

JUNE 25, 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 2020-0625)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2020.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 4, 2020 and June 11, 2020 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Boyd read the following two public comments from Ms. Ellen Chamberlin. "Will the discussions about revising the budget be open to the public?" and "Are the commissioners sitting 6 feet apart and why are they not wearing masks?" – Ellen Chamberlin

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN HOVANCSEK AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 430-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200625\U01)(UT-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.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH OSBORN ENGINEERING FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 431-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200625\U02)(UT-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.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP, LLC FOR ORCHARD ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 432-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20200625\U03)(UT-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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION AND OHIOGUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CCMEP) FOR PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2020 (20200625\JFS01)(JFS-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato, explained that this and the following two resolutions were recently adopted by the Lake County Workforce Development Board. Requests for Proposals were sent out and their recommendation is to award to the vendors referenced in the resolutions. The money will help people who receive cash assistance with job searching, job training and coaching. These programs have been in place for about eight years.

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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIOGUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE A WORKSFIRST PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE OHIO WORKSFIRST PARTICIPANTS (20200625\JFS02)(JFS-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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE STAFFING SERVICES AT OHIOMEANSJOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383,284.00 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2020 (20200625\JFS03)(JFS-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.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LAKE METROPARKS FOR ARCOLA CREEK ESTUARY IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200625\C01)(209z8)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that he and the Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, have been working with Lake Metroparks to increase public access to Lake Erie at the end of Dock Road in Madison Township. This resolution will add 1.4 acres of property to the already existing lease for Lake Erie access but still allow the County rights to access the property if the need arises because there are utilities underground. This resolution was approved by the Lake Metroparks Board last week.

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 \$1,011,662.78(20200625\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.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$295,260.31(20200625\BC02)(C-17)

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

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200625\BC03)(C-111)

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

11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200625\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer Randy Rothlisberger reported that there has been ongoing public discussion regarding odors from the landfill. From that discussion, a study was conducted by a consultant. Since then, significant improvements have been made to the landfill by recommendations in the study and there are less complaints now from the area residents. The current gas collection contractor will soon relinquish the gas collection field beginning July 1, 2020, and they are negotiating an exit strategy. The Utilities Department will then operate the gas collection field as part of a recommendation from the report.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated the CARES Act Economic Development Review Committee recently met for the second time and issued 10 grants and 2 loans. There will be another meeting shortly. Mr. Boyd also mentioned that the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, Mark Iafelice, and his crew have done an outstanding job with cleaning, and the safety of all the County Buildings and the nice landscaping. The County has a good public perception and B&G does a great job that sometimes go unnoticed.

FINANCE – Mr. Mike Matas stated that the County received the first quarter sales tax numbers which included some of the COVID-19 timeframe and the County is down 17.5% from last year. As the numbers come in for the second quarter, the County will act accordingly. We budgeted for a 25% decrease so we will see how the estimates go, and we will receive the new number in mid-July.

Commissioner Cirino stated that these numbers were anticipated and that the financial hit began earlier than what was originally thought. He anticipates that the numbers for May and June will be the worst months.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that early receivable numbers were conservative and the County is within one percent of the updated budget.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next the regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:00 am. County offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino stated that he is delighted to see the traction on the small business loan/grant program and reported there is still money available. He encouraged all those who fit the criteria to apply. The County has received many positive comments about the program.

Commissioner Cirino reported that many constituents have made inquiries in regards to the reaction of national things going on in the Country such as rioting and the defacing of statues. He stated that thankfully this is not an issue in Lake County and he stated that these things going on are not the American way. Americans have the right to protest peacefully, but the destruction of property, rioting and taking over of property is not acceptable and he condemns it. He also stated that many people are signing up to support certain organizations that are condoning this behavior and he urged people to do their due diligence before supporting any organization. He stated that he supports the re-evaluation of some police methodology because we must always strive to do better and he firmly

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stands behind law enforcement at all levels. Some cities around the country are seeing violence and mayhem due to a total lack of leadership.

Commissioner Young stated that he supports the statements made by Commissioner Cirino and he is glad that he had the courage to voice his opinions. He stated that he finds it shocking that people are terrified to do what is right. People do not have a right to destroy property or symbols of our nation that he believes most of us love. Commissioner Hamercheck gave a brief update on LEEDCo and the wind turbine project on Lake Erie. It was given approval but there was a stipulation relating to turning off the turbines from dusk to dawn that will need to be resolved in order to continue with the project. An appeal was filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Discipline and Real Estate – Land Acquisition, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:38 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this ninth day of July, 2020.

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