

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 2020-0514)

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

Thursday, May 14, 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 April 16, 2020, April 23, 2020, April 30, 2020, were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Commissioner Hamercheck introduced Mr. Ron Graham, Lake County Health Commissioner, and asked him to give an update on Lake County's COVID-19 response.

Mr. Graham reported there have been 205 cases of the coronavirus since the outbreak which is about .08% of the population. There have been 58 hospitalizations and 8 deaths. The Lake County Health District is currently fielding about a thousand calls regarding business compliance when reopening and a business team has been put together to answer these questions. The three big items to keep in mind are 6-foot distancing, wearing masks and taking employee's temperatures in order to get the businesses up and running. They are working with the Ohio Department of Education to create guidelines for school opening in the fall. They are also working on guidelines for day cares, day camps and school district graduations. He encouraged those with questions to please call the COVID-19 hotline.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County is the eleventh most populated county in Lake County. We rank high as far as our impact on the virus and we are one of the top counties as far as our response to the pandemic.

Mr. Graham stated there has been great coordination with communication, transportation, workforce and the government and he wants to continue this trend. There has also been great relationships with the Lake County EMA and Lake Health hospital system.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County's impact was mitigated by the effects of the virus and that has made Lake County a standard in the State.

Commissioner Cirino asked for the current ruling for perch fishing charters.

Mr. Graham stated that it is to keep the charter under 10 people and wear masks but it will certainly need to be looked into further.

Commissioner Cirino heard that only a few people could be allowed on a charter and he asked that this be further investigated.

Commissioner Cirino also mentioned that playgrounds should be reopened for the summer. Children need to be able to go outside and should get extra consideration since we have been on lockdown for 3 months now.

Mr. Graham stated that many of these directives are being pushed back to local communities.

Commissioner Cirino thinks that if this is under local control, then playgrounds should be a priority.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Graham has used local control with common sense to reopen businesses and keep people safe.

Commissioner Young stated that it has been good working with Mr. Graham who has been on top of the situation creatively, and it is good to know he is out there working for the people.

RESOLUTIONS:**1. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$369,066.67 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECTS 360-W AND 374-W (20200514\U01)(UT-15)**

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 PROVIDING FOR \$194,933.33 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 354-W (20200514\U02)(UT-15)

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 TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS-OUT TO GENERAL OBLIGATION RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFERS-IN (20200514\U03)(UT-2)

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.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 7 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,348.00 WITH WM.T. SPAEDER CO., INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,403.25 FOR AQUARIUS (WEST) WATER TREATMENT PLANT PAC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 378-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200514\U04)(UT-12)

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 TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND TO PROJECT FUNDS 354-W VICTOR AND SYLVIA DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, 360-W HARDY ROAD AND OAKWOOD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT AND 374-W OAKWOOD BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT (20200514\U05)(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.

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUND 595, AQUARIUS WATER TREATMENT PLANT SWITCHGEAR/GENERATOR 435-W (20200514\U06)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Utilities Department remains committed to maintaining, upgrading and keeping the residents of Lake County safe. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MAY 22, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$409,396.76 (20200514\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,756,752.43 (20200514\BC01)(C-4)

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.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,150,037.96 (20200514\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.

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20200514\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.

11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200514\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that the County is currently accepting appointments from the public with a one day notice.

Mr. Boyd received the following public comment from Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby:

During the spring primary, a great many poll workers did not feel safe and called off in the 48 hours before the election. Then, the in-person voting was cancelled. Please support our state legislature making every effort to ensure that, should we find ourselves in a similar health crisis this fall the Boards of Election have the resources to conduct a mail-in ballot election.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Ms. Jennifer Bell stated that there will be two positions expiring on the Lake County Planning Commission in mid-August and two positions expiring on the Senior Levy Panel Advisory Board at the end of September. Ms. Bell mentioned that flags will be flown at half-staff tomorrow in honor of Police Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 2020.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eleventh of June, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK