

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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| 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 2020-0130)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 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 Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 16, 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS IN MADISON TOWNSHIP PROJECT, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-020 (BID OPENING: February 19, 2020)(01302020\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Ted Galuschik from the Engineers Office was present and stated that this is part of their offices accelerated paving program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 7, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,764.53 (20200130\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.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM 1 TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ZAPPITELLI ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS CENTRAL TITLE BUREAU, IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$396,000.00 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2019 (20200130\C01)(209-z-15)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Clerk of Courts, Ms. Maureen Kelly was present and explained that is a renewal agreement of their lease. She stated that she is very pleased with the lease she was able to work out with the landlord. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,617,325.45(20200130\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.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF 3,380,964.38 (20200130\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.

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20200130\BC03)(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.

7. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200130\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the dates have been scheduled for this years special collection events. They will be listed on their website as well as on the Commissioner webpage. He explained that their Department hosts several events throughout the year, collecting such items as computers and electronics, televisions, tires and household hazardous waste. He also stated that these collections are very successful and they keep these hazardous items out of the landfill. The companies that collect the items properly dispose and/or recycle them. Mr. Rothlisberger gave a detailed explanation as to the recycling and disposal differences between computer monitors and television sets and the need to host separate events for their disposal.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that 3 ½ floors are currently moved in and occupied in the Nolan Building. The remaining floors will be ready for occupants over the next two weeks.

FINANCE – Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that he would be preparing the permanent appropriations for the next Commissioners Meeting.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino referred to Mr. Muzik’s statement of last week regarding property taxes and sales taxes in Lake County and the burden they put on senior citizens and those on fixed incomes. He stated that, with this being an election year, candidates are proposing tax ideas that would not only impact seniors and those on fixed incomes but people that are still in the workforce. He encouraged everyone to take a close look at the tax proposals of all candidates and the impact their proposals may have on their families. Commissioner Cirino pointed out that there are proposals of various candidates that would change social security payroll taxes and wealth based taxes that are not based on income but would include investments. Commissioner Hamercheck attended a NOACA presentation about beginning the next 20-year transportation model for our region (Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina Counties). He stated that Lake County is no longer a donor County to the region and the next goal set is to ensure the region is no longer a donor region to the State of Ohio. An informational meeting has also been held seeking public input on priorities. Another topic of discussion was what the fuel sources of the future might be, whether it be fossil fuel, electric, fuel cell technology, or a combination of any of those in Northeast Ohio. They will also be taking a detailed look into what the region will look like over the next 20 years.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked the Board if they had a sense of the process that will be used in deliberating about a new jail facility and how stakeholders will be included in those conversations and in the decision making in this process. Commissioner Hamercheck responded that the County is doing a full facility engineering review to find out what the issues are, as well as an assessment of the physical condition of the interior of the jail facility, and an operational analysis. He stated that the current jail was constructed around what is termed “an incarceration model”, and they are taking a look at inmate trends and mental health issues. Discussions will continue to determine if the best decision is for a new jail facility or a remodel of the existing one. Commissioner Hamercheck assured Ms. Chamberlin that stakeholders have been and continue to be involved every step of the way. Commissioner Cirino stated that there have been conversations about a public hearing(s) once there is a sense of direction.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, stated that 2023 will be the next evaluation of property taxes and that the sales tax increase goes into effect on April 1, 2020. Mr. Muzik also stated that he hopes the County will continue to be good stewards of the taxpayer’s dollars.

Commissioner Hamercheck referred to the \$1.5 million being returned to the local community leaders in the County for use on infrastructure projects. Commissioner Cirino added that the \$1.5 million came from excess funding and that this one time funding will help these communities accelerate some of their infrastructure projects.

County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that the County has spent a lot of time looking at workflow. He expressed his appreciation for not only the employees under the Commissioners supervision but the other departments as well. For reference he explained that in the mid-2000’s the JFS and the Utilities Department had 158 employees, today there are 93. Their effectiveness and output exceeds what it did 10 years ago. He explained that the Commissioners look very hard at the replacement value at all employee levels and work very hard to maintain these lower numbers and greater output because those are dollars that can be given back to the communities.

Commissioner Hamercheck referred to item #3 on the agenda and pointed out that the lease payments will not be paid out of the County’s General Fund but fees and activities generated by the Clerk of Courts operating fund.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:29 a.m.to discuss Personnel-Discipline, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirteenth day of February, 2020.

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