

FEBRUARY 20, 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 2020-0220)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 20, 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION TO DELETE WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200220\U01)(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.

2. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200220\U02)(UT-7)

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 APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST OF QUALIFICATIONS TO DESIGN/BUILD AND CONSTRUCT THE BRIGHTWOOD LAKE DAM REMOVAL AND KELLOGG CREEK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP FOR THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (Proposal Opening: March 20, 2020) (20200220\C01)(UT-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Stormwater Management Director, Mr. Tim Miller explained that they were awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program. This grant was awarded to remove the Brightwood Lake dam and restore approximately 1,800 feet of the Kellogg Creek stream. They have been notified by the E.P.A. that they may solicit Requests for Qualifications to obtain a design-build firm to begin developing plans, specifications and construction of the project. This resolution will allow them to move forward with the RFQ. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if there were any homes remaining downstream that were at risk for damage. Mr. Miller responded that there are still 4 homes downstream which makes the completion of this project very important. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20200220\C02)(C-107)

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.

5. RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY LANE REDUCTION IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO ON U.S. ROUTE 20 AS PROPOSED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (20200220\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Madison Township Trustee, Mr. Ken Gauntner, provided several details of the various roads, lanes and accident areas throughout the east end of the County. He stated that while the proposed lane reduction area is not currently a high accident area, he fears it may become one. The proposed lane reduction area is heavily populated with many businesses and such a reduction will be detrimental to those businesses and the residents. Mr. Gauntner thanked the Board for their support and stated this lane reduction would not be in the best interest of Madison Township. Mr. Gauntner also mentioned the possibility of ODOT widening Route 20 to Route 528 west of Route 2 and added that this is a very high accident area. Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board has no statutory authority over this decision but they are happy to offer their support. He questioned whether ODOT had made a firm decision on the widening of Route 20. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that ODOT has already begun the study. Mr. Gauntner also thanked the Board for the grant money and stated that they would be replacing some guardrails near the wineries and that they are partnering with the Lake County Engineers Office for chip seal work in the south end of the Township. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Gauntner, and the Madison Township Trustees for providing the information for this resolution so quickly. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2019 AND PRIOR YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20200220\C04)(C-46)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$844,927.28 (20200220\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.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,653,236.02 (20200220\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the East Water Treatment Plant break wall is near completion. One of the remaining items is the restoration of vegetation to help with stabilization of the slope. The Utilities Department partnered with the Army Corps of Engineers and they (the Army Corps) have paid for approximately two-thirds of this project.

He gave an update on the Downtown Willoughby Project stating that the downtown area has become one-way northbound and the main line is nearly completed. Once the line has been completed, they will fill the line and begin testing which will take a couple of weeks to complete.

Thereafter, they will begin connecting to the businesses and he stressed that this will take some time to complete. Commissioner Cirino asked if there would be new pipes installed to the businesses. Mr. Rothlisberger responded that the businesses would be receiving new pipes to the face of their buildings. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Rothlisberger and his Department for working so well with the contractor and the City of Willoughby.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Mr. Matthew Battiato gave a detailed update on the monthly food assistance rule changes that will take effect on April 1, 2020, what Lake County considers an “able-bodied” worker and how a vast majority of those receiving assistance are employed. He stated that there would be a very minimal effect on Lake County and that they have always encouraged and offered assistance for recipients to obtain employment and/or training. He also stated that no one would be immediately terminated from assistance and that there is a one year redetermination period which is determined by their enrollment date. The Board continued to discuss the food assistance rule changes with Mr. Battiato.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd reported that he has begun to receive the road grant resolutions and/or ordinances from the 23 communities and he is reviewing any plans they may have to leverage additional funding.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the Commissioners meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m. has been changed to Tuesday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m. This change was reflected in resolution #4 on the agenda. The next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino stated that on behalf of the Board, input from constituents is always appreciated. He stated that recently he received a question regarding Lake County becoming a 2nd amendment sanctuary county. Commissioner Cirino noted that this is currently happening in Virginia and it has been discussed and acted on throughout the Country. He offered his opinion by stating that although he is a supporter of the 2nd amendment he does not believe in the concept of declaring a county “Sanctuary County” as it carries no legal weight. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he requested an opinion on that from the Prosecutor’s Office and they concur that this carries no legal weight but is purely symbolic in nature. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that State Representative Diane Grendell is moving forward and filing legislation to declare Ohio a Second Amendment Protective State. Commissioner Young stated that he believes that this is not reasonable at this time and he does not expect it to move forward.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby requested a copy of the requests for distribution from the various County departments of extra funds that the Clerk of Courts was able to offer. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated he would provide her with a complete list and added that the Prosecutors Office has received their computers. He also added that the Public Defender’s Office was able to obtain two vehicles rather than one SUV through the State Purchasing Program and generators have been purchased for the Courthouse. She addressed Mr. Rothlisberger about the Downtown Willoughby Project asking when the project will be complete. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that the project should be complete by the end of April or beginning of May. He also stated that there have been arrangements made between the contractor and the city to ensure the events of the City will not be hindered by the construction.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

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

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK