

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
KEVIN D. MALECEK, COMMISSIONER LEGAL COUNSEL
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2015-0205)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., February 5, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.
Commissioner Troy welcomed Commissioner Malecek to the office and looks forward to working with him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 29, 2015, were approved as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None "ABSTAIN": Malecek

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Becky Lynch, 8040 King Memorial Drive in Mentor, Ohio, thanked Commissioner Malecek for taking on the duty of a Commissioner and gave kudos to Clerk Ms. Amy Elszasz for the timely manner in which she received information that she requested last week.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,420.00 FOR NORTH RIDGE ROAD (U.S. 20) & GREEN ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, JOB NO. 14-74, IN MADISON TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 307.73 (20150205\U01)(UT-9)

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

2. RESOLUTION TO DELETE A SEWER SUM CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20150205\U02)(UT-7)

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

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,481.80 FOR AUBURN ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, JOB NO. 14-37, IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. 307.73 (20150205\U03)(UT-9)

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

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 9, 2015, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,325.60 (20150205\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

5. RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON DECEMBER 10, 2014 FOR A GAS CHROMATOGRAPH/MASS SPECTROMETER WITH AUTOSAMPLER FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY (20150205\C01)(CT-18)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek. Mr. Dave Hackman, Chief Assistant in the Civil Division of the Lake County Prosecutor's Office, replied that this is a recommendation from the Prosecutor's Office based on a review by the scientists in the crime lab that requested that the bids be rejected.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20150205\C02)(C-107)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek. Commissioner Troy stated that the meeting schedule for the next four months is being updated. He mentioned there will be two Commissioners' Meeting on February 19, 2015, one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 2:00 p.m. The schedule is subject to change. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,492,089.98(20150205\BC01)(C-4)

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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,496,798.62(20150205\BC02)(C-17)

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

9. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20150205\BC03)(C-111)**

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

10. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20150205\BC04)(C-111)**

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

11. **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JACOB D. COOPER ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20150205\F01)(C-126)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Commissioner Troy asked for an update on waterline breaks.

Mr. Rick Martin, Executive Director of the Utilities Department, reported that they are averaging one break a day as the cold temperatures continue. He explained that when the temperatures are cold it also thickens grease, fats and oils in the sewer system so they are making courtesy calls to remind people about the hazards and to keep the sewer lines open. In solid waste, commercial haulers requested that the landfill stay open on Saturday in order to catch up on their hauling and the Solid Waste District agreed to their request.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - Mr. Matt Battiatto, Director of the Lake County Job and Family Services Department, stated that the proposed State budget was announced and explained some of the proposed changes, which could change as it makes its way through both houses of the legislature to be adopted June 30, 2015. Mr. Battiatto reported that Medicaid Expansion was included along with funding. Adult Protective Services is proposed to receive an increase in funding from \$4,000 to \$30,000. Title 20 dollars are also used for Adult Protective Services. There is a proposal for childcare eligibility to be expanded up to 300% of the poverty level. There is also a link that is proposed to be added between TANF dollars and Workforce Investment dollars that include the Board of Commissioners deciding what entity runs the program. Luckily, in Lake County, Workforce Investment is a part of JFS so the infrastructure is already in place, but this is not the case in all counties. This proposal also calls for people receiving public assistance to also have a case manager, which could be difficult since those who determine eligibility are not trained or skilled in case management. There is discussion about contracting an outside agency for case management.

Commissioner Troy stated that the legislature recognizes the need for funding and the abuse that happens to the aging population. They are getting more funding but not enough to do what is needed.

Mr. Battiatto stated that when there is an unfunded mandate, they try to fulfill the service with Title 20 dollars. Commissioner Troy stated that Lake County is 2% of the State's population and asked if this means we will get 2% of approximately \$6 million and Mr. Battiatto replied that we will see what happens in June.

Mr. Battiatto next informed the Commissioners about a new development in the Medicaid Expansion Program. He explained when a person is eligible for Medicaid, the JFS must determine their eligibility every year, but because of Medicaid Expansion last year, the re-determination process was waived. The State has taken over the responsibility and mailed out the 14-page re-determination packets to Medicaid recipients that did not include a self-addressed envelope. The return rate on the forms is 30%, which is extremely low. JFS advocated the State to waive the re-determination process for another year and that was denied so as of February 20, 2015 there will be 107,000 people whose Medicaid will be terminated. There is anticipated to be another 100,000 people could be terminated from Medicaid in February. In Lake County, there are 800 Medicaid participants and they have received only 200 re-eligibility packets back. When people receive their notices that their benefits have been terminated, they can appeal and keep their benefits during the appeal process.

Commissioner Moran asked, what is the County's responsibility?

Mr. Battiatto replied that the State has taken the responsibility away from JFS and when people begin to contact JFS, they will tell them to appeal. If they did not turn in the paperwork then they did not turn it in. JFS is still responsible to determine eligibility and re-determine but the notification process has been taken away because of the new computer system put in place for Medicaid Expansion.

Commissioner Troy said he would expect, at some point, a federal court will be asked to weigh in on the situation.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Moran reported on the most recent Narcotics Board Meeting and stated in 2014 opiate-related deaths were down by 16, however crack and cocaine abuse was on the rise. This is attributed to the focus and work that has been done to decrease heroin use in the County. There have been five heroin deaths this year.

Commissioner Moran reported that Friday, February 6, 2015 is National Wear Red Day to raise awareness about heart disease and strokes happening to women.

Commissioner Troy reported that the State's budget has an impact on counties, especially when there are changes to the tax policy and shifting tax burdens to the state sales tax. He stated that 65% of the County budget comes from the piggyback sales tax. There is also an acceleration of the phase out of the reimbursements for tangible personal property tax that was lost. The June 30, 2015 budget will look different than its introduced version; there will be much discussion about the proposed budget at CCAO. A CCAO regional legislative briefing

is scheduled for March 23, 2015 at the new center of Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown at 11:30 a.m. for the counties of Lake, Portage, Geauga and Ashtabula counties. Lunch will be provided and registration forms are available.

Commissioner Troy reported that on May 9, 2015, a potential public open house is being considered for our County Courthouse.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board?  
Mr. Joe Tomsick, 7621 Huntington Lake Drive and Lake County Council on Aging Executive Director, congratulated Commissioner Malecek on his appointment as Commissioner and invited the public and public officials to a March for Meals event at the Great Lakes Mall on March 7, 2015. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and reported last year they served 151,000 dinners to individuals homes and 50,000 dinners at the sties.  
Commissioner Troy asked if they were still looking for a meal distribution site?  
Mr. Tomsick replied that they are still searching for an appropriate location.  
Mr. John Muzik, Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked what was the return rate when the Lake County JFS had the responsibility of sending out the re-eligibility letters to Medicaid recipients?  
Mr. Battiato was not sure but he knows that most people received their benefits. This year there is a significant decrease.  
Mr. Muzik then asked if the number of opiate-related deaths have decreased because of Narcan?  
Commissioner Moran replied that is part of it as well as the efforts to get the drugs off the streets. All Lake County paramedic squads carry Narcan and few police departments.

The next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
● None

**ADJOURN:** On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m., with the vote as follows:  
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek, and Moran "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eleventh day of February, 2015.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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