

DECEMBER 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 2020-1222)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Tuesday, December 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES FOR RECYCLING HAULING AND PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION (20201222\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is a six-month recycling contract extension for the recycling drop-off site at the landfill. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL FOR LAKE COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20201222\U02)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this agreement is to utilize Brown and Caldwell to assist the Utilities Department with enhancing, identifying and implementing best practices in the utility industry. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,308.00 WITH, D.B. BENTLEY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,470.00 FOR SOUTH RIDGE ROAD NARROWS TO MAPLE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 425-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20201222\U03)(UT-12)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that this is just a typical waterline replacement in a residential area. Commissioner Young asked if the crews are able to work in this type of weather. Mr. Rothlisberger responded that they are and it is almost better for them as the ground is frozen and will not produce mud at the site. He also explained that contractors are in need of work throughout the winter therefore, the projects receive more competitive bids. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION TO DELETE SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20201222\U04)(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.

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC FINK TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 9, 2021 (20201222\C01)(B-14)

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

6. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TIA KOZLOVICH TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2021 (20201222\C02)(B-49)

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 REAPPOINTING PAM MARTIN TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2021 (20201222\C03)(B-49)

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 REAPPOINTING JAMES F. STRUNA TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024 (20201222\C04)(B-192)

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 DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2021 (20201222\C05)(C-107)

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 SUPPORTING THE WESTERN RESERVE LAND CONSERVANCY'S CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE WHITTLESEY BEACH RIDGE PRESERVE PROJECT (20201222\C06)(B-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Cirino explained that this is a resolution of support for Kirtland Hills and Mentor. In addition to resolutions passed by their respective cities, this additional resolution of support will allow them to apply for a grant to maintain wooded areas. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AIR FORCE ONE, INC. PROCURED THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR UPGRADES TO THE HVAC SYSTEM, AND SANITARY AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$403,620.00 (20201222\C07)(C-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that the EOC was identified as a Capital Improvement Project but was placed on hold in light of the current happenings this year however, these upgrades have become necessary. The EOC is 30+ year old building and is an extremely high importance facility providing services 24/7. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION HIRING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES AND STORMWATER REGULATIONS IN THE LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER, WATER, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (20201222\C08)(P-105)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, explained that he acts as a consultant for the Stormwater Department. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING BUILDING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TOGETHER COMPRISING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER PROJECT (20201222\C09)(207m)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that the Utilities Department and the General Fund have progressively been paying down these amounts. The amounts to be issued will be approximately \$4 million. Last year, the amount was \$9,925 million. Commissioner Hamercheck complimented Mr. Matas on all of his hard work. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$227,043.12 (20201222\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.

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,902.31 (20201222\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.

16. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20201222\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.

17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20201 222\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. Jason Boyd provided an update on the State Capital Bill and said that several communities in Lake County are in a good position to receive funding for several projects. Once the Governor approves the Bill a press release will be issued with a breakdown of the projects and their locations.

On behalf of the Board, he offered condolences to the family and the staff of JFS on the recent passing of an employee.

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FINANCE – Mr. Matas gave a brief update on the health of the General Fund explaining that thanks to the elected officials and department heads cutting their budgets by 5%, the fund is in fairly good shape. He added that the Building Department inspection fees have gone through the roof. He also reviewed sales tax, CARES Act funding and the estimated carryover.

CLERK – Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 10:00 am. She reminded everyone that County offices will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino briefly discussed the severe damage both the Holden Arboretum and Penitentiary Glen received after the winter storm we experienced 3 weeks ago.

Commissioner Cirino also discussed the Franklin County injunction to halt payments to Energy Harbor and discussed several scenarios that could occur. He stressed the importance of keeping the nuclear plants open and running and clean energy.

Commissioner Hamercheck and Commissioner Cirino discussed HB6, the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and Energy Harbor.

Commissioner Hamercheck provided an update on Covid-19 stating that there has been a decrease in positive cases and hospitalizations. Thankfully the County did not see the expected 7-14 day spike after the Thanksgiving holiday. He thanked the residents of Lake County for continuing to be diligent, productive and respectful and he encouraged everyone to continue these best practices for Christmas. Commissioner Young thanked Lake Health and TriPoint for the excellent care he recently received. Commissioner Cirino discussed Lake Health's merger with the University Hospital System and that the Board serves on the Lake Health Board not as Commissioners but in the position of Members of the Corporation. Commissioners Hamercheck and Young agreed that this will be a very positive move for the Lake County communities.

Lake County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, reported that the Vrooman Road Bridge Project was chosen as one of the top ten (#7) bridge projects in the Country by Roads and Bridges Magazine. He provided a copy of the magazine to the Board.

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 10:56 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this seventh day of January, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK