

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

(Tape 2019-0110)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2018 and December 27, 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. Mr. David Lima of 7774 Litchfield in Mentor, referred to the resolution pertaining to the non-acceptance policy that was adopted at the January 3, 2019 Commissioners Meeting. Mr. Lima stated that he appreciates the clarification of the resolution by the Board. He inquired about contributions from those individuals that are appointed to Boards and Commissions as well as private contractors doing business within the County. He stated he feels that the acceptance of contributions from these parties gives the same appearance of impropriety as employee's under the direct hire and management of the Commissioners. Mr. Lima suggested that the Board consider adopting an additional resolution to include these parties. Commissioner Young stated that the Board must be prudent with their resolutions and appreciates Mr. Lima's statement. He explained the reasoning behind the employee non-acceptance policy is that this type of policy has been in place throughout the state and country for quite some time. Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board welcomes and appreciates everyone's opinions and reiterated that the resolution pertains only to those employees under the direct hire of the Commissioner's office and not all Lake County employees.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, stated that he agrees with Mr. Lima's opinion and will give the matter more thought.

Ms. Sharon Sarocy of 2959 Bishop Road, stated that she also agrees with the statement Mr. Lima made regarding an additional resolution to include Boards/Commissions appointees and private contractors working for the County.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO USE THE "FORCE ACCOUNT" AND MAKE MATERIAL PURCHASES FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, CONSTRUCTION OF LAKE COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND CULVERTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5543.19 AND TO ISSUE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20190110\E01)(E-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this annual resolution grants the County Engineer the ability to utilize funds for construction, reconstruction, improvements, maintenance, etc. in the most cost effective and efficient way possible. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20190110\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, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFFERING FULL SUPPORT TO ALL GENERAL MOTORS EMPLOYEES, THE YOUNGSTOWN-WARREN COMMUNITY, AND ANY RELATED BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE IDLING OF THE LORDSTOWN FACILITY (20190110\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck asked that Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Bell, read Section #3 of the resolution. Ms. Bell read section #3 of the resolution in its entirety:

Section #3 reads: "The Board of Lake County Commissioners are committed to supporting all individuals involved in the decision making process of the General Motors Lordstown Facility."

Commissioner Hamercheck asked what section #3 meant to Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Cirino stated that it offers our County's support in keeping the Plant open, and to support the community and keep the employees working. Commissioner Young stated that he echoes the statement of Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that section #3 is a replacement and this resolution was modeled after Mahoning County's resolution. He explained that this proposed resolution language in the new section #3 actually supports the management of General Motors in Detroit and their plans to close the plant. Commissioner Hamercheck suggested that section #3 be reworded or eliminated. Commissioner Cirino asked Assistant Prosecutor, Michael DeLeone, if section #3 could be stricken from the resolution. Mr. DeLeone responded that the Board could make a motion to amend. On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino to strike and remove section #3 in its entirety. The resolution was amended with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None. On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the foregoing

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

4. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 2018 COVERDELL GRANT AGREEMENT (SUB-GRANT #2018-PC-NFS-7802) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,638.98, BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (20190110\C02)(CT-18)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Prosecutor, Mr. Charles Coulson, was present and explained that this is an annual grant to assist with the administration of the Crime Lab. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young
 "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,381,254.72 (20190110\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, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,475,911.11 (20190110\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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, reported that the Utilities Department is preparing for the 2019 construction season. There will be a few contracts being sent to the Board for preapprovals over the next few months and they are preparing project bids for the summer season.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, reported that January 9th was National Law Enforcement Day and today, January 10th, is National Houseplant Appreciation Day. She stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17th at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Bell reminded everyone that there is a listing of several available Boards and Commissions positions on the Commissioners website and anyone interested can contact her for further information. Commissioner Cirino asked if the media that is present today could also assist with letting the public know about the open positions.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Cirino took the opportunity to thank the Police Departments, Sheriff's Department, Narcotics Agency, the Crime Lab, MetroParks, and all safety enforcement agencies throughout Lake County and their support staff. He read the names of each Police Chief in honor of National Law Enforcement Day.

Commissioner Cirino briefly discussed and made some observations regarding an issue that was brought up at a recent worksession. He explained that there was a redistricting lawsuit filed in May of 2018, just weeks after Ohio voters passed Issue 1. Approximately 75% of Ohio voters and nearly 73% of Lake County approved Issue 1. This issue is the method that will be used in determining congressional and state legislative districts throughout Ohio post 2020 census. He listed the parties in the case (including the ACLU and the Ohio League of Women Voters) and read a portion of the claims that the lawsuit cites. He stated the County would like to speak with Ashtabula and Geauga Counties regarding this redistricting and the possibility of filing an amicus brief. Commissioner Cirino presented and discussed the current districts and the proposed redistricting. Commissioner Young stated that if Ohio were as gerrymandered as is alleged, it would not have taken this long to file a lawsuit. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin indicated that she serves as the 1st Vice President of the Lake County League of Women Voters and at this time is not in the position to discuss the details of the case. She stated that this is a complicated issue and asked that a time be arranged to discuss the issue further. Ms. Chamberlin stated that she or someone from the League of Women Voters would provide further information to the Board. She explained the process the Lake County League of Women Voters went through and the discussions that were had by them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. David Lima of Mentor, commented that he was one of the original plaintiffs in the District 14 lawsuit however, he withdrew his name and he explained the reasoning behind the lawsuit.

Mr. John Muzik of Painesville, echoed the appreciation the Board expressed for all of the Law Enforcement agencies and their staff and the important work they provide to citizens.

Commissioner Young stated to Mr. Lima that these initiatives to change the process are generally political in nature and he gave examples of past initiatives where the Supreme Court has ruled on numerous occasions that elections have consequences.

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, explained that although she is a registered Democrat, when she is working as an election poll worker and polling location manager, she is in that position to represent a fair and bi-partisan election system. Commissioner Cirino stated that they are representing all citizens of the County, which include Democrats, Republicans and Independent voters.

Ms. Sharon Sarocy of 2959 Bishop Road, expressed her opinion on gerrymandering, redistricting and Issue 1.

Mr. Lima stated that he is part of a group that monitors the use of force by Lake County law enforcement departments. He explained that there have been very, very few use of force incidents in the County and he is pleased to state that the Police Chiefs are always cooperative, respectful, and open to listening to the comments made by their group.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 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 10:53 a.m. to discuss Legal-Pending Litigation and Personnel – Discipline, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None
The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this seventh day of February, 2019.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

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