

NOVEMBER 19, 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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CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 19, 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.

Mr. Ron Graham, Commissioner of the Lake County General Health District, gave an update of the coronavirus pandemic throughout the State of Ohio and specifically, Lake County. He gave a detailed report on the current statistics of positive coronavirus tests, hospitalizations and deaths to date. He also discussed the details of contract tracing, education and staffing in healthcare. Mr. Graham explained that he participates in conference calls on a daily or weekly basis with Lake Health, the Emergency Management Agency, Mayors and Managers of Lake County, Police and Fire Chiefs as well as other agencies throughout the state. He also expressed concerns regarding college students coming home for the upcoming holidays and stressed the importance of keeping gatherings very small. The biggest concerns continue to remain with the hospitalizations, fatalities and the amount of patients being placed on ventilators. At this time masks and social distancing are the best methods to try and avoid contracting this. He added the importance of getting a flu shot and that there is worry about the publics acceptance of the coronavirus vaccine when it becomes available. Mr. Graham acknowledged that they are seeing a decline in people wearing masks and that people are experiencing "Covid Fatigue" but he encouraged people to continue to wear masks and stay home if they are not feeling well. The Board and Mr. Graham continued to discuss the many details of the pandemic, the growing concerns of the continued stress of hospitalizations, the upcoming holidays and Covid Fatigue as well as some people being reluctant to get tested.

Commissioner Hamercheck thanked and shared his appreciation to Mr. Graham for the updates and meetings he has been having with all of the entities throughout the County.

Mr. Boyd read the following public comment received via email from Ms. Patricia (Pat) Denny of 7465 Mountain Quail Place, Concord Twp.:

"Bed space and staffing in hospitals is dwindling & almost gone. Hospital personnel are suffering and under the worst stress they've ever experienced. Someone we know who managed to have surgery for a serious condition in one of his main organs was sent home same day from a hospital because they needed the bed. Lake County is now NUMBER 4 of all 88 counties in terms of Covid cases per 100,000 in the entire state of Ohio! In the spread per capita. It's hard to find this information on this county's website. It doesn't show up in the almost-worthless press release on the health district's site that is confusing for most people to understand. I don't see Lake County's current state ranking of number 4 anywhere that is obvious to those who might visit the website. I think this is by design. The info should be FRONT and CENTER on the county's various websites. Exclamation Mark. Other counties are advising people to stay within their own households for the coming winter holidays. We need to be doing the same and more in Lake County. I've witnessed too many people in this county flouting the mask & physical distancing advice from medical experts. This is one of the reasons why we rank in the highest in the worst way possible. I have lost much respect for people who are so unbelievably inconsiderate of their neighbors, and who think business as usual is okay in a pandemic." -- Ms. Patricia (Pat) Denny of 7465 Mountain Quail Place, Concord Twp.

Mr. Boyd stated that the County is open for business and he thanked all of the Lake County Elected Officials who are conducting their businesses to the best of their ability. He encouraged residents to visit the Lake County website for updated information relating to any changes to business operations. He assured the public that County Offices are not closed and the County continues to make every effort to accommodate the public while keeping employees and the public safe.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), AND TO EXECUTE AN OPWC AGREEMENT FOR THE BATES ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP (20201119\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Bruce Landeg stated that this will authorize them to prepare and submit an application and to execute an OPWC agreement for this project. The following resolution is also a Madison Township project and will ultimately save the County money by submitting the applications together. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), AND TO EXECUTE AN OPWC AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY LINE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE I IN MADISON TOWNSHIP (20201119\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 CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20201119\U01)(UT-7)**

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 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #1 OF THE DATA SHARING AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 5 (20201119\JFS01)(JFS-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Battiato stated that the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A VOCA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,645.92 AND A SVAA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,168.08 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THE OHIO CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 (20201119\C01)(CT-8a)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Boyd stated that this is an annual grant resolution that assists in the funding of the Victim Assistance Program.

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

**6. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESTAN PRODUCTS, LLC., NIAS REALTY HOLDINGS, 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)(20201119\C02)(C-99)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Boyd stated that the Board previously adopted a resolution for this Enterprise Zone Agreement and the one minor amendment would be a name change to include NIAS Realty Holdings. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**7. RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID CONTRACT TO LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE A NON-MEDICAL IN-HOME PROGRAM FOR ADULTS AGE 60 AND OLDER FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (20201119\C03)(C-20)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Joey Tomsick from Lake County Council on Aging was present and explained that the need for non-medical in-home services for seniors was one of the necessary programs identified in the 2015 Senior Study. He thanked the Board for the opportunity for his agency to again administer the program. The Board and Mr. Tomsick discussed the issues that the pandemic has brought his agency when dealing with the seniors in person. Mr. Tomsick stated that there were 53,000 copies of Council on Aging "The Bridge" (newspaper) mailed out to the seniors of Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,030,504.63(20201119\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.

**9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$613,271.62 (20201119\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.

**10. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20201119\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.

**11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20201119\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 – none.

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FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:11 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this tenth day of December, 2020.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

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