

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2017-1214)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2017.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. David Lima of 7774 Litchfield, Mentor, spoke of a previous public comment concerning the LandBank and that they may not be acting as good stewards of taxpayer’s money. Mr. Lima stated that it is his belief that the LandBank staff and Board are not only good stewards of the taxpayer’s money but are acting in the best interest of the public. They are providing an opportunity for significant economic development and growth. He stated that the Board is very well represented and includes two members of the Board of Commissioners; Commissioner Troy and Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Lima encouraged everyone to visit the LandBank’s website for an abundance of information and full financial disclosure. He stated the LandBank Board will meet on Monday, December 18th at 3:00 pm and is open to the public.

Mr. John Muzic, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, stated he attends the LandBank meetings and encourages the public to also attend.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ENTER INTO A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENT (LPA) AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE LAK-CR PM/RPM VAR FY 2018 PROJECT (PID 104803)(20171214\E01)(E-3)

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

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FOR RIVER AND RICHMOND STREETS SEWER PROJECT 358-S(20171214\U01)(UT-2)

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

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,345.20 WITH MONTE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,066.20 FOR BACON ROAD TO LANE ROAD WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 371-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20171214\U02)(UT-4)

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

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 6 (RELEASE OF RETAINER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,299.00 WITH UNITED SURVEY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,996.16 FOR FOREST ROAD SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 375-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20171214\U03)(UT-4)

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

5. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20171214\U04)(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

6. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BILL MARTIN TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021(20171214\C01)(B- 192)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy explained that Mr. Martin was previously appointed to replace Mr. Tony Debevec. Mr. Martin is actively involved in the County, community, and the Western Reserve Community Development Corporation. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy “NAYS”: None

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (20171214\C02)(INS)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Joel DiMare, Director of Administrative Services, stated that this and the following resolution pertain to an annual renewal of services. He

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explained that the County receives better rates if services are bundled and that the Telemedicine agreement carries a "claims avoidance" guarantee. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES WITH FIRST STOP HEALTH, LLC FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM (20171214\C03)(INS)

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

9. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20171214\C04)(C-107)

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

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REVISED LAKE COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) FOR THE PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (20171214\C05)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Emergency Management Director, Mr. Larry Greene, was present and stated that this is the 25th revision of the RERP. He explained that there were significant changes to the plan this year and feels that it is necessary to present these changes to the Board for approval. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2017 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS(20171214\C06)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Home Program Coordinator, Ms. Marian Norman, was present and stated that the home agreements included in this resolution are ready for execution and she explained the details of a few agreements. Ms. Norman stated she expects to receive several more completed agreements and will present them for approval when received. Commissioner Troy asked if Federal funding seems to be steady or shrinking. Ms. Norman responded that the Home Program has lost approximately 1 ½% in funding last year and FY2017. Commissioner Troy asked if she had any thoughts on how the funding may be for next year. Ms. Norman stated that she believes funding should be stable next year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (20171214\C07)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. CDBG Program Manager, Ms. Rhea Benton, explained entities and organizations in the resolution are a result of a project selection process that took place last summer. She explained that there will be a streetscape project for the City of Painesville for approval once the environmental review is complete. Commissioner Cirino asked if HUD had released the funds. Ms. Benton stated that the funds are available from HUD and spending may begin once agreements are in place. Commissioner Troy asked Ms. Benton if there was a deadline for the entities to utilize the funds. Ms. Benton replied that the funds must be used by September 30, 2018 but are permitted to request an extension of time. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,624,835.72(20171214\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

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686,782.99 (20171214\BC02)(C-17)

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

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171214\BC03)(C-111)

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

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171214\BC04)(C-111)

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

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND (20171214\BC05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this resolution is the temporary budget for the outside general fund. There are two types of

accounts in this fund; governmental and proprietary funds. This resolution is for the first quarter of 2018. Budget hearings will begin early 2018 for those departments requesting one. He explained that the projected 2018 revenues for the outside funds are approximately \$221.6 million and the appropriations are approximately \$247.6 million. Commissioner Cirino clarified that the budget must be passed by the end of March and Mr. Boyd stated that was correct. Commissioner Troy stated that under state law, no money can be spent beginning January 1, 2018 unless authorized by the Board of Commissioners. This resolution is for temporary appropriations to allow the County to function with funds outside the General Fund until the permanent budget has been passed. Commissioner Troy explained it is a statutory requirement that Ohio governmental entities pass an annual operating budget on or before the first of April every year. He stated that these accounts include special revenue, debt service, permanent improvement funds, Job and Family Services, Utilities funds and enterprise accounts for water, sewer and solid waste, and healthcare funds, etc. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the superintendent of Solid Waste, Mr. Tim Gourley, was elected President of the Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio for 2018.

Director of Business Operations, Mr. Matthew Armand, updated the Board on the results of a recent survey sent out to Lake County residents pertaining to customer service quality. Mr. Armand stated that, of the returned surveys they have received, 79% rate the department as offering excellent customer service, 18% gave a good rating and 4% rated the department as average or poor. Mr. Armand explained that the department has a committee that meets on a quarterly basis to discuss customer service and what improvements can be made. Commissioner Cirino stated he appreciates Mr. Armand's and the Utilities Department commitment to customer service and that customer service is best determined by the customer. He asked if there was a common thread for those customers that were not pleased with their service. Mr. Armand stated most of the complaints are dealing with the lack of late evening and weekend hours. He stated that they have extended their afterhours hours to try and assist the residents of Lake County better. Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated Mr. Rothlisberger on being elected secretary of his organization. He stated he received many compliments from other Counties throughout the state on the Utilities Department Madison Village pilot program and he congratulated them on their good work.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Commissioner Hamercheck attended the CCAO conference and complimented Mr. Matt Battiato and his department on the great job they are doing. He heard many compliments from other agencies throughout the state. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the work Mr. Battiato and Mr. Joel Potts are doing for efficiency and effectiveness seems to be gaining traction.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd gave an update on the CCAO conference. He stated that he attended several breakout sessions and it is always refreshing to realize the great working relationships Lake County experiences. He announced that Commissioner Troy was elected President of CCAO and Mr. Mark Iafalice was elected 2018 Facility Management President replacing Mr. Charles Klco. Mr. Boyd stated he is proud of the great leadership representation in Lake County across the State of Ohio.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Ms. Jennifer Bell stated that she and the Assistant Clerk attended the CCAO Winter Conference and found the breakout sessions to be very informative.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy explained that the County invested a significant amount of money into the repair of the Pleasant Valley Bridge in Willoughby Hills. He noticed it is now closed due to unsafe conditions and he asked Ms. Traci Salkiewicz, from the Lake County Engineers Office, for an update on the bridge. Ms. Salkiewicz explained that the County Engineers office closed the bridge based on an inspection of the bridge that was commissioned by ODOT. It was found to have some minor issues. She stated that, at this time, there is a difference of opinion between ODOT and the City of Willoughby Hills and she deferred any further questions to Willoughby Hills. At this time, the bridge will remain closed. Commissioner Hamercheck and Ms. Salkiewicz continued to discuss several topics regarding the bridge.

Commissioner Troy stated that he participated in a conference call with the Secretary of State's office regarding the capital bill and the state's partnership for the purchase of new voting machines. The request for state funding must be included in the bill before it gets introduced. He discussed several options for voting equipment replacement, including optical scan and direct recording electronic machines, and stated that the decision will probably be based on the amount received from the state.

Commissioner Troy stated he attended the quarterly meeting of the Lake Erie Commission at the ODNR offices. He explained that the scientists are concerned that the voluntary efforts to reduce the amount of phosphorous loading in the Lake by 2025 and 40% may be too voluntary. He announced that the City of Mentor will be receiving a grant from the Lake Erie Fund. He explained that the Lake Erie Fund receives its funding through the sale of special Ohio license plates. This grant is going to be used by Mentor Headlands Beach Park for the removal of logs and trees that wash up on the beach. The grant specifies that they are to recycle and reuse them throughout the parks and municipal locations in the City. Commissioner Troy also explained that the perch in Lake Erie generally live between five and seven years and that there has not been a good perch hatch off of Lake County since approximately 2011. Research on their spawning grounds continues.

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Commissioner Hamercheck stated that CCAO hopes that the electronic pollbooks would be the choice of machine for its ease of use and the success it has had in past elections. He discussed the states opinion on funding based on taxing capacity of counties and the growing trend to place more and more of the financial burden on counties. Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated Commissioner Troy on his election as President of CCAO. Commissioner Troy stated that CCAO does not support nor feel that the funding of new voting equipment will be based on taxing capacity and they are hopeful the funding will be similar to that of the pollbooks. Commissioner Cirino reported that FERC has asked for and received a 30 day extension of time to make a decision on the baseload coal and nuclear issue. There has been a new FERC Chairman named Kevin McIntyre.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzic of 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, informed the Board of several topics including increased Medicare rates, the increase of people on Medicaid and an electric car mileage tax in California. Commissioner Hamercheck responded that the County is working the ADAMHS Board and other agencies in the County to use existing dollars for the treatment and rehabilitation of those with opioid addictions. Commissioner Troy explained that the Governor's Director of Mental Health and Drug Addiction Services, Traci Plouck, recently reported that Medicaid expansion has been invaluable in assisting those who cannot afford medical coverage in getting them into treatment and getting them healthy. Presently, Medicaid expansion is 90% funding by federal dollars and receives 10% funding by the state. He stated that it is worth the investment to assist these people with their addiction recovery and get them back to work and contributing to society.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. to discuss 2 personnel-discipline matters with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 10:53 a.m.
On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board returned to open session at 11:13 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eighth day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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