

APRIL 9, 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 2020-0409)

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

Thursday, April 9, 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 12, 2020 and April 2, 2020 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Mr. Ron Graham, Commissioner of the Lake County General Health District, gave an update of the coronavirus pandemic throughout the State of Ohio and specifically, Lake County. He reported on the current statistics of positive coronavirus tests, hospitalizations and deaths to date. Mr. Graham explained that he participates in conference calls on a daily or weekly basis with Lake Health, the Emergency Management Agency, Mayors and Managers of Lake County, Police and Fire Chiefs as well as other agencies throughout the state. Commissioner Cirino asked what the average of those infected were as well as the number of current hospitalizations and deaths. Mr. Graham responded that currently there are 29 individuals hospitalized and of those, 7 are in the intensive care unit. There have been 5 deaths. He also stated that the average age of the hospitalized are 63 years of age and those that have passed away are in their 70's. He added that if the patients that have passed away had acute respiratory failure or heart issues, coronavirus would have been listed as the secondary cause of death. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked and shared his appreciation to Mr. Graham for the updates and meetings he has been having with all of the entities throughout the County. He also thanked Mr. Busher and the Emergency Management Agency for their hard work and preparedness. Commissioners Cirino and Young echoed Commissioner Hamercheck's sentiments. Commissioner Young asked what plans are being made in preparation for the stay at home order to begin to be relaxed. Mr. Graham responded that they have begun to discuss the future, they will follow the recommendations of the Governor and they are keeping an eye on China and its statistics as just a few examples. Lake County Board of Elections Chair, Mr. Ross McDonald was present to explain some of the confusion pertaining to the primary election and to talk about the changes that have been made. He briefly highlighted House Bill 197 that was enacted on March 27th. House Bill 197 extends absentee voter requests until April 28th and limits in-person voting to only those that have a qualifying disability. Other important items to be noted include a Board of Elections file drawer in the main lobby for in-person application pick up, a return ballot drop box, prepaid postage, and how they are currently working 7 days a week with 2 shifts of 10 employees or less. The application deadline is April 28th and in-person applications will be accepted on April 28th and mail-in requests must be postmarked by April 27th. He stressed that anyone who had previously mailed in their absentee ballots will be counted and included. Mr. McDonald referred people to their website's FAQ section for more information and stated that results of the primary will be posted on the website also.

Commissioner Hamercheck mentioned that the Telecommunications Department has installed a phone menu that includes an after hour voicemail system for anyone with questions. Mr. McDonald provided the Board of Elections website: <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/lakeelections/> and encouraged the public to follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE CARTER ROAD WIDENING AND SAFETY – PHASE II PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$766,766.00 (20200409\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that resolutions #1 through #5 are a part of the infrastructure paving program for the Engineer's Office. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS IN MADISON TOWNSHIP PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,487,003.50 (20200409\E02)(E-3)

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS IN PAINESVILLE & PERRY TOWNSHIPS PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$603,680.50 (20200409\E03)(E-3)

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS WITH ASPHALT CONCRETE PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,181,259.00 (20200409\E04)(E-3)

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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO KARVO COMPANIES, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS - 2020 PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,734,599.95 (20200409\E05)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, for his hard work in putting together this program that will have 12 years worth of backlog completed in just 2 ½ years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING: April 29, 2020)(20200409\U01)(UT-8)

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 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: April 29, 2020)(20200409\U02)(UT-8)

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.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE AN OHIO DIESEL MITIGATION TRUST FUND 2020 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200409\U03)(UT-21)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Commissioner Young for providing the necessary information and encouraging Sanitary Engineer Randy Rothlisberger and Fleet Manager John Thrower to apply for these funds. He stated that Lake County will be receiving \$947,425.00 as part of this settlement.

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

9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND WATER PROJECT FUND 595 (20200409\U04)(UT-2)

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.

10. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,790.40 TO DAVIS DIGGER, INC. FOR MAPLEWOOD DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 427-W(20200409\U05)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck, on behalf of the County Utilities Department, continues to work on the County's infrastructure to continue to improve the quality of services. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION AND PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (20200409\C01)(C-93)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, stated that this and the following resolution pertains to the approval of the Tax Incentive Review Councils recommendation to continue with the enterprise zone agreements currently in place. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WESTON JET CENTER ROAD, LLC AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY (20200409\C02)(C-99)

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.

13. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR APRIL 16, 2020 (20200409\C03)(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.

14. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WIOA LOCAL MULTI-FUNCTION GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (20200409\JFS01)(C-24)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Boyd explained that this is a statutory requirement due to the transition of the current Workforce Development Director's retirement and the hiring of a new Director. Director of Jobs and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato, was present and explained this is a minor amendment which places the Workforce Development Director directly under the hiring authority of the Lake County Board of Commissioners. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

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15. RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICK MOHORCIC TO THE POSITION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2020 (20200409\C04)(JFS-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Battiato stated that current Workforce Development Director, Mr. Robert Dawson, is retiring and Mr. Mohorcic has been selected as the new Workforce Development Director. The Workforce Development Board unanimously selected and approved Mr. Mohorcic. Mr. Battiato discussed Mr. Mohorcic's qualifications and background. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Dawson will continue as a part-time employee and will assist with the transition. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,976,320.03 (20200409\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.

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,407,169.72 (20200409\BC02)(C-17)

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.

18. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200409\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.

19. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200409\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.

20. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-18, 2020 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK (20200409\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that there has been a rebranding of sorts from "dispatchers" to "telecommunicators". These highly trained individuals are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio and providing them information to ensure their safety and as it is the most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services.

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 – Director of Jobs and Family Services, Mr. Matthew Battiato, stated that in the Governor's stay at home order, Jobs and Family Services was specifically mentioned as essential because of the programs and services they provide to the community. He stated that he currently has 19 of his 200 employees in the office and the remainder of his employees are capable of performing their duties remotely. Mr. Battiato discussed the social workers, explaining that while they are working from their homes, they still have the responsibility of investigating claims of abuse by making home visits. Their role is extremely critical to the County's most vulnerable. Mr. Battiato also gave an update on the County's Caley Home and thanked those employees taking care of these children. He expressed his thanks to his employees for the hard work and services they continue to provide to the citizens of Lake County. Mr. Battiato gave a detailed report on the increase in cash and food assistance and Medicaid applications. The Board and Mr. Battiato continued to discuss the critical services that Job and Family Services provide.

Commissioner Young discussed the new Senior Lunch Program and stated this past Tuesday, 210 senior citizens received prepackaged groceries and 207 are scheduled to receive groceries today. The program is in conjunction with LakeTran, the Board of Commissioners, United Way, Council on Aging and RSVP. The Cleveland Food Bank will be donating 2,500 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd thanked Senior Services Coordinator, Mrs. Alyea Barajas, for the critical role she has had in the planning of this very important senior service. He also thanked 2-1-1 for their role in fielding the phone calls from seniors and to LakeTran for delivering these groceries. On behalf of the Utilities Department, Mr. Boyd reported that

public water, sanitation, and all other services are 100% operational and are experiencing no issues. Projects throughout the County continue without interruption.

FINANCE – Mr. Boyd stated that he is in constant contact with Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas. Mr. Matas continues to monitor the County's budget and finances very closely. Commissioner Cirino asked for the status of the bonds and notes that were recently put out for subscription. Mr. Boyd responded that Mr. Matas is currently working with County Engineer Gills; and our bond counsel but he will relay his question.

CLERK – Assistant Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Kathy Russo, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Mayors and City Managers Association, particularly Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley and Ms. Judy Moran for their organization of the COVID-19 updates. The Mayors and City Managers continue pushing forward on getting the word out on the 2020 Census efforts. Currently the response rate nationally is 46.2%, the State of Ohio is at 50.1% and Lake County has been very receptive with a rate of 56.6%. He stated that he is honored to Chair the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. He stressed the importance of responding to the 2020 census as the 2010 Census was 43,000 under count which is unacceptable and can be compared to the population of the City of Mentor. Commissioner Hamercheck also discussed the lane reduction road issues in Madison Township between Madison Township and ODOT. He reported that Madison Township has been taking public comment on this and they are forwarding these responses to NOACA and ODOT.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated Mayors and City Managers, along with the Emergency Management Agency, have completed an Emergency Management Contact Tree so all entities can be notified at once of an emergency event. He also explained that April 8th was scheduled to be an audible emergency siren test but it was changed into a silent test as they felt this may cause undue panic among residents due to the current COVID situation. He began speaking with the EMA Director, Congressman Joyce, as well as other agencies and associations and working with Energy Harbor, this test was able to become a silent test. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the public for their understanding of the changes the County has made to keep everyone safe at this time. Commissioner Young discussed the small businesses and their vulnerability during this time and explained the application for suspension of small business development loans. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-third day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK