

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 2020-00917)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 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 Regular Meetings of: August 13, 2020, August 20, 2020 and August 27, 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR LILLY FARMS SUBDIVISION, CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20200917\E01)(SD-434)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUNDS AND PROJECT FUND 597-W (20200917\U01)(UT-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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUNDS AND PROJECT FUND 596, LAKESHORE TRUNK SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 438-S PHASE I (20200917\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, explained that this is part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and will address one of the main sewers that flows into the Mentor Wastewater Treatment Plant. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TO PROJECT FUNDS 501 AND 596 FOR NOTE PAYMENTS DUE OCTOBER 15, 2020 (20200917\U03)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Fedak explained that from a business perspective the Utilities Department is operated mostly through cash functions and a few loans. This resolution will pay down interest and principal on the Utilities System Note that was issued on October 15, 2019. 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 SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, ERIE STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 442-S (20200917\U04)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Fedak stated that this project is a partnership with Fairport Harbor to upgrade the sanitary sewer pipes. Fairport is preparing to repave this street and they (Utilities Department) would like to get the work done before the new pavement is put down. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200917\U05)(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.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$458,126.85 (20200917\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.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DEDICATION PLAT FOR LILLY FARMS IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20200917\C01)(SD-434)

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,006,221.02 (20200917\BC01)(C-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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,407.69 (20200917\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 (20200917\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(20200917\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 – Mr. Fedak gave an update on staff professional development reporting that there are several of his employees currently seeking to obtain their Class IV treatment licensing which is the highest in the industry. Mr. Fedak stated that this is comparable to a Master’s Degree and the applicant must submit a thesis. Lake County is required to have one employee with a Class IV license. Mr. Fedak stated that these employees are working hard to obtain their licenses over the next year. He further stated that there are not many Class IV Wastewater licenses throughout the entire State of Ohio.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 10:00 am. Commissioners Hamercheck and Cirino discussed a possible conflict with next week’s meeting. Ms. Bell stated that she will look into the issue.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino discussed the recent shooting of two Los Angeles County sheriff’s deputies. He stated that in his opinion, the rhetoric against law enforcement has been horrendous. He spoke of the rhetoric coming from certain organizations and others that support these organizations and how it has been so negative and stated that this must stop. Law enforcement in Lake County has done a great job in working with the community. He thanked Sheriff Leonbruno, all of the safety forces throughout the County and the Mayors and Managers Association for keeping our communities safe. Commissioner Young stated that people must believe in our safety forces and we must find a solution.

Commissioner Hamercheck announced that Lake County has secured an additional \$15,742,083. as members of NOACA. Commissioner Hamercheck read the following from a News Release being released by the Board:

As part of the first NOACA resolution passed, Lake County will directly and regionally be receiving \$10,309,419.00 of the \$45,880,943.00 resolution total. Projects include: City of Mentor: Resurfacing of Hopkins Road from Mentor Ave (US-20) north to SR-2 (Market Street), Lake County Engineer: Rehabilitation of Madison Avenue from Steele Avenue to SR-84 (South Ridge Road) in Painesville, Painesville Twp., and Perry Twp., Lake County Engineer: reconstruction and relocation of Vrooman Road from IR-90 to SR-84 (this includes funding for the bridge over the Grand River) in Leroy Twp. and Perry Twp.

As part of the second NOACA resolution passed, Lake County will be receiving \$5,432,664.00 of the \$41,969,751.00 resolution. Projects include: City of Willoughby: Funding for the SOM Center Road Multi-Purpose Trail. This project involves the construction of a multi-purpose trail along SR-84 (Ridge Road), from Willoughby west corporate limit to Halle Drive then along the south side of Halle Drive from SR-84 to SR-91 (SOM Center Road) and then along the east side of SR-91 from Halle Drive to US-20 (Mentor Ave) in the City of Willoughby. For Laketransit: Vehicle replacement project. The project involves the purchase of 12 light transit vehicles (LTVs) or cutaway replacements and 8 replacement vans to operate Dial-A-Ride service. Laketransit will also replace one model year 2010 diesel powered transit bus with one new diesel powered transit bus.

Commissioner Cirino commended Commissioner Hamercheck for all of his hard work on the NOACA Board. Lake County is very lucky to be receiving such large regional funding and it will make a big difference in Lake County’s infrastructure. Commissioner Young stated that Commissioner Hamercheck was instrumental in changing the philosophy of NOACA and Lake County and asked how he achieved this. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that historically Lake County has been a ‘donor County’ for a long time meaning that the County put in more money than it has received back. This has changed over the last year and he has worked with the other NOACA Board members explaining this. Commissioner Cirino explained that the County isn’t actually putting money in but that these are

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federal funds allocated to Lake County and put into a pool of funds that NOACA administers. The Board continued to discuss NOACA and their past philosophies. Commissioner Hamercheck explained the boards and the funding that Lake County has received from NOACA. He explained that Lake County has 5 voting members on NOACA based on population. They include the Board of Commissioners (3) the County Engineer and the LakeTran Director. Commissioner Hamercheck reminded all Lake County residents to complete the 2020 census if they have not already done so. Lake County is at 78% which is one of the best in the State and among the best in the nation. He stressed the importance of the census and how the Lake County Complete Count Committee is reaching out to get as close to 100% participation for the census.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby wished everyone a Happy Constitution Day and reminded everyone that our system of government encourages vigorous and diverse political discussions.

She questioned item #6 on the agenda asking if the County has seen a significant change in unpaid water and sewer bills due to the current conditions and unemployment as a result of the pandemic.

Mr. Fedak stated that they have not seen anything significant but they do continue to monitor on a regular basis.

Ms. Chamberlin also stated that she has been discussing the 5% budget reduction request with Budget Director Mr. Michael Matas. She was informed that there is no specific information available at this time and asked the Board if they had any further information. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that a majority of those are elected officials who make their own budgets and budget cuts while the Commissioners deal with the overall final number. The elected officials would have made their cuts internally. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that a public records request would be in order directed at specific departments. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, explained that she should submit a records request for this information to the departments. He stated that his office laid off one Assistant Prosecutor. Ms. Chamberlin stated that this is important information she feels needs to be explained to the public. Commissioner Cirino stressed that the Board is very concerned about next year. Ms. Chamberlin agreed and feels that the public not only needs to know but should be involved in these types of meetings and conversations.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighth day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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