

FEBRUARY 13, 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 2020-0213)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 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 30, 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.

County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, gave a PowerPoint presentation and shared a drone video of the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. He updated the Board on other projects associated with the Vrooman Road Bridge. Mr. Gills reported that the new high level Vrooman Road Bridge is 1,800 feet long and 125 feet high. A few items he pointed out included having to move the footers 4 feet to the North due to a shift of the riverstream, the purchase of property on Adams Road, and how the bridge also includes a pedestrian walkway bridge. He explained the need for a mussel survey in the water which involved several of his employees physically getting into the water to properly complete this search. One endangered mussel was located and safely moved downstream. Paving is still scheduled to begin in the spring. Each of the bridges piers will have painted artwork on them depicting arrowheads and animal tracks and he stated that the riverbank stabilization has been completed. Several items reviewed and discussed by Mr. Gills and the Board included the completion of Adams Road and cul-de-sac on River Road, State Route 84 improvements at Lane Road and Madison Avenue, and the relocation of Mason’s Landing Park. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if the stabilization was complete at Vrooman and SR 84. Mr. Gills replied it was. Commissioner Cirino asked if they were on budget for the project. Mr. Gills stated that even with the delays and other issues they should remain within the budget and the contingency dollars that have been set aside should cover additional costs.

Mrs. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby spoke of the loss of United Way funding for the 2-1-1 service program. She stated that this is an absolutely vital program for so many people in need. Mrs. Chamberlin stated that she has served as a volunteer for the Red Cross and United Way, and also as a service unit representative for the Salvation Army. She voiced her concern that in addition to people, agencies such as Police Departments and Social Workers utilize the 2-1-1 service to get immediate emergency assistance for the people they are working with. She asked for the support of the Board to assist 2-1-1 in finding additional funding to allow them to continue their work. Jobs and Family Services Director Mr. Matthew Battiatto, stated that United Way cut \$62,000 and have formulated a new outcome based funding model. He briefly explained the process for funding with the new funding model United Way has rolled out. It is not possible to measure the outcome of the 2-1-1 services provided. He reported that just his department alone received 140 phone call referrals from the 2-1-1 service last year and he is very concerned about what will happen to clients that are in need of their services. Commissioner Cirino agreed that the 2-1-1 program is a vital service and the Board will look into the issue further. He briefly discussed the opioid lawsuit, a possible settlement, and the potential for applying funds to various programs. Commissioner Hamercheck added that should a settlement ever be reached, the 2-1-1 service may be a qualifying project.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE CARTER ROAD WIDENING AND SAFETY – PHASE II PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP AND LEROY TOWNSHIP, OHIO – OPWC NO. DGW01, LCE PROJECT NO. 2018-017 (BID OPENING: March 4, 2020)(20200213\E01)(E-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, stated that this project had to be suspended last year due to a problem with a culvert. The culvert has now been repaired and they are prepared to go back out to bid for completion of the project. 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 RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS WITH ASPHALT CONCRETE PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-019 (BID OPENING: March 4, 2020)(20200213\E02)(E-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Gills stated that this is part of their accelerated paving program and 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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 21, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$469,777.66 (20200213\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 AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS WITH COTT SYSTEMS, INC. TO PROVIDE DIGITIZING SERVICES FOR THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE (20200213\C01)(CT-1)**

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 APPOINTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEAR TERMS ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 2022 (20200213\C02)(B-64)**

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,192,254.24(20200213\BC01)(C-4)**

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.

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$592,919.00(20200213\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.

**8. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200213\BC03)(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.

**9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20200213\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 – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that all County offices will be closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day and that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck attended a Solar Energy Symposium sponsored by CCAO. The symposium proposed allowing counties and other municipalities to buy into commercial solar farms. CCAO explained that currently only 60% of the capacity is being dedicated to the grid and it is significant because it is an acknowledgement that the reality of renewables is starting to become competitive with fossil generation and nuclear. He discussed several ways to look at solar power and how these are built and maintained in Ohio. Renewable energy is viable and cost-effective and has been many years in the making and would provide green energy at a cost-effective, competitive price. Commissioner Cirino discussed HB6 and a component that was included was for renewable energy contribution from funds that would be achieved through ratepayers and is a natural follow up to what HB6 what is intended to do. Commissioner Young stated that HB6 was never intended to cost ratepayers more money. The Bill has brought money into Ohio and Lake County to not only keep the Power Plant open but to save the residents money.

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

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, offered some thoughts on the Prouty and Morley Road intersection is concerned and asked if there were plans to make any changes. Mr. Gills stated that at this time there are no plans to make any changes.

Ms. Becky Lynch of 8040 King Memorial in Mentor, read a statement that she agrees with Ms. Chamberlin that the 2-1-1 service is a critical connector for so many in emergency situations however, Lifeline must divest themselves from any connection related to abortions.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Discipline, and Personnel- Collective Bargaining with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:12 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-seventh day of February, 2020.

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