

MARCH 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 2019-0314)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019.

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

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

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked the Board if the morgue facility issue had been resolved and if there were changes made to the Juvenile Court budget.

County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that the Coroner (morgue) did not request a budget hearing this year and they continue to look into an office relocation for the Coroner. They are continuing to work on their potential space needs and Lake Health has assisted with some improvements. Commissioner Hamercheck agreed that Lake Health has been working to assist with improvements to the offices as well as some improvements to Lake West to accommodate some of the needs of the coroner.

Mr. Boyd addressed Ms. Chamberlin on the Juvenile Court budget, explaining that the requests they made were included in their budget for this year. Ms. Chamberlin asked if the money requested by the Court was granted for the next 10 years. Commissioner Hamercheck stated it was placed in the budget for this year only and will be reviewed on an annual basis. Commissioner Cirino complimented Juvenile Court Judge Karen Lawson for her preparedness during the Juvenile Court budget hearing.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND(20190314A\BC01)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. On behalf of County Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, thanked the Commissioners, elected officials, his staff, and the department heads for their cooperation during this year's budget process. He explained that the General Fund is the chief operating fund for the County. 2019 Projected Revenues are \$56,466,624, which increased by 4.5%. Projected Appropriations for 2019 are \$56,431,718, which increased by 4.5%. Investment earnings remain low even with an increase in rates and with the increase in interest rates, we expect a decrease in conveyance fees.

The projected Medicaid loss is \$1.6 million in revenue for 2019 and going forward. Law enforcement represents the County's major expense category, and medical care within the jail continues to rise significantly each year. Judicial and Public Safety represent 65.2% of the proposed budget. County Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, will continue to monitor the budget on a monthly basis. Commissioner Cirino thanked Mr. Matas, Mr. Boyd and staff for their hard work during the budget preparations and budget hearings. Commissioner Hamercheck, stated that should there be a departmental need for funds and there is fund availability, it will be addressed with the department. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND(20190314A\BC02)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Jason Boyd 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 (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 (Central Purchasing, Mailroom, Healthcare Accounts). 2019 Projected Revenues for these funds are approximately \$252.8 million, and the appropriation is approximately \$280.1 million. In comparison with 2018 numbers, the projected revenues were \$244.9 million, and the appropriation resolution was \$268.6 million. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the Vrooman Road Bridge is a very large and costly project. Mr. Boyd thanked County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, for participating in a budget hearing. Commissioner Cirino thanked all of those from the public for taking the time to attend the Budget hearings and that their civic mindedness should be admired. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that the Engineer agreed to annual budget hearings to discuss the \$5.00 license plate fee, which is a great example of promises made, promises kept. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eleventh day of April, 2019.

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