

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT
KEVIN D. MALECEK, COMMISSIONER
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2015-0312)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m., March 12, 2015.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 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. No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,041.61 FOR THE CHAPEL & HUBBARD SIGNAL UPGRADES PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OH- PROJECT #14-018-02, OPWC #CGY13(20150312\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, explained that this is for a completely updated system and should be a great improvement to this problem area. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

- 2. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,000.00 FOR EAGLEWOOD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 361-W AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: April 1, 2015)(20150312\U01)(UT-46)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek. Commissioner Troy stated that there is one vacant seat on the Youth Board and with the adoption of this resolution they will be at full force. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

- 3. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONALD JAKSIC AND SALLY DELONG TO THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD YOUTH COUNCIL TO COMPLETE UNEXPIRED TERMS (20150312\JFS01)(B-24)**

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20150312\BC01)(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

- 5. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20150312\BC02)(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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES- Mr. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Utilities, reported on the effects of the thaw this time of year and stated that crews are out and ready to mobilize. He explained, on average, the GLK Plant processes 13.5 million gallons of water a day. Yesterday, the GLK processed 32 million gallons of water in one day. There have been no recent customer complaints.

Commissioner Troy stated that it appears that the system is handling the water. It is supposed to rain next week but crews are ready. The GLK is located in Mentor and this thawing event will be great data for the integrated study being done on the area.

Mr. Rick Martin, Executive Director of the Department of Utilities, stated that they working with Stormwater in the Mentor area.

Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, reported that the frost this year is four feet deep. He stated that there are spikes in breaks during the thaw but the crews are ready.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: -

Commissioner Troy reported that CCAO is monitoring the State Budget Process. There was a recent meeting with the CCAO Taxation Committee and one item that is being endorsed is the proposal of dedicated funding for local airport funding. Presently, fuel that is sold at regional airports is subject to the sales tax and not the fuel tax. This generates about \$16 million a year to the state general fund and through ODOT about \$1 million is appropriated. The proposal is to add an 18 cents excise tax to a dedicated fund for access only by local airports. This is an item of interest since the Port Authority owns the Lost Nation Airport.

Commissioner Troy reported on a proposed OPWC law change. Presently, 20% of SCIP money has to go into the loan fund and there are excessive balances in the fund. It used to be an 80/20 split and the proposal is to change it to a 90/10 split to free up funding for grants to generate more money for local projects. Another concern is the indigent defense fund. Originally when it was made a state mandate, the cost was 50/50 between the State and the County, however over the years the reimbursement level from the State has been more like 25% to 30%. This affects the local public defender's budget. CCAO would like to see an additional \$12 million a year placed into the budget to bring this back to a 50/50 shared cost.

Commissioner Troy stated that there is feeling among legislators that the Governor's budget and tax proposals will be markedly different after going through the House. There are some concerns about the replacement fund for tangible taxes. It could result in a half million dollar loss for our Deepwood programs so that these dollars can be shifted to give individual income tax cuts.

Commissioner Moran asked County Engineer Gills about the bumps that have showed up on S.R. 2 after the thaw. Mr. Gills reported that there is a decent-size bump just to the east of S.R. 44 going west. There are some smaller bumps on the other side of the highway but not as large as this one and it is a serious condition. A bright circle has been painted around it to warn motorists and a sign has been posted before the bump. They are looking to acquire a flashing sign as well. It appears as though traffic is moving around it. Two of these lanes where the bump is located will be closed St. Patrick's Day for safety reasons.

Commissioner Troy asked if the cause could be a chemical reaction between the soil and concrete?

Mr. Gills explained that there will be testing for sulfates. A hole will be drilled and a sample will be taken in order to determine the appropriate repair. The repair will probably be involved and will be handled by ODOT.

Mr. Gills then reported that the contractor will be proceeding with the bridge the first of the week. The Commissioners will be seeing the contract soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board.

The next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter related to dismissal and compensation and a real legal matter related to litigation with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 2:40 p.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board returned to open session at 3:15 p.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 3:25 p.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this twenty-sixth day of March, 2015.

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