

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 2020-00924)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, September 24, 2020.

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

Commissioner Hamercheck asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of former Emergency Management Agency Director, Mr. Larry Greene. Mr. Greene retired from the Emergency Management Agency after 25 years of service with Lake County. His leadership and diligence in ensuring that the communities in Lake County were kept safe by assuring the preparedness of the County for any emergency that may occur was his top priority.

Commissioner Hamercheck expressed how much Mr. Greene meant to him and shared memories of Mr. Greene's guidance to him. Commissioner Cirino stated that there are not many people like Mr. Greene. He described how special he was, his expertise and knowledge and his patience and kindness. He will be sorely missed. Commissioner Young offered his condolences to Mr. Greene's family.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Commissioner Hamercheck introduced Mr. Dan Maxson who serves as the curator and trustee of the Fairport Harbor Lighthouse and Museum. The Board presented Mr. Maxson with a special certificate commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Fairport Harbor Historical Society. Mr. Maxson thanked the Board for their support and attending the anniversary celebration. He provided some history of the lighthouse and of Fairport Harbor.

Ms. Marsita Ferguson of 66 Stockwell in Painesville, gave her educational background and listed the Boards she serves on which include Begin the Conversation, United Way, the NAACP and founder of Black Lives Matter, Lake County, as well as her involvement in various community programs. Ms. Ferguson explained what Black Lives Matter is not, stating that the group does not stand against police officers and expressed how they feel during these times. She also shared her political feelings and addressed each member of the Board and expressed her thoughts about comments made at a previous meeting. She also discussed her thoughts and opinions of race problems that continue to occur.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 RESURFACING VARIOUS ROADS WITH CHIP SEAL PROJECT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$41,054.10, LCE PROJECT NO. 2020-001 (20200924\U01)(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.

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND(20200924\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.

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 364-S GLYCO II FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT (20200924\U02)(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.

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND WATER PROJECT FUND 595, GREEN DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 423-W(20200924\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.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,115.00 FOR 7TH STREET SANITARY REHAB PROJECT NO. 416-S AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: October 21, 2020)(20200924\U04)(UT-8)

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.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD TRUNK SEWER LINING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 438-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20200924\U05)(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.

7. RESOLUTION TO DELETE A WATER SUM CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200924\U06)(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.

8. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$1,320,000 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 408-S (20200924\U07)(UT-15)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, was present and explained that this and the following resolution authorizes the renewal note funding for the Mentor Wastewater Treatment Facility Digester Rehabilitation Project and the Mentor Marsh Sanitary Sewer Project. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$2,625,000 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 336-S(20200924\U08)(UT-15)

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 ALLOWING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TAP- IN CAPACITY FEE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN FOR TAP IN CAPACITY FEES FOR PARCEL 20A-006-F-00-0150 (20200924\U09)(UT-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Fedak stated that this resolution will permit a 5-year installment payment plan agreement to this new business owner for the cost of the tap-in fees. Commissioner Cirino added that there is no cost to the County for this agreement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (20200924\C01)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Program Coordinator, Ms. Rhea Benton explained that this resolution will authorize the execution of agreements between the County and the various entities receiving FY20 CDBG funds. The grant awards listed in the Resolution are a result of the project selection process that took place last July. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2020 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS (20200924\C02)(C-34b)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. HOME Program Manager, Ms. Marian Norman, explained that a majority of these are for tenant-based rental assistance and is a combination of placement and/or subsidies. She added that due to the COVID -19 pandemic there are a number of waivers issued by HUD for additional funds that can be used for administrative costs. There are also several construction projects approved but they are not on the list. Once she receives the specifics for the project they will move forward. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

14. RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN LAKE COUNTY PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH TITLES ARE ATTACHED, SURPLUS OR OBSOLETE AND NOT NEEDED FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC INTERNET AUCTION FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS LAKE COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCORDING TO SECTION 307.12 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR SAME (20200924\C02)(C-182)

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.

15. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20200924\C04)(C-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that the 2021 proposed tax budget was passed in July. This is the next step in the process. He explained that there will not be any changes to the funds receiving property taxes which are as follows: the General Fund, Child Welfare, Board of Developmental Disabilities, the ADAMHS Board, Narcotics Agency, Crime Lab and the Senior Citizens Levy. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the County has voluntarily made the decision not to collect an additional 1.1 mills. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,350,650.27 (20200924\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.

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17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,210,012.34 (20200924\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.

18. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200924\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.

19. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20200924\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 stated that they have received the first piece of specialized wastewater equipment that they were able to purchase with the award from the Volkswagen Diesel Grant. The Jet Truck is and requires a specialized crew to run it. He added that they are in the process of obtaining more equipment with the \$500,000 in grant money that remains. Commissioner Young asked how much the truck cost. Mr. Fedak replied that the cost was \$425,000.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd echoed the sentiments of the Board and extended his sympathies to Mr. Greene's family. He shared his deep appreciation for Mr. Greene's knowledge and kindness when he (Mr. Boyd) took on the role of County Administrator. Last week he and Mr. Greene along with the Emergency Management Agency and its partners participated in the first ever virtual Emergency Preparedness Exercise in the United States which went flawlessly. There will be a formal press release forthcoming with the specifics. He thanked EMA Director, Mr. Joe Busher and his staff and Captain Warner and his staff for their hard work.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 10:00 am

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino discussed the recent shooting of two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and the two officers that were shot last night in Louisville. He stated that violence does not solve anything and we need to find solutions. There is anti-police rhetoric that is fueling this violence and lawlessness has gone awry.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that CCAO has been busy with and listed the many things that the Jobs, Economic Development and Infrastructure (JEDI) Committee is working on including new language to Workforce Development and he read the additions and changes.

Commissioner Cirino indicated that he has been told that Ms. Ferguson recently attended a United Way meeting where she was encouraging attendees how to vote and he stated that it was not appropriate behavior during a non-profit organization's meeting and it would be looked into further

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

Lake County Sheriff Leonbruno spoke of Mr. Greene and the difference he made in the Sheriff's Department. In today's climate of people speaking of police reform and professionalism, Mr. Greene comes to mind. When he was in charge of the SWAT Team and the road patrol, he encouraged his deputies to be professional. He made an impact on these individuals that still carries on today.

Sheriff Leonbruno, spoke of the pressures on law enforcement officers today and on behalf of all of the safety forces throughout the County, the citizens of the County are appreciated for the support they offer. He assured the citizens of the County that there is phenomenal leadership of all law enforcement departments in Lake County.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK