

MAY 21, 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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CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2020.

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

Emergency Management Agency Director, Mr. Joe Busher, was present via WebEx to give a COVID-19 pandemic update. Mr. Busher thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak this morning. He explained that the County is in week 7 of providing the Tier 1 agencies with the necessary PPE, conservation efforts that have been in place have worked, the stockpile they had has gotten the County through and they are now in the process of receiving further stockpile deliveries. He stated that the plans that the EMA has had in place have been very successful and gotten the County through very well. Mr. Busher congratulated and thanked his staff for all of their hard work and going above and beyond in ensuring the needs of the Tier 1 agencies have been met with PPE. He stated that the unified command system has worked extremely well and that this systems allows Police, Fire, Mayors, Managers and Trustees in every Lake County community to have lengthy and informative discussions on this pandemic. Mr. Busher has reached out to FEMA to perform the NRC exercise virtually so they did not cancel this very important exercise. Paperwork for recovery funds have been prepared. Commissioner Hamercheck commended Mr. Busher and his staff for their hard work and forethought. He stated that Lake County continues to be in the forefront not only in the State of Ohio but nationally for their exceptional planning and use of best practices for this pandemic. Commissioner Cirino echoed Commissioner Hamercheck's compliment for Mr. Busher and all of the organizations in Lake County. He suggested that once the pandemic has settled, an involved review of their processes be done to see what might be done differently. Mr. Busher has submitted several reports to the Lake County General Health District and added that a report of best practices will also be done. County Administrator, Jason Boyd stated that he had met with EMA Director Busher in February followed by a meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads in preparation for what this pandemic may bring. Mr. Busher has done an exceptional job conveying information to everyone and preplanning before the first case of COVID-19 had even been diagnosed in Lake County. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the planning began even before the end of February. They began to look at facilities, emergency centers and the "what if's" very early on. Commissioner Young stated that there was much preparation prior to any outbreak and that he is also very proud of the work that the EMA has done. He agreed that there should be a review of the planning and outcome once this has ended. He provided his opinion on the lack of leadership from the top and at all levels due to unclear directives.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$733,089.75 FOR SOUTH RIDGE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 425-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: JUNE 17, 2020)(20200521\U01)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated that this is part of their Capital Improvement Plan for 2020, will be replacing 2,000 feet for waterline and will be completed this summer. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the new lines will have a 75 year service life. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$488,045.00 FOR PHASE VI, PART A LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY SOUTH ACCESS ROAD PROJECT NO. 421-L, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: JUNE 17, 2020)(20200521\U02)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that this is the first phase of the landfill expansion and is a relocation and construction of the access road. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,282,250.00 FOR AQUARIUS RAW WATER GENERATOR AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 398-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: JUNE 24, 2020) (20200521\U03)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that several years ago they performed an audit of water systems plants. From that study, 4 projects were determined to take place over the next 4-5 years. The service life of this project will add an additional 25 to 35 years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE AQUARIUS WATER TREATMENT PLANT SWITCHGEAR/GENERATOR 435-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20200521\U04)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Randy Rothlisberger explained that this is the 2nd project of the electrical evaluation and will add an additional generator to the water plant and general

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

5. RESOLUTION AWARDING BID CONTRACT TO GRUNWELL-CASHERO CO. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE RESERVED PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (20200521\C01)(681-G)

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 REVISING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS REGARDING CARES ACT LOANS AND GRANTS (20200521\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated this resolution will expedite and streamline the approval process. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this will allow Mr. Boyd to act on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,981,595.40 (20200521\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.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,756.37(20200521\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.

9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200521\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, commended his employees for their efforts and going above and beyond. He stated that his employees continue to provide safe drinking water and there were no issues with the heavy rainfalls experienced recently.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that the County continues to discuss what June 1st may bring. He stated that the "by appointment only" guidelines are working perfectly and reviewed what several other departments and the Courts have in place for public visits. He complimented the Buildings and Grounds and Telecommunications Department for the extra work they have put in. Mr. Boyd has met with Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas and Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel Dimare for discussions on the budget, revenue reductions and what 2021 may look like for the County.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathy Russo stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino complimented the Board of Elections directors for their leadership and the staff for the relatively seamless election. Commissioner Young added that the employees have done a great job and commended them for the many long hours they put in to ensure a flawless election. Commissioner Hamercheck wished Sheriff Leonbruno a very happy birthday.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino stated that with the Memorial Day weekend coming up, he wanted to remind everyone to remember those that have served and lost their lives to keep country free. Commissioner Hamercheck read a prepared statement stating that Memorial Day exemplifies the men and women who have died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. This is a time to memorialize veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice to this country. Commissioner Hamercheck provided the history of Memorial Day. Commissioner Hamercheck discussed the residual effects of those that served in war and the veterans in need and how we as a country should make a concerted effort to thank and appreciate those that fought so hard to keep our country free.

Commissioner Young discussed the Grant Loan Program, explaining that the funds were going to be used toward business development, including job creation. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he has spoken with CDBG Director, Mrs. Rhea Benton, HOME Program Coordinator, Ms. Marian Norman and Mr. David Radachy, Planning Director, and they have explained the many details of this program. The Board and Mr. Boyd discussed the many details of the program. Mr. Boyd stated that there will be a link to and explanation of the program on the County's website homepage and a Press Release will be issued following today's meeting.

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Mr. Boyd read the following public comment from Mr. David Lima:

"Has further consideration been given to delaying property tax collection in order to help taxpayers who may be affected financially by the coronavirus crisis." David Lima

Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board of Commissioners has no authorization pertaining to tax collection or assessment. Commissioner Hamercheck requested that Mr. Boyd forward the communication to the Lake County Treasurer and the Lake County Auditor.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighteenth day of June, 2020.

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