

MARCH 14, 2019

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2019-0314)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 7th , February 14th , February 21st , and February 28th 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. David Lima, 7774 Litchfield Drive in Mentor, continued to discuss his concerns regarding the beginning salary disparity between the Prosecutors and Public Defenders Offices, the budget of both offices, and also the important responsibility the Public Defender’s Office provides to Lake County. He asked the Board to take another look at the budget of both offices. Commissioner Cirino stated that this year’s budget hearings have concluded and all the County offices that are funded through the General Fund were given the opportunity to meet with the Board and Budget Director for a budget hearing. The Public Defender’s Office did not request a budget hearing to discuss their budget. Commissioner Young explained that the Prosecutor’s Office represents the rights of all people and there are many times when a defendant chooses to hire a private attorney for representation. He stated that it makes sense that the Prosecutor’s office would have a much larger budget and require more staff. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked if there would be an opportunity to publicly speak during the 1:00 PM Commissioners Budget Meeting. Commissioner Cirino stated that there would be a public comment portion.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**13. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2019 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH (20190314\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. The Commissioners recognized the month of March as Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Director of Public Relations and Professional Services for Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood, Ms. Lynnmarie Landwei-Phillips was present and explained that the mission of the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood is to Empower individuals with developmental disabilities, Enrich the quality of their lives by providing support, advocacy, grants, and resources, and Promote community awareness. She introduced participants, Chris and Charles, who presented the Commissioners with gifts. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BUTTON ROAD AND HOOSE ROAD RESURFACING AND SAFETY PROJECT WITH KARVO COMPANIES, INC. DECREASING THE AMOUNT BY \$17,932.25, OPWC PROJECT NO. CG18V/CG19V, LCE PROJECT NO. 2017-23(20190314\E01)(E-3)**

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

**2. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$5,800,000 IN NOTES TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, PAVING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO (20190314\E02)(E-13)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, was present and explained that this resolution will provide for the financing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of a 3 phase program for road improvements. This phase will permit 6 miles of roadway improvements beginning in the spring. The bidding process has been completed and the bids have been very competitive. The projects are being funded by the additional \$5.00 license fee. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is a continuation of promises made, promises kept, to make these very necessary roadway improvements. Mr. Gills added that there is also a possibility that there will be some federal funding available for these projects. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: April 3, 2019)(20190314\U01)(UT-8)**

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

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING: April 3, 2019)(20190314\U02)(UT-8)**

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

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS (Open Requests for Proposal on April 3, 2019)(20190314\U03)(UT-8)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, was present and explained that this is for the household hazardous waste collection that is held twice a year through the Solid Waste District. Requests for proposals occur every three to four years and the contract generally includes extensions. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

**6. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20190314\U04)(UT-7)**

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

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 22, 2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$397,055.72 (20190314\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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

**8. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER RON YOUNG TO DESIGNATE KIMBERLEY COLLISE TO SERVE AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION(20190314\C01)(B-34)**

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

**9. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING APRIL 4, 2019(20190314\C02)(C-107)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND HULL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE BRIGHTWOOD LAKE DAM REMOVAL AND STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT THROUGH THE WATER RESOURCE RESTORATION SPONSOR PROGRAM (20190314\C03)(UT-46A)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Stormwater Management Director, Mr. Tim Miller, was present and explained that a grant has been awarded for the removal of the Brightwood Lake Dam and Stream and to complete a stream restoration throughout the Brightwood Lake corridor in Concord Township. This project will take two years for completion and he provided a breakdown of the expected progress in 2019 and in 2020 that is required by the Ohio EPA. Hull and Associates has been working on this project and there is an expected reimbursement of the money spent for their assistance. Mr. Gills further emphasized the importance of this project. Mr. Miller gave some history of the problems this area has experienced. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,639,887.13 (20190314\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,206,332.41 (20190314\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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –Mr. Jason Boyd stated that he received notification from the EMA that the weather will be changing this evening with potential high winds.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, reported that there will be a Commissioners Meeting today at 1:00 PM for passage of the Budget resolutions and next week's meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

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NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck gave an update on the LEEDCo Pilot Program, which will place 6 wind turbines in Lake Erie. He reported that all necessary federal permitting has been completed, the prime funder for the project is through a private investor, and the largest problem the project is experiencing is with ODNR. There have been stringent regulations on birds and bats and he explained the method ODNR uses to apply these regulations. Also present from the LEEDCo Board was Mr. Greg Patt who explained that the studies and permits have been completed and the environmental groups that have reviewed the project have given their approval. Mr. Patt stated that this is a great opportunity and it is the first freshwater project in the Country. The Board and Mr. Patt continued to discuss the project, the benefits of wind energy and several ongoing issues that they hope will soon be resolved. Commissioner Cirino added that the groups supporting this project are also supporters of clean energy nuclear.

Commissioner Young asked what could be done to satisfy ODNR. He discussed economic development, stating that Lake County and the Port Authority are doing well by bringing in new businesses, increased revenues, and employment, however, there is one area the County is lacking in; the permitting process and the resources available to process applications in a timely fashion. Commissioner Young explained a program that is being looked into that may assist with this issue. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that the Commissioners' Office is working to potentially procure an enterprise wide software solution for departments in the County who issue permits. The benefits of this type of software are that a contractor or builder would only have to submit plans for a project once, online, rather than four to six different times in our current paper based process. The contractor or builder would also be able to pay for their permits online, instead of stopping at 4-6 different offices and writing separate checks. County employees would be able to review the work of all other staff on a project from one set of plans in the new software system. Commissioner Cirino and Mr. DiMare discussed several issues that seem to be occurring with plumbing inspections being done through the Health District. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Soil and Water Director, Mr. Dan Donaldson, County Building Inspector, Mr. Dave Strickho, and Mr. DiMare for all of the hard work they have put into this potential software solution project.

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

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, addressed Commissioner Young asking where he had gotten the statistics regarding economic development and job creation. Commissioner Young responded that they are available from the Port Authority. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, added that the Port Authority just recently published their annual report and that he would provide Ms. Chamberlin with a copy.

Ms. Chamberlin referred to item #8 on the agenda and asked if Commissioner Young's Planning Commission alternate, Ms. Collise would have voting rights in his absence. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that the Planning Commission Board and that Ms. Collise would be able to vote in Commissioner Young's absence. Commissioner Young stated that he would be working closely with Ms. Collise and initially they would both be attending the meetings. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed several of Ms. Collise's qualifications.

Ms. Carol Pred of Mentor, asked where the wind turbines would be located. Commissioner Hamercheck explained some of the details of the project, that the turbines would be located in Cuyahoga County near Cleveland Public Power and listed the Counties that are involved in the project. Once the project is complete, the turbines would tap into Cleveland Public Power and be tied into the grid.

County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Discipline with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None  
Minutes approved this eleventh day of April, 2019.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

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RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK