

MAY 7, 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 2020-0507)

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

Thursday, May 7, 2020.

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

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that today was National Day of Prayer and many times people discuss separation of church and state but what they are really saying is separation of church from state. What this statement actually means is there is not a state or national religion and everyone should hold true to their faith. Faith is a test of character and who we are.

Commissioner Hamercheck announced and read in full a press release regarding the procedures the County will follow for public reopening effective May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M., by appointment only.

Commissioner Young added that, with the serious risk to health with are experiencing, the County is taking every precaution keep the public safe, while at the same time, the goal remains to serve the people of Lake County. He stressed that if the County is not meeting the needs of the public to contact the office.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT - 2020 (BID OPENING: MAY 27, 2020)(20200507\E01)(E-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.

**2. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS WITH CHIP SEAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$876,900.75 AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER (20200507\E02)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, stated that this is the last major contract for the summer paving program. The project will target the less traveled roads. Due to financial concerns, this project will not include the Engineers Blackbrook Road location. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,658,441.93(20200507\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.

**4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,067.47(20200507\BC02)(C-17)**

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.

**5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200507\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.

**6. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200507\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.

**7. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2020 AS NATIONAL NURSES MONTH (20200507\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Commissioners office Project Coordinator, Mrs. Donna Tyson, and her daughter, Jackie, for making and providing protective masks to the staff. He stated that there are so many nurses doing so many good things. We are not only celebrating "Nurses Month" but also "Nurses Week" (May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>), "International Nurses Day" (May 12<sup>th</sup>) and recognizing that 2020 is the "International Year of the Nurse". Nurses exemplify what it is to excel, lead and innovate. Commissioner Hamercheck shared that his expectant daughter is preparing to take her Nurse Practitioner State Boards during this time. Commissioner Cirino added that his daughter was also expecting when she took her Boards. He stressed how much appreciation everyone has for the work they do being on the front lines to protect the citizens. Commissioner Young stated that the work they do is amazing and how honorable it is that

they are serving citizens head-on. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2020 NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK (20200507\F02)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Cirino explained that this is another occupation that cannot be thanked enough, especially during this pandemic. He expressed thanks and appreciation. Commissioner Hamercheck added that Lake County is doing an exceptional job. They are passionate, caring and work diligently, particularly during this time, to keep their inmates and fellow coworkers safe at all times. Commissioner Young thanked them for the work they do. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**9. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO REOPEN THE ECONOMY OF LAKE COUNTY EFFECTIVE ON MAY 15, 2020 (20200507\C01)(C-107) \*\***

Commissioner Cirino presented this resolution at the table and stated that this resolution may hopefully become moot following Governor DeWine's press conference this afternoon. He explained that this resolution is respectfully requesting the Governor to reopen the economy of Lake County effective May 15<sup>th</sup>. He briefly explained that the businesses of Lake County are suffering tremendously. Restaurants, gyms, barbershops and many other facilities have been closed in excess of 2 months. Not allowing the public to partake of the services they offer is potentially cataclysmic and they may never recover from this financial crisis. On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Cirino stressed that they have fully supported the Governor's decision to preserve and protect all of the citizens of the State of Ohio. He explained that this resolution carries no weight of law and is a respectful request for consideration to open the economy. The businesses he has spoken with have already prepared a plan of action to reopen and keep the health and welfare of the residents of Lake County safe and healthy. He further detailed the many aerospace companies within Lake County that are suffering due to the trickle-down effect of various closures. Commissioner Cirino requested Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathy Russo, read the resolution in its entirety. Commissioner Hamercheck stated this resolution will be available to the public on the Commissioners webpage. Commissioner Cirino emphasized the importance of listening to the businesses and people of Lake County and of keeping their best interests in the forefront. Commissioner Hamercheck echoed Commissioner Cirino's thoughts and added that Governor DeWine took time out of his schedule to attend the Mayors and Managers conference call today to listen and discuss the concerns of the leaders of the Lake County. He stated the Lake County Emergency Management Agency and the Lake County General Health District have worked diligently to get on time, accurate, up to date statistics and data to the Mayors and Managers. Lake County is looked to as a bellwether County. Commissioner Young stated we should never trivialize the loss of freedoms during this time of the pandemic. He feels Americans are at the point they can be trusted to make the right decisions with the knowledge they have gained.

Commissioner Hamercheck added that President Trump is aware that there will be 50 different versions for opening up states and that Governor DeWine is aware of the 88 Counties within the State to consider as well. 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:

COUNTY ENGINEER- Mr. Jim Gills updated the Board on the Madison Avenue issue. He has contacted the consultant for an updated report including the scope of work and budget numbers. They are in the process of testing the lines and working with the Utilities Department. He will continue to provide updates as he receives further information. Commissioner Hamercheck suggested additional signage for drivers. He asked for an update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. Mr. Gills stated that the last concrete decking slab has been poured and they are still projecting an opening of mid-June to early July. They are working on a plan for a formal reopening of the bridge.

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that over the next couple of weeks, EMA Director, Mr. Joe Busher, and Health Commissioner, Mr. Ron Graham, will provide reports on where we have been and where we are currently. He is working with CDBG Coordinator, Ms. Rhea Benton, for the final guidelines regarding the Economic Development Small Business CARES Act.

Mr. Boyd read a public comment from Mr. David Lima: "Cuyahoga County has delayed payment of property taxes one month to help taxpayers who may be affected financially by the coronavirus crisis. Are you considering a similar action?" David Lima

Commissioner Hamercheck requested that Mr. Boyd forward the communication to the Lake County Treasurer and the Lake County Auditor.

FINANCE – Commissioner Hamercheck stated the County is looking into ways to keep Lake County finances strong moving forward and into 2021.

CLERK – Commissioners Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathy Russo, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck gave a brief update of the National Opioid Litigation He stated that Lake County is one of two Counties (Trumbull County) in the State of Ohio being looked at as a bellwether County. He explained that Lake County was chosen due to the accurate tracking, documentation, timely responses and cooperation of the elected officials throughout the County.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

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 eleventh day of June, 2020.

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