

JANUARY 21, 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 2020-0121)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

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

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

Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated Mr. Bruce Landeg as President of Mentor City Council.

Mr. David Black of 34975 Aspenwood Lane in Willoughby read and submitted a prepared statement and provided photographs and a petition requesting that Lake County investigate geoengineering, more specifically aerosol spraying from airplanes. Mr. Black stated that they believe a simple and effective starting point would be to request the flight records. He cited several articles regarding geoengineering and aerosol spraying from airplanes and pointed out in the photographs he submitted the differences in the contrails left in the sky. Mr. Black mentioned several conspiracy theories he has read and stated the public has a right to know what is happening. The Board and Mr. Black discussed several details of the photographs, whether flight records are available to the public, what harm may be coming from the aerosol spraying, and if there were a possibility of the plane being military.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked if the Board were representatives on the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he is a voting member for CCAO and that all of the Commissioners are on the Board.

Mr. Muzik spoke of the aging population in Lake County, their ability to pay increasing property and sales taxes and stated that the Commissioners continue to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Young stated that Mr. Muzik makes an excellent point and during his tenure with the state, they were pro-tax reduction. Commissioner Cirino stated that he understands Mr. Muzik's point and that for the biennial budget that was passed July, income taxes for the state tax were reduced and the legislature has indicated they intend to continue making these reductions. He also stated that this current Board of Commissioners has not raised sales tax since they took office and they have no plans to do so. Any increases in taxes are due to levies that have been passed (i.e. LakeTran, school systems, etc.). Commissioner Cirino stated that the County derives less than 5% of its revenue from property taxes and is reliant on sales tax instead.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE LAK-BENNETT ROAD (CR 05) RESURFACING PROJECT, PID NO. 105936, FEDERAL AID NO. FAN E190(613), LCE PROJECT NO. 2018-018(BID OPENING: February 19, 2020)(20200121\E01)(E-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 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE DAYTON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY PROJECT PHASE II AND RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS, MADISON TOWNSHIP AND MADISON VILLAGE, OHIO, OPWC NO. DGW02, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-010 (BID OPENING: February 12, 2020)(20200121\E02)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Bruce Landeg Chief Deputy from the Lake County Engineers Office, stated that this project is being funded under the new \$5.00 licensing fee. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION AWARDED A BID CONTRACT TO SUBURBAN MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE LAK-WAITE HILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PID #101587) OVER THE CHAGRIN RIVER IN WAITE HILL VILLAGE, OHIO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,503,500.00 (20200121\E03)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Bruce Landeg, stated that the cost of this project is quite high due to it being a bridge replacement. He also stated that there were five bidders for this project and this resolution reflects the lowest and best bidder which was submitted at \$500 less than the Engineers estimate. Mr. Landeg explained that there will be road closures involved from April until the completion of the project which is projected to be November. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 30, 2019 FOR GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT- CONTRACT A-PROJECT 364-S (20200121\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this project required an easement with a homeowner which the Department was unable to work out with them (the homeowner). He stated that there is now a new homeowner and they will continue working on the easement with the new property owner. The project is now beyond the timeframe so they must go out for a rebid of the project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR A LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO (20200121\C01)(209g)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that this is a unique collaboration between the Port Authority and Rabbit Run and Madison Township. This project will utilize the 2% bed tax. It has met with the Prosecutors approval and should begin sometime this summer. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS USING HUD ALLOCATED FUNDS (20200121\C02)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. CDBG Manager, Ms. Rhea Benton, was present and explained that every 5 years the State provides an updated list of exemption properties allowing them to work on properties over 50 years of age without reporting them to the state for approval. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER JOHN R. HAMERCHECK TO DESIGNATE CHRIS BERNARD TO SERVE AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION(20200121\C03)(B-34)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,552.24 (20200121\BC01)(C-4)

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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,992.73(20200121\BC02)(C-17)

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.

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20200121\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.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20200121\BC04)(C-111)

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that departments have begun to move into the Nolan Building and will continue to do so over the next few weeks.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there are 2 Lakeland Community College Board terms expiring in March. The next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, encouraged the Board to read legislation and support Senator Portman’s bipartisan legislation with regard to evictions. She stressed that this is an important issue on a local level and is an opportunity to help lift families out of poverty.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixth day of February, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK