

MARCH 24, 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 2020-0324)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 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 Meetings of February 27, 2020 and March 5, 2020 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Commissioner Hamercheck introduced Emergency Management Agency Director, Mr. Joseph Busher, to give an update. Mr. Busher thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak this morning. He wanted to reassure the residents of Lake County that they are very well prepared for any situation. The COOP plan is in place. He stated that they have had a pre-established plan for the public's safety and that, with the established relationships they have with the communities, keeping an open line of communication has been very helpful. Mr. Busher thanked the Lake County IT and Telecommunications Departments for working so quickly to enhance communications during the COVID-19 situation. He mentioned the partnerships and cooperation of many Lake County agencies such as the Lake County General Health District. He mentioned that many residents and businesses are adhering to the social distancing guidelines and wished everyone to be healthy and safe.

Commissioner Hamercheck asked for the benefit of the public what is the definition of a COOP?

Mr. Busher replied that COOP stands for Continuity of Operations Plan that can be a 2, 3 or 4 deep plan. For instance, if someone essential falls ill, who would be the next in line? This plan is in place and we are prepared.

Commissioner Cirino thanked Mr. Busher and his team and Health District Commissioner Ron Graham for their open communication with the community. He asked how people who are not on social media would be informed of the ever-changing situation.

Mr. Busher replied that friends and family are called upon to keep those people informed and pass messages along to those who do not have computer access.

Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, Lake County Sanitary Engineer, reported that Water and Wastewater operations remain normal. The drinking water is safe. There is a slight delay at the landfill and he encouraged residents to check the website for change of hours. Employees have stepped up and he does not foresee any interruptions in service.

Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, stated that he echoes Mr. Busher's statements and thanked him and his staff for all of their work.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County continues to be looked at as an example of how to do things correctly and he is pleased with the excellent team that is in place.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING VARIOUS ROADS WITH CHIP SEAL PROJECT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP AND MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO (BID OPENING: April 15, 2020)(20200324\U01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck, on behalf of County Engineer Mr. Jim Gills, explained that this is an annual program and a routine request. It is another example of promises made and promised kept.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND(20200324\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.

3. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUND 595 TO BE KNOWN AS RIVER ROAD TANK PAINTING PROJECT 437-W (20200324\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this resolution is for the painting of the water tank, inside and out, which occurs every fifteen years and there will be no disruption to service. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597 (20200324\U03)(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.

5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595 (20200324\U04)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Rothlisberger explained this resolution is setting up projects for the 2021 construction capital improvement plan with design this year and construction in 2021. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595, ERIE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 413-W(20200324\U05)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger reported that the project is going well and this resolution is for additional work on Erie Street. Paving and restoration of the street will be happening next month. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, AGENT FOR MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2022 (20200324\C01)(304-y)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck, on behalf of Administrative Service Director, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that this is the contract for the stop loss insurance for our self-insured worker compensation program. The insurance kicks in after claims of \$1 million by an individual employee. The contract total is based off of total payroll for the County and Deepwood. This is a 2-year renewal with the same vendor from the previous contract term. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20200324\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this resolution grants the County maximum flexibility and streamlining of operations. This will move processes along quicker. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Dave Hackman, replied that multiple counties across the State have enacted similar resolutions. Commissioner Cirino stated that he received feedback from various Lake County companies that an emergency declaration by the County is required to qualify for SBA loans and asked if this was true. Mr. Hackman explained that the resolution is more of a safety net, but is not required.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR APRIL 2, 2020 (20200324\C03)(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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,345,017.95 (20200324\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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,314,348.03 (20200324\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.

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20200324\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.

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200324\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.

14. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS RECOVERY OHIO FUND WITH VARIOUS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION LINES (20200324\BC05)(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.

15. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2020 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY (20200324\F01) (C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that, even amid difficult times, it is important to be aware of child abuse. It is important to say something if you see something. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Dave Hackman for his thoughts on the issue from the Prosecutor's perspective. Mr. Hackman stated this is indeed an unfortunate issue that the Prosecutor's office takes very seriously.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that the County is open for business and he thanked all of the Lake County Elected Officials who are conducting their businesses to the best of their ability. He encouraged residents to visit the Lake County website for updated information relating to any changes to business operations. Mr. Boyd mentioned that any veterinarians or dentists who have PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to please consider donating these items. The EMA is currently collecting the much-needed PPE and they can be reached at 440-350-5499.

FINANCE – Commissioner Hamercheck, on behalf of Finance Director, Mr. Michael Matas, explained that the County remains strong financially and we continue to provide services as much as possible.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – Mr. Hackman thanked all the Buildings & Grounds employees he sees throughout the buildings every day cleaning and sanitizing. The increase in diligence is appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Young commended County leadership for staggering shifts of staff workers into functional teams during the COVID-19 experience in order to protect everyone. He appreciated making that a priority.

Commissioner Cirino stated that, being a businessman, he is sensitive to the financial impacts of COVID-19. Last week he spoke to a number of business owners who are concerned with not only the spread of the virus but the economic impact. He stated that he is frustrated about what is happening in Washington, D.C. with items that are being thrown into the aid package that have nothing to do with COVID-19 itself, and the political partisanship happening regarding the bill to blunt the COVID-19 pandemic’s economic impact. This bill is needed for SBA loans and to get cash into the hands of people who have lost their jobs. Commissioner Cirino explained that the bill is not a bailout because the government shut down the businesses and the government needs to provide support for the recovery. He encouraged residents to put pressure on federal legislators to grant relief.

Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the public for demonstrating good common sense and complimented the faith community for keeping civil society functional and maintaining a sense of normalcy.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this second day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK