

JANUARY 16, 2020

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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(Tape 2020-0116)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Thursday, January 9, 2020 and the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2020 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

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

Director of Administrative Services Mr. Joel DiMare, stated that he and Commissioner Hamercheck attended a presentation at Auburn Career Center regarding the transportation difficulties employees/employers experience. Through discussions with Commissioner Hamercheck, Mr. DiMare began working on a collaboration with Mr. Patrick Mohorcic from the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority, Ms. Julia Schick, Director of Communications at LakeTran, Mr. John Gallagher from Component Repair Technologies in Mentor, and Mr. Ryan Ellis from Lincoln Electric also in Mentor. The group discussed the difficulties employees and students interested in attending programs offered by both CRT and Lincoln Electric experience with transportation and talked about possible solutions for these issues. Throughout their 8 months of discussions, they applied for and received a transportation grant which will allow for the development of a transportation pilot program to assist not only these people but employers that are in need of a qualified workforce. Mr. DiMare introduced Mr. John Gallagher from Component Repair Technologies and Mr. Ryan Ellis from Lincoln Electric. Mr. Gallagher thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak today. He explained that the Paradox Prize Project's principle theme is "no car- no job, no job- no car" and their goal is to help employees and students with transportation to move them forward. He gave a detailed explanation of the barriers students face both in and out of Lake County, that hinder their opportunity to attend the programs provided by his company and by Lincoln Electric. Their program is a door to door transportation service to ensure the students can successfully attend and complete their programs.

Mr. Ellis from Lincoln Electric's Mentor campus also thanked the Board for this opportunity. He stated that there are approximately 500 employees at the Mentor location. Mr. Ellis explained that this time of year is particularly difficult for the company due to turnover. He also discussed the LakeTran program and how they are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to future employees.

Commissioner Cirino asked how many openings CRT and Lincoln Electric currently had. Mr. Gallagher stated that they have 45 unfilled positions and Mr. Ellis stated that they are looking to fill 20-30 positions in just their Mentor location. They continued to discuss the frustrations manufacturing companies have been experiencing in finding employees. Commissioner Young thanked them for their involvement.

Ms. Julia Schick discussed LakeTran's Tyler Boulevard Corridor Project and several other initiatives that LakeTran will be launching soon such as the public input process which would offer hourly pickups on fixed routes. There have been discussions about the employees working 12-hour shifts including 2nd and 3rd shifts, and also regarding a zero cost to taxpayer Park and Ride reverse commute service (i.e. transportation from Cuyahoga County to Lake County). She stated that this reverse commute service transported approximately 10,000 riders last year.

Commissioner Hamercheck commended Mr. DiMare for his work on this project and thanked those involved. He added that this grant was made possible through private donor dollars. Commissioner Hamercheck also thanked Auburn Career Center (which hosted the event that began this collaboration), Mr. Ben Capelle, Chief Executive Officer from LakeTran, Utilities Department Director of Administration, Mr. Matthew Armand, Mr. Roger Sustar from AWT, Mr. Matthew Battiato, Director of Jobs and Family Services, and Workforce Development Executive Director, Mr. Bob Dawson, for their respective projects relating to improving Workforce Development in Lake County. Commissioner Young thanked Mr. DiMare for his hard work in bringing local government, public transportation and private businesses together for this great project.

Workforce Development Executive Director, Mr. Bob Dawson was present to give a PowerPoint presentation reviewing workforce development in Lake County and the many accomplishments.

His detailed report included explaining the role of the Workforce Development Board, providing several statistics regarding the Lake County workforce, economic development, job creation, retention, unemployment, and their performance reports and he explained how the State measures the performance. He discussed the training programs and scholarships that are available and stated that he continues to have ongoing conversations with Commissioner Young about those programs. The Board and Mr. Dawson discussed issues that employers face in finding potential employees able to pass the pre-employment screening process and possible solutions for those problems. He added that they have a counselor available to discuss re-entry programs.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER AND SEWER OPERATING FUNDS TO PROJECT FUND 595, PROJECT 383-W AND PROJECT FUND 596, PROJECT 382-S-COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER(20200116\U01)(UT-2)

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

2. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20200116\U02)(UT-7)

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

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 24, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475,013.10 (20200116\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY (FENOC) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) FOR THE PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND OTHER GENERAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED AT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 (20200116\C01)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Emergency Management Director, Mr. Joseph Busher, explained that they have been working on this agreement since July, 2019 and that upon evaluating three options, this resolution reflects the best of those options. The agreement includes three changes; one of which is the addition of a Lake County Emergency Planner that will assist in planning, training, maintenance and coordinated activities in the RERP. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for their donation of computers however, they are now in need of more bandwidth and additional IT support which is also included in this resolution. For the record, Commissioner Hamercheck read the following: "The major changes to the agreement include the increase in section 1a - to \$126,500.00 in 2020 and 128,500.00 in 2021 (page 2) with a majority of that being to add a Lake County Emergency Planner to assist with planning, training, maintenance and coordinated activities in the County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) added in Section 1- #11. (Page 3) Also, the addition of line 1c- \$4,500.00 annually for Facility Network Support of the network bandwidth/ lines in Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and line 1d- \$2,730.00 annually for IT support of computers in the EOC. (Page 4)." County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, added that he attended several of the negotiation meetings and this is a very fair contract. He complimented Mr. Busher on this contract. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,366,963.05 (20200116\BC01)(C-4)

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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,236,061.72 (20200116\BC02)(C-17)

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

7. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20200116\BC03)(C-111)

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

8. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200116\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, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, stated that the Utilities Department will begin to execute their 2020 Capital Improvement Projects very soon. These projects will include underground projects, facility projects and treatment projects. Several of these projects will go out to bid.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – Mr. Michael Matas stated that the budget hearing for the Coroner's Office will be held this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, submitted a copy of the prepared statement she read at the Commissioners Meeting of Thursday, January 9th pertaining to her feelings regarding a more open budget process. Mr. Bob Dawson, Perry Township Trustee, thanked the Board for the Road Distribution Grant. He stated that these funds combined will allow them to completely pave ½ mile of road in the Township. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that it meant a lot to the Board to be able to provide these funds to the Lake County communities.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 10:00 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: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of January, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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