

JULY 2, 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 2020-0702)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, TOWNLINE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 433-W (20200702\U01)(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.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKETRAN AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID CLIENTS UNDER THE NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION (NET) PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$584,000.00, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 (20200702\JFS01)(JFS-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.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 10, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,095.32

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 APPOINTING CHIEF KEN GUNSCH OF THE CITY OF MENTOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (20200702\C01)(B-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this position became vacant with the retirement of Chief Jack Beckwith and it is the recommendation of the Lake County Association of Police Chiefs to appoint Chief Gunsch as his replacement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,469.12 (20200702\BC01) (C-17)

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 AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20200702\BC02)(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.

7. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20200702\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 – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd reiterated that the Lake County Offices are open to the general public. He reminded the public that, while they do not need an appointment, they are required to enter through the main entrance of the new Administration Center where a deputy will have them sign in and provide directions to their destination.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathleen Russo, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:00 am. and that County offices would be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of the July 4th holiday.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino wished to add to Mr. Boyd’s statement regarding the offices being open to the public. He explained the various methods residents can pay their property tax payments such as through regular mail or the drop off box outside of the building. These methods are very trustworthy and will help in avoiding long lines within the building. Commissioner Cirino also discussed the Loan and Grant Program being offered, stating thus far there has been a fairly robust response to the grants. The grants are being offered up to \$5,000 and loans are being offered for 5 years and interest free. Thus far there have only been three requests for the loans and he encouraged any small businesses in the County to consider this offer of assistance. He also announced and explained the upcoming Business Recovery Roundtable that will be held in chambers on Monday, July 13th beginning at 8:30 a.m..

Commissioner Cirino discussed the statement released by Sheriff Leonbruno this morning regarding support for police and the Sheriff’s Department and he encouraged all to take the time to read it. He stated that the Board, along with Sheriff Leonbruno, regret some of the inappropriate policing throughout the country that has started this uproar. The Board continues to support our police departments and sheriff’s department in Lake County and stated that all police officers should not be painted with a broad brush due to the inappropriate actions of some.

He shared his thoughts on the upcoming 4th of July holiday and detailed how his parents proudly came to America to make a better life for their family and the risks they took getting to America. He offered his opinion regarding the recent remarks made by some to no longer observe the 4th of July as a national holiday. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the 4th of July has been relegated to a date on a calendar associated with fireworks. Independence Day is the 4th of July. Commissioner Young echoed the thoughts of Commissioners Cirino and Hamercheck.

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.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixth day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

KATHLEEN RUSSO, ASSISTANT CLERK