

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

(Tape 2015-0219)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., February 19, 2015.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2015, were approved as follows:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

A special presentation was made declaring Lake County Saves Week February 23-28, 2015. Commissioner Troy read the proclamation in it's entirety.

Ms. Lisa Siciliano-Miller from the OSU Extension explained that much is done throughout the year to reach out to Lake County residents via social service agencies about budgeting and money management. She is working with the Oak House residents and Extended Housing and New Directions to help people get on their feet and save for a future goal. They also work with local credit unions and banks.

Mr. Bob Houston has done a lot of work with the banks and credit unions and has been involved in this program since 2001. It is a nationwide program consisting of 150 campaigns. Money management classes are now given in churches, businesses and non-profits to help low to moderate income families pay off debt.

Commissioner Troy stated that the OSU Extension is a helpful tool for the county for not only educating residents on financial knowledge, but also assisting us in our recycling programs and being supportive of the nursery industry.

RESOLUTIONS:

- RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO THE RUHLIN COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,969,318.08 FOR THE LAK-VROOMAN ROAD BRIDGE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PID 5669 AND PID 85131 IN LEROY AND PERRY TOWNSHIPS (20150219\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek.

Commissioner Troy stated that this is one of the largest infrastructure projects being done in the history of Lake County.

County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, reported that the bids for both the roadway and bridge components all came in below the engineer's estimate. The bridge project came in 6% below the estimate and the roadway project came in 23% below the estimate. The overall project was 8% under the estimate. He further explained hat this project is being paid approximately \$23 million of federal funds for the bridge portion of the project and \$2.76 million for the roadway portion from the Federal Government. The local share is approximately \$5.4 million on for the bridge and \$500,000 for the roadway portion. Total local share is about \$6 million.

Commissioner Moran asked when work is scheduled to begin and Mr. Gills replied that crews should be on site in March with the completion date at the end of June 2017. A temporary bridge will be constructed and should be open by May 15, 2015.

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

- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (20150219\U01)(UT-4)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek.

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Randy Rothlisberger stated that this project will transfer maintenance paper information to a digital format to track the maintenance of pumps and valves. They will be able to predict the replacement of equipment and retain knowledge as people retire.

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

- RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20150219\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

- RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 23, 2015, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$398,748.69 (20150219\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

- RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EXTENSION BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, AND OMJ-LAKE SYSTEM PARTNERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LAKE COUNTY ONE-STOP SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE SAID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (20150219\JFS02)(JFS-15)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek.

Mr. Matt Battiato, Job and Family Services Department Director, explained that this is a resolution for OhioMeans Jobs One Stop partners delineating the allocation of their contributions to Lake One Stop. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2014 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS (20150219\C01)(C-46)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek. Ms. Marian Norman, HOME Program Director, stated that the amount received this year is slightly less than last year with a total of \$370,657.00 and the funds are recommended for Extended Housing, Lifeline, Inc., Fair Housing Resource Center, and the Western Reserve Community Development Corporation for assistance through subsidies for retaining homes and apartments and placing people into apartments, and there is a small allocation for operating funds for WRDC. There are two Lifeline agreements, one for placement and one for subsidies. 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 \$697,925.80(20150219\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 \$379,581.27(20150219\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 CONGRATULATING ANDREW NOMIS HIGGINS ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20150219\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 - Mr. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Utilities, reported that crews are battling the cold weather, and from Sunday to Tuesday, there were about 80 emergency call outs. He explained that 30% of the call outs were county-related and 70% were on the customer side. He explained that last year, insulators were installed for 3/4" vaults and they will soon be installed in 1-inch vaults. The insulators are purchased locally, are very cost-effective, and help to prevent the pipes from freezing. He commended the members of the crews who go out in the inclement weather and deliver the highest quality of service. Employees working in the billing department and the meter readers are also appreciated for their great customer service.

Commissioner Troy stated that one of the smartest things that the County did was take over the water system in the west end and he does appreciate the work of the Utilities Department employees because it is not an easy job.

Commissioner Moran stated that the Utilities Department does an excellent job under difficult circumstances. Mr. Al Saari, Sanitary Engineer, reported on a few bid openings from February 18, 2015. The asphalt cold patch increased 10% over last year and limestone gravel and sand increased 1 ½-4% over last year.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

FINANCE - Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, reported that the General Fund and Outside General Fund budgets will be on the agenda for the February 19, 2015 Commissioners Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy reported that the County received a letter from HUD regarding 2015 allocations.

Mr. David Radachy, Planning & Community Development Director, stated that there was \$1.205 million provided for CDBG funds and \$347,000 is available for HOME investments. CDBG funding is down 1.2% and HOME funding is down 6% from last year.

Commissioner Troy stated that in the proposed federal budget, there are some substantial cuts relating to CDBG but the effects may not be felt until the following year.

Mr. Radachy reported that the CDBG mandatory meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2015 at the ULAB. It is a requirement that anyone seeking these funds must attend this meeting. It is the first step in the process toward gathering applications. If they do not show up for the meeting they will not receive funding.

Commissioner Troy stated that he attended the CCAO meeting last week. One proposed budget provision will require Boards of County Commissioners to select one coordinating fiscal agent to administer TANF and Workforce Investment dollars and he wonders if Lake County already qualifies.

Mr. Battiato stated that it depends on what happens with the budget and then they have to come up with the rules for the process. Lake County is situated well since JFS is already responsible for Workforce and they are located in the JFS agency, and they are well-coordinated. In many areas of the State the JFS and Workforce agencies are separated.

Commissioner Troy stated that Lake County uses the least percentage of dollars for the administration of the

program in the State and they have been successful in meeting the standards. Lake County meets the criteria to be its own Workforce area in meeting the standards and in mid-March, the Board will receive something from the State and the Commissioners will have to respond with a recommendation. This will be an on-going discussion.

Commissioner Troy stated those receiving TANF or Workforce funds must have an individual case manager. There is \$100 million in the budget that will be available and it will be up to each county to decide if additional personnel is needed.

Mr. Battiatto stated that it will be up to the Commissioners to decide who will implement and administer the TANF and Workforce funds.

Commissioner Troy also reported that the CCAO was trying to get a 50% state local share on the public defender reimbursement rate for indigent defense costs. CCAO feels that the requirement is a federal requirement on the states, which unfortunately is passed down to the counties. The budget calls for only a 40% reimbursement level. He also reported that the tangible personal property tax was repealed and replaced by the CAT business tax, because businesses felt that it is a fairer assessment. The utility tangible tax was phased out and replaced by the kilowatt tax and they are now increasingly going toward the State's General Fund. A briefing for our region will be held on March 23, 2015 in Rootstown. Sometime in the spring, there will be a public open house for the opening of the courthouse entryway. The courthouse doors will be open for use beginning Monday, February 23, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board?

Ms. Becky Lynch, 8040 King Memorial Drive in Mentor, Ohio, asked about Resolution #5 and who is the President of the Board for authorization?

Commissioner Troy explained that contracts executed by the County must be authorized by the Board of Commissioners. The resolutions follow statutory requirements.

Ms. Lynch asked who are the partners that are included in the execution of this contract?

Mr. Battiatto stated that the Workforce Investment Board is made up of public, private, and non-profit members. Their partners include Lakeland, ABLE, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. They are agencies who have access to Lake One-Stop and meet with clients. By law, they have to pay JFS for the use of that space.

Ms. Lynch asked if there were five different contracts for Resolution #6 receiving Home Investment Partnership Funds?

Ms. Norman replied that there are two with Lifeline, Extended Housing, the Fair Housing Resource Center and Western Reserve Community Development Corporation. The information is available to the public and would be given to Ms. Lynch.

Ms. Lynch then stated that she recently had to deal with frozen pipes and encouraged the Utilities Department to be sure that everything is put back correctly when the job is complete.

Commissioner Troy stated that restoration is part of the bidding specifications.

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, stated that he noticed in the Governor's budget there was a half percent increase in sales tax and asked how that would affect the County?

Commissioner Troy stated that if the budget is approved with this provision, which is dubious, for every \$100 in taxable goods purchased it would cost fifty cents more. The Governor is trying to balance his proposed income tax rate reductions with this proposal. Currently the state sales tax is 5.75% and this would bring the sales tax up to 6.25%. In Lake County, a 1% tax is levied by the Commissioners and generates two-thirds of the budget. There is a quarter percentage for Laketrans and only 1 mill is collected from property taxes. The budget proposals are ultimately in the hands of the legislature.

The next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held today, Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., and it will focus on the budget. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Real Estate - potential acquisition

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss a real estate matter related to potential acquisition with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board returned to open session at 11:59 a.m., with the vote as follows:

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

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this ninth day of March, 2015.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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