

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 2020-0820)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:28 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 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 July 30, 2020 and August 6, 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. There were no public comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS WITH ASPHALT CONCRETE PROJECT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF BY \$115,009.63, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-019(20200820\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, explained that this and the following resolution are part of the 2020 paving program and are the final change orders for the project. Commissioner Hamercheck asked why the project costs were so low. Mr. Gills explained that the County only pays for what was put down. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 RESURFACING COUNTY ROADS IN MADISON TOWNSHIP PROJECT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$120,672.60, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-020(20200820\E02)(E-3)

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.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER AND MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,730.00 FOR THE MADISON AVENUE RETAINING WALL REPAIR PROJECT (LCE PROJECT NO. 2020-004)(20200820\E03)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Gills explained that this will allow them to begin the preliminary drawings for this project in order to have the project ready to go to bid by fall. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES UNPAID SEWER SERVICE, WATER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200820\U01)(UT-7)

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.

5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, RIVER ROAD TANK PAINTING PROJECT 437-W (20200820\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Lake County Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is part of their Capital Improvement Plan and is on the border of Madison Township and Perry Township. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUNDS 595 TO BE KNOWN AS WAVERLY WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 443-W (20200820\U03)(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.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,910.00 FOR CELL C4 PHASE VI EXPANSION-PART C NORTH FORCE MAIN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 421-L, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening September 16, 2020)(20200820\U04)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is one of several projects that are in process at the landfill. Commissioner Cirino asked if the new construction will incorporate the method to drain the water from the bottom of the cells. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that was correct. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$744,000 TO DIAL ELECTRIC, LTD FOR AQUARIUS RAW WATER GENERATOR AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT 398-W (20200820\U05)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is also a part of their Capital Improvement Plan and includes the installation of new electrical equipment and a diesel generator with automatic transfer switch. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$897,846.63(20200820\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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468,024.26(20200820\BC02)(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.

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200820\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.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200820\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Rothlisberger gave an update on the algae blooms. Stating that they continue to monitor the blooms at the water treatment plants. He stated that they are prepared and have all the means necessary to treat them should they be located at the facility. Commissioner Hamercheck asked how the special collection went. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that they made several changes this year and the collection went very well. He stated that they opened an hour early, had 30 extra staff members present for the morning hours, created an express lane for smaller items and processed just under 1, 000 vehicles. The longest wait time was 18 minutes and the staff was ready to go. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked him for the Census 2020 signage placement to help get the word out on its importance. He also received an email from a young lady complimenting Mr. Rothlisberger's staff and who was inspired to join the volunteer crew for future collections.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd explained that he meets quarterly with Mr. Matas, Mr. Stefanko and Mr. Iafalice to discuss the internal capital projects. He gave updates on which projects would be going forward which include enhanced security at the front entrance of the Probate Court, secure parking for the Judges, and emergency backup power at both courthouses which is thanks to Clerk of Courts, Ms. Maureen Kelly, for her financial assistance. They continue to work with Sheriff Leonbruno on jail improvements.

He reported that the Countywide Coastal SID is full steam ahead which is spearheaded by Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley and the Mayors of the west side of the County. He believes Lake County will be the first in the State of Ohio to have the Countywide Coastal SID. The County's potential role may be to provide bed tax assistance. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Boyd, Budget Director, Mr. Matas and Bond Counsel, Ms. Amanda Gordon, for working so hard behind the scenes to keep it running smoothly. Mr. Boyd added that the Lake County model has piqued the interest of the City of Euclid and of Ashtabula County. They will be meeting with the Ashtabula County leaders very soon. Mr. Boyd explained that "SID" stands for Special Improvement District. It means that private land owners can have their coastal protection measures (breakwalls, etc.) assessed onto their tax duplicate over the course of 15 to 20 years. This is not public assistance for this program but simply a method to assist the homeowner in paying. In order to have a Countywide Coastal SID, there must be at least one parcel of land in each coastal community.

Commissioner Young and Mr. Boyd discussed possible sand shifting when the property owners begin to shore up their properties in various ways. Mr. Boyd stated that ODNR along with the Army Corps of Engineers, will review and approve any and all work.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County is setting a pretty high mark for the Countywide Coastal SID program. Mr. Boyd stated that once the program is complete, it will be a good model to share across the Great Lakes.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 10:00 am. She also stated that the schedule for the remainder of the year will be on next week's agenda.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

AUGUST 20, 2020

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino, on behalf of the Board, thanked Sheriff Leonbruno, his staff, and all of the police chiefs throughout the County. With the recent news of police issues nationwide he wanted to stress how blessed Lake County is to have such outstanding protection agencies especially under these very tough circumstances we are currently living in.

Commissioner Cirino discussed the Press Conference that was held yesterday with the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to discuss House Bill 6. The two Boards of Commissioners were able to make a very strong statement that House Bill 6 should not be repealed without a replacement bill. A repeal only is not acceptable. He stated that yesterday's meeting was a nonpartisan effort and indicated how pleased he was that Clerk of Court, Ms. Maureen Kelly, County Treasurer, Ms. Lorraine Fende, and County Auditor, Mr. Chris Galloway were in attendance to show their support.

Commissioner Hamercheck echoed Commissioner Cirino's statement about our safety forces. He stated that the Lake County Telecommunications Department is top-notch, the Emergency Management Agency has done a superb job supplying PPE's and continually supporting the safety forces and he thanked the Prosecutors Office and the Crime Lab for the excellent job they do. Commissioner Hamercheck also mentioned the new Telecommunicators training program that is being offered at Auburn Career Center.

Commissioner Young referenced House Bill 6 and wanted to remind all that it is a statewide issue and supplied several scenarios should HB6 be repealed with no replacement.

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 10:36 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this tenth day of September, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK