

OCTOBER 22, 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 2020-1022)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 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 Director of Workforce Development, Mr. Patrick Mohorcic, was present to provide an update and introduced Ms. Juliana Petti, Director of Alliance for Working Together Foundation (AWT). Ms. Petti gave some background on what Alliance for Working Together (AWT) is and what they do. Ms. Petti spoke of the formal partnership with OhioMeansJobs Lake County and the Alliance for Working Together (AWT) for the AWT Apprenticeship Program and about funding qualified individuals for the program. Ms. Petti wrote the policy for this program and received approval from the State. The State has allowed for funding of the apprenticeship programs out of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding for this year. She explained that in the AWT Apprenticeship Program, there will be online courses for technical related training as well as hands on training. They will be provided with a Chromebook for self-paced program work and speak with a success coach on a weekly basis. Students will also receive instruction in person by an AWT instructor/industry expert at Auburn Career Center once a week for two hours. The program will begin in February, 2021. She also stated that the program is an earn and learn model designed to have the apprentice working full-time while receiving education in a blended educational model with both online and in-person expert training. Mr. Roger Sustar, founder of the AWT Foundation and owner/retired CEO of Fredon Corporation in Mentor, was present and complimented Ms. Petti and Mr. Mohorcic for their initiative and dedication.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he is very impressed with this comprehensive program.

Commissioner Young stated he is looking forward to this great collaboration. Commissioner Cirino complimented Mr. Sustar, Ms. Petti and Mr. Mohorcic for their dedication to this program. He asked if there were any programs like this in the State of Ohio. Ms. Petti stated that she met with Mr. Scalia from the Department of Labor at her office and this program is a one of kind not only in Ohio but across the United States. Commissioner Cirino asked if there were still 1,900 open manufacturing jobs in Lake County. Mr. Mohorcic confirmed that is correct.

Ms. Petti shared with the Board that she is also working with Lakeland Community College and Lake Erie College to create a pathway to further education and will assist the individuals with earning their Associates Degree, a Bachelor's Degree, and also with Manufacturing Management Masters program. Mr. Sustar stated how impressed he is with the initiative Ms. Petti and Mr. Mohorcic have taken on to work on this collaboration.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SANITARY SEWER BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE VILLAGE OF LAKELINE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20201022\U02)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that Lake County took over Lakeline's billing which includes sanitary sewers in the west end (of Lake County) communities in the mid 80's with no formal agreement. This resolution is the first of several to be submitted which outlines a formal agreement between a community and the Department of Utilities. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2. RESOLUTION AWARDED A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$509,887.00 TO DAVIS DIGGERS, INC. FOR GREEN DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 423-W (20201022\U03)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. The construction will begin soon and run through the winter. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD, WITH WEST, A THOMSON REUTERS BUSINESS FOR THE WESTLAW NEXT GOVERNMENT SELECT ONLINE DATABASE AND WESTLAW PATRON ACCESS DATABASE (20201022\U01)(CT-19)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Boyd explained this is a 5 year online database contract that will be used for legal research purposes by passcode holders. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**4. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESTAN PRODUCTS, LLC. AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY UNDER WHICH PRESTAN PRODUCTS AGREES TO ESTABLISH, EXPAND, RENOVATE, OR OCCUPY A FACILITY IN THE LAKE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AND HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES OR PRESERVE EMPLOYMENT OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES IN RETURN FOR CERTAIN TAX INCENTIVES SPECIFIED IN SAID AGREEMENT (50% REAL PROPERTY-10 YRS. | CREATE 5-10 JOBS | RELOCATE 41 JOBS)(20201022\C02)(C-99)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Tim Cahill, Director of Public Finance and Controller for the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority and Enterprise Zone Manager

for the Commissioners was present. Mr. Cahill explained that Prestan Products, LLC is currently located in Mayfield Village and is a world leader in the development and production of medical training equipment. They are looking to expand their operations. They have been looking for some time for an area to accommodate their growing business and have decided to relocate their operations to the City of Willoughby bringing 41 jobs with them while creating an additional 10 jobs. They will be building a new facility to an 11 acre parcel on the corner of Lost Nation Road and Aquarius Parkway. The City of Willoughby passed a resolution approving the Enterprise Zone Agreement and letters notifying the Willoughby-Eastlake school district of the proposed agreement were sent out. No comments were received back from them. Mr. Cahill stated that this is a 50% tax abatement for ten years. Mr. Cahill stated that the City of Willoughby is in agreement for the tax abatement, based on the information presented and they have passed legislation approving it as such. Commissioner Young and Mr. Cahill discussed in detail what an Enterprise Zone is and how a company may qualify for it. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THOMAS DREHER TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (20201022\C03)(B-20)**

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 APPOINTING LISA SICILIANO-MILLER TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (20201022\C04)(B-20)**

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,418,668.28(20201022\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.

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$562,512.31 (20201022\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.

**9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20201022\BC03)(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.

**10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20201022\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. Boyd gave an update on the Grant/Loan Program explaining that the program has now issued a total of \$602,000 out of the \$700,000 so far to small businesses in Lake County. Of the 90 applications that have been approved and processed, 46 were owned and/or operated by women and minority owned enterprises. Commissioner Cirino asked if there has been any coordination with the cities that have their own loan/grant programs. Mr. Boyd responded that they have been in contact with the Chambers and/or the Economic Development Offices. He explained that the CARES dollars issued through CDBG have tighter guidelines than the CARES funds that are issued to communities. Mr. Boyd explained that the committee was able to consider several businesses under the new "urgent need classification" that had not previously qualified.

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Cirino thanked Mr. Boyd and the review committee for the work they are doing to keep these small businesses going. Commissioner Cirino stated that a few months down the road, the Board would like to hear back from the small businesses to see how they are doing. Mr. Boyd stated that he has invited several business owners to come in over the next few weeks to speak of their experiences.

Mr. Boyd also reported that they are keeping a close eye on the county's budget and 2021 is still an unknown at this time.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

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NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck discussed the Press Conference that was held yesterday with regard to an unprecedented initiative with the police chiefs of all the communities in Lake County, along with the Lake County Sheriff and the Corrections Department. The initiative will involve the county securing funding for a new unified program designed to enhance policy documentation, make sure that policies are in conformance to new legal developments, facilitate better training of officers and allow easy, digital access to all policies as determined by the law enforcement entity. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, County Prosecutor, Mr. Coulson, and the Prosecutors office for their guidance and support with this policy.

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 10:50 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**

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