

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2021-0204)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners, Young and Hamercheck were present.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Senator Jerry Cirino was present today to give an update on Senate Bill 44 which he co-sponsored with Sen. Michael Rulli last week. He explained that this legislation would eradicate subsidies that would have been paid by electric customers across the state for the plants now owned by a privately held company called Energy Harbor. He believes there is broad support for Senate Bill 44 in the Legislature and also external support. Through recent discussions with Energy Harbor officials, he feels that they will not find any problems with Senate Bill 44. Senator Cirino stated that both the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant will remain viable and continue to employ people and pay taxes. This Bill would leave in place a subsidy that could provide a total of \$20 million a year for large-scale solar projects. The Board and Senator Cirino continued to discuss the details of the proposed Senate Bill and also addressed questions and/or concerns that the public may have. Some things mentioned were fracking, carbon credits, House Bill 6, PJM, First Energy and Energy Harbor. Senator Cirino thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak today and stated how this Bill will be good for Ohio, Energy Harbor, our nuclear plants and much more.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 LAK-BENNETT ROAD (CR 05) RESURFACING PROJECT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$67,310.28, FAN E190(613), PID NO. 105936, LCE PROJECT NO. 2018-018 (20210204\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Traci Salkiewicz from the Engineers Office was present and explained that this was a federal project and the bids came in lower than expected. This resolution is an overall decrease in the project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 364-S GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT(20210204\U01)(UT-2)

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

3. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,136.63 FOR HUNTING LAKE DRIVE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION JOB NO. 20-11 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20210204\U02)(UT-4)

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

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,504,447.00 FOR GAS COLLECTION CONTROL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 2 FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY PROJECT NO. 429-L AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: March 3, 2021) (20210204\U03)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that these improvements are necessary to provide conveyance capacity for current and future landfill gas production and is a part of the landfill expansion. He stated that there will be 3,000 feet of pipe, associated valves and air and liquid conveyance lines. Commissioner Hamercheck clarified that this construction ensures that no gas will escape into the atmosphere and will provide for increased capacity. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that was correct. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$787,737.00 TO NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCHING FOR GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT-CONTRACT A, PROJECT 364-S (20210204\U04)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this project starts in Fairport Harbor, runs along the eastern shore of the Grand River, heads west under the Grand River and will connect the terminus located east of River Street in Grand River. He stated that this will ensure continuation of services should one or more pumps go down. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE RESEA SERVICES AT OHIOMEANSJOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,177.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 (20210204\JFS01)(JFS-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Workforce Development, Mr. Patrick Mohorcic, was present and explained that this agreement will provide re-employment

services, resume writing, interview assistance and a customized employment plan to those that are enrolled in the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) services program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS (20210204\C01)(C-107)

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

8. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20210204\C02)(C-107)

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,002,352.17(20210204\BC01)(C-4)

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

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,364,209.13 (20210204\BC02)(C-17)

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

11. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUND (20210204\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that Lake County was awarded \$6.8 million from the US Department of Treasury for emergency rental assistance. This resolution establishes the account that the funds will go into to properly account for revenue and expenditures. HOME Program Director, Ms. Marian Norman, will be spearheading this rental assistance program and is currently working out all of the details. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20210204\BC04)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the General Fund explaining that it is the chief operating fund of the County and accounts for financial resources except those to be accounted for in another fund per ORC restrictions. He reviewed the 2021 Projected Revenues are \$56,849,107 and the 2020 Projected Revenues were \$58,824,166. The Projected Revenues decreased by \$1,975,059 or 3.4%. The 2021 Projected Appropriations are \$56,285,080 versus the 2020 Projected Appropriations of \$58,813,292. The Projected Appropriations decreased by \$2,528,212 or 4.3%. He further explained that the causes for a Decrease in Revenue are as follows:

A decrease in investment earnings is based on the current market conditions, uncertainty pertaining to various sources of revenue (i.e. real estate collections, casino fees, conveyance fees, etc.). Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the Appropriations stating that health care costs continue to rise although our County is doing better than other entities. Law enforcement represents our major expense category with medical care within the jail continuing to rise significantly each year. Judicial and Public Safety represent over 66.4% of the proposed budget. He stated that in 2020, the Board asked that all departments reduce their permanent budgets by 5% effective July 1, 2020. Most departments were very cooperative and understood that this was needed to account for the expected revenue decreases. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas explained that the goal for the County is always for the County's Elected Officials and Department Heads to remain dedicated to the residents of Lake County to provide the best service possible with their current staff levels based on estimated resources and he appreciates their understanding during the difficult year. Mr. Matas thanked his staff; Sarah Ryan, Terri Lange and Jackie Irwin for their efforts and hard work with the budget this year. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Budget Director, Mr. Matas and his team for the fantastic job they have done and continue to do with the County finances, especially over this difficult past year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND (20210204\BC05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck stated there are two types of Funds in the Outside Funds: Governmental and Proprietary. He explained that Governmental Funds are special revenue, debt service and permanent improvement funds. These funds account for all grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed to or assigned to a particular purpose. Next, he explained Proprietary Funds which include Enterprise and Internal Service. Enterprise funds are used to account for an activity for which fees are charged to external users for goods or services such as water, wastewater, and solid waste. Internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis such as Central Purchasing, the Mailroom, and Health Care Accounts. 2021 Projected Revenues for these funds are approximately \$248.2 million, and the appropriation resolution is approximately \$274.9 million. In comparison with 2020 numbers, the projected revenues were \$255.7 million and the appropriation resolution was \$288.9 million. Commissioner Young asked if there was anything in the budget

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that would reduce the inside millage. Mr. Matas responded that in order to lower the millage it must have had to be done before July of last year. He added that Lake County only collects 1.0 of the allowable 2.5 mills. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd congratulated Budget Director Matas for a job well done particularly in light of the pandemic and the uncertainty that came with it. Mr. Boyd gave an update on the Grant and Loan Program stating that the committee met last week and were able to distribute 100 grants and loans over 7 months. He announced that CDBG should be receiving additional funds and will be able to provide another round of loans and grants.

Mr. Boyd gave an update on the vaccines stating that the program is running smoothly, PODS continue to be set up and that there have been thousands of residents registering for the vaccine. He asked that residents be patient explaining that Lake County can only distribute the allotment that we are provided. Notifications continue to be done via reverse 9-1-1, text messaging and email.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. and pointed out the time change.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he spoke with Mr. Frank Gallucci, lead attorney from the law firm representing the County in the opioid litigation. On behalf of everyone involved in the litigation, he wanted to extend his appreciation and thanks to County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell and Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathy Russo for their assistance with the witnesses involved.

Commissioner Young took this opportunity to address and update everyone on his health issues. He assured everyone that he dutifully continues to serve the residents of Lake County and he will be releasing a press statement later today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There were no public comments in this portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to discuss Personnel- Compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-fifth day of February, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK