

OCTOBER 1, 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 2020-1001)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, October 1, 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. Lake County Engineer, Mr. James Gills presented a slideshow of the completed Vrooman Road Bridge Project and announced there would be a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:30 am. Drone Ohio will be providing a live feed of the event on their Facebook page. Mr. Gills stated that the bridge is 1,800 feet long making it the 5<sup>th</sup> longest bridge in the State of Ohio. He explained a few of the many challenges they faced as well as the history of the project. Mr. Gills explained ODOT worked with the Seminole Indian Tribe to obtain their approval on the design of the piers. Commissioner Cirino asked what the total time span of this project. Mr. Gills stated that the concept of this project began in the early 1960's and in early 90's a two lane bridge was discussed. By 2000 it was decided that the project should move forward. The Board and Mr. Gills conversed about a previous Commissioners desire to stop funding in 2018 and redesign the bridge project but it was too far along to redesign.

Mr. David Lima of Mentor read a prepared statement referring to comments made by the Board pertaining to law enforcement, violence and defunding of the police at the September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meetings. The statement included several Lake County Common Pleas Court sentencing statistics. Mr. Lima provided a copy of his statement to the Commissioners Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATION FOR STONERIDGE ESTATES PHASE III, CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20201001\E01)(SD-435)**

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 APPROVING SCOPE OF SERVICES AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE LAK-MARKELL ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT (PID 102069) OVER THE EAST BRANCH OF THE CHAGRIN RIVER IN THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL, OHIO AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (LCE Project No. 2015-021-002)(Bid Opening: November 4, 2020)(20201001\E02)(E-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. James Gills, Lake County Engineer, stated that this bridge replacement is a \$1.5 million project and is being paid by 80% federal funding and 20% local funding through the CEAO Bridge Fund. Commissioner Young asked how much funding the County receives for bridge projects. Mr. Gills responded that CEAO receives a lump sum from ODOT every year and the County submits their bridge projects to CEAO annually for review and approval. He stated that they are guaranteed at least one project every five years. The County was lucky enough to receive the maximum amount of \$5 million for the Vrooman Road Bridge. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,158.05 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR STONERIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION-PHASE III, JOB NO. 20-48, IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20201001\U01)(SD-435)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated that item #1 on the agenda, this and the following resolution pertain to the same subdivision. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,509 FOR A WATERLINE FOR STONERIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION-PHASE III, JOB NO. 20-47, IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20201001\U02)(SD-435)**

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 \$388,797.10 FOR EAST 349<sup>TH</sup> STREET (ROBERTS TO BEACHPARK) WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 422-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: October 28, 2020)(20201001\U03)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is part of their Capital Improvement Plan for 2020 and they are hopeful they will receive competitive bids. This will be the last waterline project for this year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**6. RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID CONTRACT TO V.L. CHAPMAN ELECTRIC INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,710.70 FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY CELL C4 PHASE VI EXPANSION PART B-ELECTRICAL RELOCATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 421-L(20201001\U04)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that the electrical must be relocated before the expansion at the landfill can be completed.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN OHIOGUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS (20201001\JFS01)(JFS-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.

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT OCTOBER 9, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,103.35 (20201001\JFS02)(JFS-14)**

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 ACCEPTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,619.28, EFFECTIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (20201001\C01)(504)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this is an annual grant that the Emergency Management Agency receives. He stated that the grant program utilizes a 50% cost sharing formula and that this will help support activities, off set local operating costs, and maintain day to day EMA operations. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20201001\BC01)(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.

**11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUNDS(20201001\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

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, October 8, 2020 at 10:00 am. She stated that there is a vacancy on the Senior Advisory Panel and anyone interested can fill out an application on the Commissioners website.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino spoke on comments that were made at the Commissioners meeting last week and also at a United Way zoom meeting by a young woman. He stated that United Way issued a clarification that the comments made by her were inappropriate and not within the Board and State policy guidelines.

Commissioner Cirino addressed Mr. Lima and his public comments in the first public portion. Commissioner Cirino stated that he was happy to hear Mr. Lima's comments opposing violence and that he is sure that Mr. Lima will repudiate the actions of Antifa. He spoke of defunding the police and its history and that it began in Minneapolis. He also stated that they (Minneapolis) define defunding as a 50% reduction in policing. Commissioner Cirino stated that he agrees with Mr. Lima's comments pertaining to poverty, unemployment, and unsafe conditions and neighborhoods left to squalor that are clearly root causes of why people protest and feel their needs are not being met. Commissioner Young expressed his concern of and the focus on race. He stated that communities need to value the American dream. Commissioner Cirino stated this Board has always supported the community and listed several ways in which they do including \$1.4 million annually in CDBG, hundreds of thousands of dollars into fair housing, supporting the communities throughout the County in businesses and playgrounds and the most recent loan and grant program for business assistance during the pandemic just to name a few. He mentioned their work with the Health Department, the EMA and all of the local law enforcement agencies.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he recently attended the virtual OPWC District 7 meeting where they discussed the details of their policies and procedures to acquire funding. He thanked County Engineer, Mr. Gills and his staff for their hard work with OPWC. He mentioned that he spoke with Mayor Regovich from the City of Willowick and they will benefit from \$1.5 million in funding for projects.

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Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Judge O'Donnell and retired Judge Collins are very involved with the group, Begin the Conversation and the data they share is extremely helpful. He commended Judge O'Donnell for continuing to share this information.

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 11:02 a.m. to discuss Real Estate- Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

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.

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