

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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| 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 2020-0730)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Cirino, Young and Hamercheck were present. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Commissioner Young is joining by telephone which is fully compliant with the COVID-19 regulations that the County is currently operating under.

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.

Lake County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, read the following public comment from Ms. Patricia Denny of 7465 Mountain Quail Place, Concord Township: "The three most basic needs of all human beings which most of us learned about in grade school were: food, shelter, and clothing. Most of us would agree that in the U.S., clothing is not as large a need as those of food and shelter. Food is more affordable for most people, even though it is scandalous that there is still so much need. But the enormous lack of affordable and adequate shelter is a much larger scandal. Exclusionary zoning in many Lake County cities and townships accounts for much of the lack of affordable and adequate shelter here. Housing security is a moral imperative if we are to call ourselves humane. How can we, in good conscience, eliminate a mediation program which is so needed by the most vulnerable people in this county. At the very least, I urge you to continue funding for the Fair Housing Resource Center's program which includes a hotline. Better yet, increase the funding for something that has such wide-ranging negative implications for the very precarious positions in which so many of our neighbors find themselves." -Patricia Denny

RESOLUTIONS:

**9. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JUSTIN MILLER NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2020 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY (20200730\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck requested Assistant Clerk Russo, read the resolution in its entirety. Justin was present and introduced himself. He explained how long he has been involved with 4-H, his interests and his background. Justin stated that he won 2020 Grand Champion for his beef carcass. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ANYA DEMSHAR NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2020 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY (20200730\F02)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck requested Assistant Clerk Russo read the resolution in its entirety. Anya was present and introduced herself. She explained how long she has been involved with 4-H, her favorite events and her background. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None. The Board and Ms. Miller discussed the changes that needed to be made with this year's 4-H Livestock Auction due to the pandemic. Ms. Miller explained that rather than a live auction, they will be utilizing an online platform called "Breeders World" which will handle the youth auction via web as well as the details of bidding and payment options.

**1.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, AQUARIUS RAW WATER GENERATOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 398-W(20200730\U01)(UT-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Lake County Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and will upgrade the electrical at the Aquarius Raw Water Station. The bid for this project came in approximately \$200,000 less than the engineers estimate at approximately \$120,000 less than the next lowest bidder. 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 ARCADIS US, INC. FOR THE GARY L. KRON WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY VFD REPLACEMENT PROJECT 440-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200730\U02)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger stated this is part of the projects slated to begin in 2021. This resolution will allow for the engineering design and construction to begin. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200730\U03)(UT-7)**

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.

**4. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 7, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,125.42 (20200730\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.

**5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,470,318.92 (20200730\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.

**6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$968,515.97(20200730\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.

**7. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200730\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.

**8. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20200730\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, on behalf of Budget Director, Mr. Mike Matas, reported that the 2021 budget requests and expectations have been distributed to all of the elected officials and department heads. Included in the budget requests is the 5 year forecast and he discussed that 2021 will be a challenging year for the County. Mr. Boyd stated that through the month of August we will continue with flex staffing to stay in compliance with social distancing requirements. He will be sending correspondence to elected officials and department heads outlining this today. Commissioner Cirino stated that given the circumstances that we are currently in with the 2020 budget and 2021 expectations, would it be to the County’s advantage to hold budget hearings in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year rather than the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021. Mr. Boyd responded that he and Mr. Matas have discussed this and feel it may be something to consider moving forward.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Assistant Clerk, Ms. Russo, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck gave a brief update from LEEDCo. He stated that they continue to appeal the Ohio Power Sighting’s decision to permit the wind turbines to run only during daylight hours.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Young reported that the Grand River Valley initiative to promote the Lake and Ashtabula Counties wine region is moving forward. He stated one of their plans is to place archways over Routes 528 and 534 that will welcome visitors to the premier wine growing region in the state.

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 Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss Personnel- Employment and Real Estate-Purchase, Sale or Other Disposition of Real Property 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 Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twentieth day of August, 2020.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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