

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2018-0116)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville Twp., questioned resolution #8 on the agenda. Mr. Massie stated that he recently attended a Port Authority Board meeting and asked them if they had a policy on whether or not the United States was a sovereign nation or did they believe in an open border policy. Chairman of the Port Board, Mr. Arthur Lindrose, responded that they had not thought about that policy. Mr. Massie stated the Board of Commissioners takes an oath of office and asked if the members of the Commissioner appointed Boards take an oath of office. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, responded that he does not believe that they take an oath. Mr. Massie asked the Board of Commissioners to consider an oath for Board members.

Ms. Arzella Melnyk of 10506 Hobart Road in Kirtland, questioned resolution #7 on the agenda relating to ADAMHS. She stated that she had a very educational meeting with the director, Ms. Kim Fraser, and that they discussed how their money is spent. Ms. Melnyk questioned if they look into the immigration status of the agencies before funding. She believes they should be sure they are not funding agencies that provide services to illegal immigrants and they should ensure all taxpayer money is going to legal immigrants only.

Mr. Massie stated that he has reviewed the budget of ADAMHS, and their starting cash balance was \$4.6 million. As of September, 2017 it states their cash balance was \$6.98 million he asked which would be correct. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, explained in detail how disbursements are made and received and that at times, there are artificially high balances. Mr. Massie and the Board continued to discuss funding of several County agencies and the ADAMHS levy. ADAMHS Director, Ms. Kim Fraser, explained that they have a minimum cash requirement of \$1.8 million and that, in addition to real estate taxes, they receive state and federal funding on a quarterly basis as well as grants. Commissioner Troy explained that alcohol addiction and mental health services boards are a creation of statute and must follow all statutory requirements promulgated by the state of Ohio in terms of the services they deliver and to whom they are delivered. They are regulated by the state and audited the same as every other governmental entity. He explained that the levy is only a part of their funding stream and they receive state and federal funding. That funding varies depending on the state of the budgetary authorizations from Washington or Columbus.

North Perry Village Mayor, Ed Klco, referred to resolution #8 on the agenda. Mayor Klco stated that the Port Authority Board should be a diverse Board. Though the candidate is qualified, he questioned whether there might be a conflict of interest as he serves a government entity in some capacity. He indicated his surprise that, of the 9 members there is not one female member on the board and asked that the Commissioners consider tabling the resolution to look into other candidates and consider appointment of a qualified female.

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(20180116\E01)(E-7)

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

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JANUARY 19, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$514,517.09 (20180116\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

3. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20180116\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated that this resolutions changes the regular meeting of Thursday, February 8th to Wednesday, February 7th. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 2018 COVERDELL GRANT AGREEMENT (SUB-GRANT #2017-PC-NFS-7802) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,172.46, 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 (20180116\C02)(CT-18)

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

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5. RESOLUTION 2017 SUPPORTING THE MENTOR MARSH PROTECTION PROJECT (PHASE II) IN THE CITY OF MENTOR PROPOSED FOR SUBMISSION TO OPWC NRAC DISTRICT 7 CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND BY THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY(20180116\C03)(C-107)

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

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREA POKLAR-BYRNE TO THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2018 (20180116\C04)(B-49)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Ms. Elfie Roman, Superintendent of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, thanked the Board for their timely appointment. She stated that this appointment will give Ms. Poklar-Byrne the opportunity to partake in all meetings and the annual retreat. She explained that this is the first Board member whose child could attend the Deepwood program but attends public school and they look forward to the public school outreach opportunities. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

7. A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5705.221 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO PAY THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF LAKE COUNTY'S ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH DISTRICT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 340 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY SEVEN-TENTHS OF ONE MILL (.7 OF 1 MILL) RENEWAL TAX LEVY FOR SUCH PURPOSE (20180116\C05)(C-5)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, if this was the first of three resolutions necessary to place the levy on the ballot. Mr. Matas responded that it will be completed with the passage of two resolutions. Commissioner Troy explained that this is a renewal levy with no additional increase in taxes, continuing to receive the 10% rollback and the additional 2 ½ % rollback for owner/occupied residential properties, paid for by the State of Ohio. He reiterated the importance of the ADAMHS Board given the current opioid crisis and continued mental health issues. He stated that, through NACo, he is currently involved in a new initiative; the "stepping up initiative", which emphasizes the needs to reduce mentally ill jail population and redirecting them to proper treatment instead of incarceration. In comparison to other Ohio counties, the Lake County ADAMHS is very progressive. He stated that this levy is absolutely necessary to continue the great work they are doing and he strongly supports its passage. Ms. Connie Mismus asked if this would be for the May, 2018 election. Commissioner Troy responded it would be on the ballot in May. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION APPOINTING WALTER R. SIEGEL TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020 (20180116\C06)(B-192)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, if it would be appropriate to table this resolution. Mr. Hackman responded that it would be and he would look into the possibility of a conflict with the current candidate. Commissioner Troy stated that he strongly feels this should be tabled. He explained that the Port Authority Board grew from a 7 member Board to 9 members and since its inception it has always had at least one female member. If this resolution was to be adopted, it would be a 9 member all-male Board. He stated that there were three females interviewed, and some had outstanding credentials. He would like to see a female appointment for this vacancy. On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck to table the resolution. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that when Ms. McMahon resigned, she requested that the person replacing her have a governmental background. He stated that Ms. McMahon's great contributions to the Port Authority Board were unquestionable. Commissioner Troy responded that, with all due respect to Ms. McMahon, she is not an appointing authority of this Board. The foregoing resolution was tabled with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Hamercheck and Troy "PRESENT": Cirino "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,239,833.65 (20180116\BC01)(C-4)

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

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,095,579.23(20180116\BC02)(C-17)

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

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20180116\BC03)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Brian Massie, of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville Twp., asked if Budget Director, Mr. Matas, was available after the meeting. Mr. Matas responded he is available.

Ms. Connie Mismus, of 208 St. Lawrence, Eastlake, referred to resolution #4 and asked if this grant would alleviate some of the Crime Lab funding issues. Commissioner Troy explained that any additional funding would help and this grant was for \$10,000. She asked if the Crime Lab and the Coroner’s budgetary issues would be better this year. Commissioner Troy stated that the Crime Lab received this categorical grant with certain requirements and it is a forensic science improvement grant. He explained the issue with the Coroner’s office was that they were running on a pattern that they would not have enough money to finish out the year. He stated that he met with the Coroner and discussed possible changes to the budgetary decisions next year being made by that office, and then he recommended a budget adjustment for the remainder of 2017 to insure the office would not shut down. Ms. Elfie Roman, of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, announced that the dynamic and dedicated Ms. Beth Falkner-Brown, Community Outreach Director, would be retiring at the end of this month and introduced Ms. Ann Mahler as her replacement.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked if the County or State has more control over funding for a non-profit. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. David Hackman, responded that all non-profits are governed by the Ohio Revised Code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:34 p.m. to discuss personnel - discipline with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 2:38 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board returned to open session at 2:38 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this first day of February, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER

DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK