

DECEMBER 3, 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 2020-1203)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 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. Boyd read the following public comment received via email from Ms. Ellen Chamberlin:

“Health Director Ron Graham and Commissioner Hamercheck were interviewed on Idea Stream. When asked about the high number of Covid-19 cases in Lake County, they simply listed how well things were going and being handled here. Is this because you don't know why the numbers are so high or because you don't want to be specific about bars, restaurants, football games etc.. We the citizens are now being told to only leave our houses for emergencies...why am I asked to quarantine myself because you cannot trace the behaviors that are making the numbers so high? “ - Respectfully seeking an honest answer Ellen Chamberlin

Commissioner Hamercheck responded that a person is asked to quarantine only when they have been exposed to the virus. What they are asking is that people remain responsible and diligent and only go out when necessary. This is a community spread infection and we must raise public awareness of how to stop the spread. He stressed the importance of handwashing, wearing a mask (and changing and washing the mask frequently) and social distancing.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO THE OHIO BRIDGE CORPORATION D.B.A. US BRIDGE FOR THE LAK-MARKELL ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT (PID 102069) OVER THE CHAGRIN RIVER IN WAITE HILL VILLAGE, OHIO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,276,719.75 (20201203\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Cirino stated that this is a small bridge and asked what the expected lifespan is for a bridge of this size. Lake County Engineer, Mr. Gills stated that the bridge will last a very long time; approximately 40 years. He explained that this project was part of the bridge credit purchase made where his department was able to obtain credits for bridge projects at a cost of .50 on the dollar. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LAK-MADISON AVENUE (CR306) RESURFACING PROJECT (PID 112490, FAN E200(649) OPWC NO DGX05, LCE PROJECT NO. 2019-022 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT(Bid Opening: TBD)(20201203\E02)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Gills explained that all of the documents have been submitted and they are waiting to hear from the State so the Engineer can go to bid for this. There has been another 8 - 10" drop over the past month and it is still unknown where the water is coming from. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the road is currently closed and the hope is that the project will be complete by summer, 2021. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUNDS(20201203\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.

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595 TALL TREE BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 414-W (20201203\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this project went out to bid approximately one month ago, is ready to move forward and is a part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SANITARY SEWER BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20201203\U03)(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 and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$723,550.00 TO X-PRESS UNDERGROUND, INC. FOR DEERFIELD RELIEF SEWER, PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 366-S (20201203\U04)(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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,361.73 TO FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING FOR SEVENTH STREET SANITARY SEWER PROJECT 416-S(20201203\U05)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, 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 DECEMBER 11, 2020, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,749.21(20201203\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

9. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THE CITY OF EASTLAKE MAYOR DENNIS MORLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20201203\C01)(B-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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LAKE COUNTY RECORDER'S TECHNOLOGY FUND PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO R.C. 317.321 (20201203\C02)(C-36)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Lake County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, thanked the Board for their consideration of the Technology Fund Resolution today. She explained that this is a good, solid action to strengthen the Records Department Technology improvements and also maintain a healthy, consistent Technology Fund balance in the best interest of Lake County. She stated that the yearly review was excellent and will remain a timely check on fund activity and budget impact. Ms. Lynch added that the Technology Fund is solely funded per document fees. Commissioner Hamercheck stated for the record that this meets the requirements and approval of the County Recorders Association of Ohio and the Ohio Legislature and it gives the Recorder the authority to enact such increases. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUZANNE CASAR WESTERFIELD TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF LAKE COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021(20201203\C03)(JFS-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Battiato stated that he looks forward to transitioning his position as Director to Ms. Casar. He offered some detailed background of her experiences and shared what a kind and caring person she is. He also shared her experience in leadership and her involvement with many of the services offered by Job and Family Services. Ms. Casar was present and thanked the Board and Mr. Battiato for their consideration and belief in her abilities. She shared some highlights of what she most looks forward to doing once she takes the position. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,249,275.78 (20201203\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.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$709,141.74 (20201203\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.

14. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20201203\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.

15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20201203\BC04)(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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd congratulated Ms. Casar on her position and stated that he looks forward to working with her. On behalf of Budget Director, Mr. Matas, Mr. Boyd stated that he is working on the temporary budget and hopes to have it to the Board by Monday for their consideration of passage by December 17th. Commissioner Cirino asked what baseline Mr. Matas was using in preparing the budget. Mr. Boyd responded that he is considering the cuts in departmental budget that were requested by all of the Departments. Mr. Boyd added

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that the Building Department continues to have a significant increase in their revenue and they anticipate this trend to continue through 2021 and possibly into 2022.

FINANCE – none.

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

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino discussed the recent pandemic data that seems to be trending in the right direction. He wanted to stress that from the very beginning the business community has suffered tremendously. Some of them were forced to close their doors permanently. A very delicate balance must be met between the safety of the community and the health of businesses. They have made it well known to officials in Columbus that there cannot be another full blown shut-down and that we must strike the right balance to protect our businesses and families to the best of our abilities. Commissioner Young echoed Commissioner Cirino's statement.

Commissioner Hamercheck discussed the meaning of 'community spread' and detailed discussions that he has had and continues to have with the Health District, Mayors and Managers and medical leaders in the community. He thanked Mayors and Managers President, Mayor Dennis Morley, for his hard work and to Judy Moran for always ensuring all of the leaders throughout the County are in the know on the latest pandemic data and issues. He discussed caregiver and first responder fatigue as well as the covid fatigue everyone is feeling. He explained the importance of everyone to continue to remain diligent in washing their hands and their masks as well as any other safety measures necessary.

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 10:45 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Discipline with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:15 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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