

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

(Tape 2018-0301)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2018.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2018 and the February 7, 2018 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$600,000 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 271-W(20180301\U01)(UT-15)

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 MARCH 9, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,843.37(20180301\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. TABLED 1/16/18 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 (20180201\C01)(B-192)

No action was taken on this resolution.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, AGENT FOR MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2020 (20180201\C02)(304-y)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that this resolution pertains to excess coverage for the workers compensation pool and offered a zero percent increase for the next two years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,058.37 (20180301\BC01)(C-111)

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

6. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20180301\BC02)(C-111)

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

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND(20180301\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, explained that the General Fund is the chief operating fund for the County. 2018 projected revenues decreased by .06% in comparison to 2017 and projected appropriations decreased by .08% compared to 2017. Medicaid Managed Care Organizations are (MCO) no longer taxed effective July 1, 2017 and the projected loss for 2018 will be approximately \$1.2 million with a projected loss of \$1.6 million for 2019 and going forward. He indicated that there is a slight spike in investment earnings to offset the loss in the MCO sales tax, although investments remain low. Law enforcement represents our major expense category, and medical care within the jail continues to rise significantly each year. Judicial and Public Safety represent 64.3% of the proposed budget. Commissioner Cirino asked if law enforcement costs have continued to increase steadily over the past five years. Mr. Matas stated that there have been slight annual increases. He also stated that the County's elected officials and department heads remain dedicated to the residents of Lake County to provide the best service possible with their current staff levels. Commissioner Troy stated that the budget is a blueprint for spending to get through the year and that there is a statutory requirement that Ohio governmental entities pass an annual operating budget on or before the first of April every year. He added that between 60% and 66% of the budget is spent on the criminal justice system which includes the jail, the Sheriff's Office, the Courts, Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office

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and also Victim's Assistance. The County should be proud that the Board continues to pass sustainable budgets. Commissioner Cirino stated that the Commissioners held a number of budget hearings with the various departments and while there are a number of areas where the Board would like to allow additional money, they must remain responsible to make sure the budget is sustainable. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND(20180301\BC04)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, explained that there are two types of funds in the Outside General Fund; Governmental and Proprietary. He stated that Governmental Funds are special revenue, debt service and permanent improvement funds and they account for all grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose. The Proprietary Funds include Enterprise and Internal Service. He explained that Enterprise funds are used to account for an activity for which fees are charged to external users for goods or services (i.e. Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste) and Internal Service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis (i.e. Central Purchasing, Mailroom, Healthcare Accounts). 2018 Projected Revenues for these funds are approximately \$244.9 million, and the appropriation resolution is approximately \$268.6 million. In comparison with 2017 numbers, the projected revenues were \$216 million and the appropriation resolution was \$240.5 million. Mr. Matas thanked the Commissioners and all the elected officials and department heads for their cooperation during this year's budget process. Commissioner Cirino complimented Mr. Matas on the great job he did with the budget. Commissioner Troy added that by law, there are many agencies that the County must authorize spending in the budget. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that there has been a heavy rain forecasted and that the wastewater crews are prepared and ready to mobilize should issues arise.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Commissioner Troy stated that there have been changes in Medicaid guidelines regarding work regulations and asked Director of Job and Family Services, Mr. Matthew Battiato, if they screen recipients to make sure that they are in compliance. Mr. Battiato replied that it would be difficult to predict how complex this new process will be for his department. He explained that it has been determined certain persons that are eligible for Medicaid expansion will have to be reviewed and he gave some examples of individuals not having to meet the new requirements. The Board and Mr. Battiato continued to discuss several scenarios in which individuals will be required to be screened for eligibility. Mr. Battiato explained that at this time, it is too early to know the impact the directive will have on the Counties throughout the State.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that he and Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, have met with several Mayors from the west end of the County to discuss the possibility of collaborating services.

FINANCE – Commissioner Hamercheck complimented and thanked Mr. Matas on all of his hard work in putting together this year's budget.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: -none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that, on behalf of the County, he would like to express deepest sympathies to our outstanding Public Defender Chuck, his wife Susan, and the entire Greishammer family on the passing of their youngest son in a swimming accident. He stated that he attended a press conference this morning in Columbus with Senator LaRose and Representatives Arndt and Blessing. He stated that Senator LaRose is prepared to rollout the substitute bill for the replacement of election equipment. He stated that it will not be a part of the Capital Bill but rather use Certificates of Participation which are short term bonds to finance election equipment. Commissioner Troy explained the formula that will be used for funding. Based on this formula, Lake County should receive approximately \$2.2 million. He stated that it must first be enacted by the legislature and that the substitute bill has been accepted by the Senate Finance Committee. CCAO is continuing to work in partnership with the legislature and they certainly appreciate the help from the General Assembly. Senator LaRose indicated that they hope to get the Bill through before the legislature's summer break in order to begin purchasing the equipment and have it in place before the 2019 election. A committee will be formed to set up rules and regulations and CCAO will have 4 members (2 Republicans and 2 Democrats) on the committee. Commissioner Hamercheck reported that he attended a NOACA meeting and it was announced that for the Hyperloop project, NOACA will be partnering with Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT) to perform a feasibility study of Cleveland and Chicago route and he read the formal announcement for the study. He stated that Cleveland is uniquely positioned because of the terrain between the two cities and the aerospace industry. Commissioner Hamercheck announced that CCAO, Northeast district will be hosting an event and tour of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant on March 12th for the Commissioners and administrators throughout Ohio. He explained the impact of the power plant closure would be approximately 4.3 million people and this is a great opportunity to learn more about the plant and have an opportunity to ask questions to First Energy Solutions representatives. Commissioner Troy stated that he also attended the Hyperloop meeting and explained that NOACA will be funding

\$600,000 from their reserve funds, with HTT also funding \$600,000 and there will be \$200,000 from the Cleveland Foundation to perform the feasibility study. He stated that there was a very good turnout with Congressman Ryan, Congresswoman Kaptur, Senators LaRose and Dolan and Mayor Jackson attending as well as many representatives from other offices.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzic of 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, gave his opinion on the potential Hyperloop project and the changes to Medicaid regarding work regulations. He thanked Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, the Board of Commissioners and all of the Department Heads for their hard work in preparing the County budget. Ms. Ellen Chamberlain, of Willoughby, shared her concerns regarding the Federal budget and the consequences it may have on our most vulnerable citizens and agencies that provide services to them. Commissioner Troy explained the cuts that were proposed last year and that they did not occur. He will be attending a legislative conference in Washington and one of the main topics they will be discussing is the Federal budget and the proposed cuts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:44 p.m. to discuss Legal: Pending Litigation, Legal: Imminent Litigation, and Personnel – Compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened into open session at 3:16 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF THOMAS MAYERNIK, ESQ. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AS REQUESTED BY THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (20180301\C03)(304-Y)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND DEBRA HERSHEY GUREN AND PETER GUREN (20180301\C04)(504-T)

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 Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth day of March, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK