

APRIL 2, 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 2020-0402)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 2020.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 24, 2020 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT APRIL 10, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,973.77 (20200402\JFS01)(JFS-14)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR APRIL 9, 2020 (20200402\C01)(C-107)

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 THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AND/OR RENEW COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND VILLAGES IN LAKE COUNTY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED (20200402\C02)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM V.L. CHAPMAN TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AND BACKUP GENERATORS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND ANNEX (20200402\C03)(404-G1)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, stated that this has been in progress since fall of 2019. These upgrades and backup generators are critical infrastructure to the Courthouse and Annex. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,262,155.29 (20200402\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.

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,166,474.27 (20200402\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20200402\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.

8. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200402\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 – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd, on behalf of the Utilities Department, urged the public to refrain from bringing refuse to the landfill at this time.

On behalf of Senior Service Coordinator Alyea Barajas, Mr. Boyd reported that in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners, RSVP, Lifeline, United Way, and Laketrans, they are implementing a grocery delivery service to seniors to deliver one bag of groceries per week. The program will be supported with funds from the *United Way Lake County COVID Relief Fund* and be matched with senior levy dollars. Funds will be used for the purchase of food items only and all other support to the program is provided in kind. This program will be launched in approximately one week and will be of no charge to senior citizens in Lake County.

Commissioner Cirino stated that some residents are concerned about the continuity of utility services and asked if they anticipate any issues. Mr. Boyd replied that in addition to providing public water and sanitation, all other services are 100% operational and are experiencing no issues. He explained the social distancing parameters that have been set in to place throughout the County at this time. Commissioner Hamercheck addressed the commercial hauler and asked if there were any delays in their services. Mr. Boyd responded that central services are not affected.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino stated that as County administration offices are undergoing limited access and restrictions for the health of employees and the public, the Commissioners have received a flurry of requests from those in the real estate and title industry regarding access to records in the Records Office. Commissioner Cirino asked the Recorder to propose any modifications or suggestions to the Board.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he has participated in discussions with the Prosecutor’s Office, County Auditor, and County Recorder regarding granting access to land professionals in the interest of commerce, especially as certain records are not accessible online or otherwise. He explained that, thanks to the Building and Grounds Department, Commissioners Office staff, the Telecommunications Department and Sheriff’s Department, the County is able to provide safe access to the public by the installation of outside call boxes, drop boxes and a deputy sheriff in the Administration Building lobby to assist with their needs. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that access with the public is determined by the Lake County General Health District.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Dave Hackman, stated that it is important to stress that Lake County is open for business within certain parameters. He stated that HB 97 includes a mandate allowing the Recorder and Auditor to provide access to an array of land professionals. The Recorder can decide what appropriate access to the office may be. This is a fluid situation and some decisions are at the discretion of County Recorder, Ms. Lynch.

Commissioner Hamercheck assured the public that County Offices are not closed and the County continues to make every effort to accommodate the public while keeping employees and the public safe.

Commissioner Young stated that the public should know that the Board is taking a close look at the situation and working toward a reasonable outcome. He believes that the Recorder will respond accordingly because she is honorable and professional.

Commissioner Hamercheck reported that April 1, 2020 was Census Day. Residents are able to view the live response rate updates of their communities at www.2020census.gov. He encouraged residents who have not yet participated to please be counted. The 2010 Census was 43,000 under count which is unacceptable and can be compared to the population of the City of Mentor. The count adds up to about \$1,800 per person for services so being counted does make a difference. Commissioner Hamercheck reported that Ohio is well above the National average and Lake County is well ahead of the State’s average. He complimented the residents of Lake County for taking the 2020 Census seriously and participating with their early responses. He reviewed the various ways everyone can participate in the 2020 Census.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this ninth day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK