 4112 dealing with complaints. Ms. Norman explained that if it passes, the amendment may deter people from making a housing complaint by requiring the complainant to pay attorney fees should they not be successful. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17-22, 2017 NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK(20170413\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Ms. Rhea Benton, CDBG Manager, explained that this celebrates the CDBG and the Home Program which funds local communities in the areas of housing, public services, public facilities and infrastructure and economic development. She stated that their accomplishments over the past four years of their consolidated plan cycle can be found on the Planning and Community Development website and discussed the involvement of National associations supporting their efforts. Commissioner Troy stated he is hopeful that the proposals in Washington concerning the potential to wipe out funding for these programs do not take place. Commissioner Troy explained the history of the bi-partisan creation of the CDBG funding streams. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

UTILITIES – Mr. Gary Fedak, Director of Technical Operations, stated that the Madison Wastewater Treatment Facility has won a statewide competition through the Water Association of Ohio in the plant safety division. He explained that the competition involved twenty Utilities Departments across the State and the Madison facility had zero accidents throughout the year. Commissioner Cirino congratulated Mr. Fedak and the Utilities Department on their award.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Mr. Matthew Battiato, Jobs and Family Services Director, thanked the Board for their support and participation during the Pinwheels Ceremony. He explained that early intervention is the best way to prevent child abuse.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that when the legislature returns from break, the substitute budget bill should be revised on April 24th with many amendments. He explained that there are currently 60 co-sponsors supporting the 50% indigent defense funding reimbursement and 100% for capital cases. He explained that there is a bi-partisan amendment to begin the process of partnering with the state for replacing voting machines.

Commissioner Cirino stated he recently held a “Coffee and Conversation” with the Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and 8 City of Mentor business owners. Commissioner Cirino explained they had an opportunity to offer input on economic development and ideas. He stated he will be hosting more of these discussions in the near future. Commissioner Cirino will also be meeting with some area realtors and lenders to discuss the decline in first-time home buyers and homeownership in general, and any concerns that they have about Lake County. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Board of Elections is currently training employees on their new technology for the upcoming primary which should offer a greater degree of effectiveness and efficiency.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, spoke of his conversations with numerous Ohio political offices, including the Governor’s office and his concern on spending at all levels of government. Mr. Battiato thanked Mr. Muzik for his support of Job and Family Services when speaking with the Governor’s Office. Ms. Arzella Melnyk of 10506 Hobart Road in Kirtland asked the Board of Commissioners to consider scheduling some Board of Commissioners Meetings in the evenings.

Commissioner Cirino stated that they have discussed the possibility and are open to evening meetings. He explained that there are many staff members required to be present at the meetings so the Board will discuss the matter further. Ms. Melnyk suggested the possibility of quarterly evening meetings.

Ms. Ellen Chamberlain of Kirtland, asked how the Board of Commissioners keeps up with the opiate taskforce. Commissioner Cirino stated he was recently appointed to the opiate taskforce board and is looking forward to attending the meetings. Commissioner Cirino reported he has recently read several excellent articles in the newspapers and that the Governor of Maryland has declared a State of Emergency due to their opiate problem. Commissioner Troy stated the ADAMHS Board works closely with the Commissioners State Association regarding mental health and drug addiction and provides reports with their findings.

Ms. Chamberlain asked for further explanation of the Lubrizol tax abatement and what the role of the Port Authority is. Commissioner Troy explained how and why the enterprise zone was established and that the Port has the designated authority to review initial agreements, and negotiate to meet the best interest of all individuals involved. Commissioner Troy explained that you cannot abate existing taxes; the 50% abatement is only for new taxes over the next 10 year period.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners’ Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Real Estate – Acquisition

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. to discuss Real Estate– Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board returned to open session at 11:10 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

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

Minutes approved this twentieth day of April, 2017.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

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