

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER
RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2019-0214)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 14, 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 January 29, 2019, 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. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, stated that he received a flyer from Lake Health with the Board of Commissioners names on it. He asked what the relationship was between the Board of Commissioners and Lake Health. Commissioner Cirino explained that when the hospital privatized and assets were transferred, the County stipulated that, although they would have no operational powers or fiscal interest, they (the County) would retain the rights to be "members of the corporation". As members of the corporation, they do not act as Lake County Commissioners. The members of the corporation would appoint trustees to the hospital board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAP-IN CHARGES FOR MOUNT ROYAL SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PHASE 1, PHASE 2 AND PHASE 3 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20190214\U01)(UT-17)

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

2. RESOLUTION REVISING WATER RATES IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20190214\U02)(UT-19)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this and the following resolution are proposing a 5% increase to water and sewer rates. He explained that the Department of Utilities does an annual review of operations which reviews operational expenses, future infrastructure projects, and long term repair and replacement projects. The increases equate to \$0.72 per month for water and \$1.26 per month for waste water. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SANITARY SEWER RATES(20190214\U03)(UT-19)

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

4. RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$412,934.50 TO TOM FRANK ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR EAST 355TH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 412-W (1B +2-24)(20190214\U04)(UT-4)

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

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 22, 2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$422.382.63 (20190214\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE FEDERALLY FORFEITED PROPERTY AND/OR FUNDS (20190214\C01)(CT-8con)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Dave Hackman, explained that this resolution is an annual agreement to permitting the Attorney General to share forfeited property that has been seized due to crimes. Future authorization resolutions from the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Lake County Narcotics Agency are forthcoming. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S)(20190214\C02)(C-73)

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 APPOINTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021 (20190214\C03)(695-a)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that this Board is a multi-disciplinary safety committee appointed for two-year terms and Lake County is one of five Counties that participates. Lake County's participation on this committee will bring an award of approximately \$300,000. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHEN ELLIS TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2024 (20190214\C04)(B-51)

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

10. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON ZIEGLER TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2024 (20190214\C05)(B-51)

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

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$757,247.14(20190214\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

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$665,204.43 (20190214\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, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20190214\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

14. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20190214\BC04)(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 – Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato stated that the Federal shutdown continues to have an impact on the food assistance program. He explained that the program is run through the Federal Department of Agriculture and that their regulations state "no participant shall go more than 40 days without receiving their benefit". Since the shutdown, the February issuance was given mid-January and March will not be issued until mid-March which would be longer than the 40 day limit. The Federal Department of Agriculture has decided to provide 50% of the March issuance on February 22nd to keep within the 40 day rule and the second 50% will be provided on their normal issuance in March. Notices from the State Department of Jobs and Family Services for this are being issued through social media, letters, and postings on their website. Mr. Battiato stated that his department will also be notifying those individuals in Lake County that are receiving food assistance and the Lake County food pantries, and mental health clinics. Commissioner Young asked Mr. Battiato if he was confident methods they were deploying to notify the food assistance clients. Mr. Battiato responded that there is no definitive way to know if they are reaching all of their clients so they must rely on the state's notification. He stated that Lake County has approximately 13,000 food assistance recipients.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, reported that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 10:00 AM.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated the Miracle League Park of Lake County as one of only six communities across the nation to receive the 2018 'Crown Community Award' and congratulated all those involved on their hard work and success.

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

Mr. Myron Pakush from ODOT, District 12, was present to give an update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. Mr. Pakush thanked the Board, Ms. Christine Brozza, and Mr. Tim Stergis for their hard work on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. He stated that the Lake County Engineers Office and ODOT began this partnership many years ago. Mr. Pakush explained that last year they went for a re-bid of this project and Great Lakes Construction was awarded it having come in with a bid of \$22.4 million with a final completion date of September 2020. The Project is now 23% complete, on schedule and on budget and the projected final completion date is September, 2020. The estimated timeline for 2019 is as follows: installation of the steel girders is to begin May or June of this year, decking in September, opening of Lane Road and Route 84 and Adams Road planned for March, 2019 and the old bridge will be opened as a pedestrian bridge beginning in August, 2019. Mr. Pakush also discussed several other activities occurring in the near vicinity that were affected by the Vrooman Road closure such as the retaining wall(s) and he explained about the park that will be constructed. Concerning payments of the \$22.4 million, approximately \$4.2 million has been paid out to date. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, provided the Board with photos of the bridges progress and stated that there is a video camera providing a view of the bridges progress to the public.

Mr. Brian Massie, Mr. Pakush, and the Board discussed the pedestrian bridge and the park.

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive, asked if there were any updates on the redistricting issue and the green new deal. Commissioner Cirino stated that the request for leave to submit the Amicus brief was filed last week and they are awaiting an answer from the Court as to whether they will accept the brief. He also stated that Ohio Attorney General Yost filed a motion to suspend this case pending Supreme Court filings of similar cases.

Commissioner Hamercheck addressed the green deal stating that the County does not foresee supplemental funding for unfunded mandates and that the new County Administration Building will be very energy efficient. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that the building is not LEED certified, but it will utilize the best possible efficiency practices available.

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Mr. David Lima, stated that he believes the green new deal is a vision for the future and listed several reasons for his beliefs.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 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 12:40 p.m. to discuss Legal Matters – pending or imminent court action with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None
Minutes approved this fourteenth day of March, 2019.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK