

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 2019-0103)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 29, 2018, were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, referred to resolution #5 on the agenda. She respectfully requested that the Commissioners table the resolution to allow for further discussion.

Mr. Kip Marlow from the LakeStart Program, was present and gave a history of LakeStart, stating that they are a 501C3, have one very part-time employee, and that the mentors and Board of Directors all volunteer their time and expertise. Over the past 3 ½ years, they have assisted approximately 140 people with their start-ups. He explained that they are an organization committed to mentoring and inspiring entrepreneurs with startups and also assist existing businesses in various stages of their development. He introduced several members of the Board that were present. Mr. Marlow discussed the assistance they gave to NVEyeTech systems; a camera monitor that can be attached to the handlebars of a motorcycle. This camera will enable the rider to see more clearly at night. Mr. Marlow stated that they were able to secure a grant for the company from Innovation Fund Northeast Ohio and that they expect to receive investors in the near future. Commissioner Cirino thanked Mr. Marlow, the mentors and the members of the LakeStart Board for their work.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, welcomed Commissioner Young and stated that he and his group (Lobbyists for Citizens) have several items for discussion. Mr. Massie stated those items are in support of item #5 on the agenda which pertains to non-acceptance of campaign contributions by individuals under the direct hire of the Commissioner’s Office and item #6 pertaining to the appointment of Mr. Wally Siegel to the Port Authority Board of Directors. He had questions regarding the way in which Mr. Zahirsky’s (Director of Coastal Development for the Port Authority) wages are paid as well as the letter received from County Auditor, Mr. Zupancic. County Prosecutor, Mr. Charles Coulson, addressed Mr. Massie’s inquiry regarding Mr. Zupancic. He stated that, due to HIPPA law, the health of Mr. Zupancic cannot be discussed and that Mr. Zupancic plans to return to work in March, 2019.

Mr. Danny Tharp of 7323 Ravenna Road, stated that he opposes the appointment of Mr. Siegel to the Port Authority Board.

Mr. David Lima of 7774 Litchfield in Mentor, expressed his concerns for item #5 on the agenda pertaining to non-acceptance of campaign contributions by individuals under the direct hire of the Commissioner’s Office. He questioned whether this violates the Ohio Revised Code. Commissioner Cirino responded that item #5 does not disallow contributions but it will establish a policy of non-acceptance by the current Board of Commissioners and he explained the reasoning behind the resolution. Commissioner Young explained that state representatives cannot accept employee contributions for the very same reasons expressed by Commissioner Cirino and he feels this resolution is fair and reasonable.

Ms. Chamberlin of Willoughby, stated that item #5 would involve complicated discussions and she again urged the Commissioners to table the resolution until these discussions can be had. Commissioner Cirino stated that this resolution is complies with the Board of Elections reporting requirements for people under the direct supervision of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Frank Payne, Plant Manager of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, thanked the Commissioners for resolution #4 in support of clean energy nuclear power and clean energy jobs. Ms. Diane Jacoby, Communications Director of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, and Ms. Wendy Zele from First Energy, also thanked the Board for resolution #4 in support of clean energy.

Ms. Kathy Dingenthal of Concord Township, asked that the Board table item #5 on the agenda until further discussion can be had and asked if the resolution includes non-acceptance of contributions from contractors. Commissioner Cirino reiterated that the resolution specifically pertains to contributions by individuals under the direct employment and management of the Commissioner’s Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 11, 2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,522.07 (20190103\JFS01)(JFS-14)

JANUARY 3, 2019

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

2. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$19,000,000 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 (20190103\C01)(207m)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this resolution, prepared with the assistance of Bond counsel, is to authorize the sale of notes for the new Administration Building Project. He explained that the total amount of the issuance will be \$15 million in notes, of which \$8.7 will be associated with the General Fund and the remaining \$6.3 million will be associated with the Utilities Water and Sewer Fund. Mr. Boyd stated that the project continues to progress well with an expected completion date of July/August 2019. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 2019 (20190103\C02)(C-107)

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

4. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY NUCLEAR POWER IN OHIO (201090103\C03)(C- 107)

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

5. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM COUNTY EMPLOYEES UNDER THEIR DIRECT SUPERVISION (20190103\C04)(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, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WALTER R. SIEGEL TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022(20190103\C05)(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, and Young "ABSTAIN": Commissioner Hamercheck "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,104.13(20190103\BC01)(C-4)

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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$752,663.35 (20190103\BC02)(C-17)

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

9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20190103\BC03)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –Mr. Jason Boyd welcomed Commissioner Young to the Board.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10th at 10:00 AM and that there will be a worksession on the 5th floor immediately following the Commissioners executive session.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby asked if the approved resolution for non-acceptance of campaign contributions by individuals under the direct hire of the Commissioner’s Office is enforceable strictly by the current Board of Commissioners. Lake County Prosecutor, Mr. Charles Coulson, responded that it applies only for the current Board and a new Board can change this policy at any time. Ms. Chamberlin requested a list of the specific departments that fall under the direct hire of the Commissioner’s Office. Commissioner Cirino stated that a list of the specific group of employees that fall under the Board of Elections reporting requirements could be provided.

Mr. David Lima stated his thoughts on prohibiting the acceptance of campaign contributions by employees. Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:31 p.m. to discuss Personnel – Compensation, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 2:46 p.m.

ADJOURN:
On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this seventeenth day of January, 2019.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK