

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2015-0324)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m., March 24, 2015.

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

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 AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO THE CARGILL, INC. CONTRACT APPROVED ON OCTOBER 16, 2014 FOR TREATED BULK ROCK SALT AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER (20150324/E01)(E-3)**

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

- 2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUMMER SALT CONTRACT (418-16) FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2015/2016 WINTER SEASON (20150324/E02)(E-3)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek.
Mr. Ted Galuschik, Maintenance Highway Engineer, explained that they are anticipating winter in the summer. ODOT began this program in order to fill up the salt bins in the summer for the coming winter and they receive a good price for salt. This program is for the entire State of Ohio and it will help to get the County prepared for the 2015/2016 winter season. This is for a one-time fill up for each of our storage areas. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

- 3. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FAIRPORT NURSERY ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 359W AND TRANSFERRING CASH (20150324\U01)(UT-2)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PAINESVILLE AREA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, INC. AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 85 NORTH PARK PLACE IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, OHIO (20150324/C01)(209-z-14)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek.
Commissioner Troy explained that this resolution pertains to the building next door and by virtue of this resolution, the Commissioners are executing the purchase of this property. The County Administrator, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, and the Commissioners have been reviewing our operations over the past few years. The appraised value of the property was \$345,000 in 2011, \$460,000 in 2012 and today it is \$454,000. The County is purchasing the property for \$275,000 to centralize County operations and expand utilities and engineering space to facilitate one-stop shopping for the residents. This is the first step in moving into that direction.
Mr. Boyd explained when this program began it was a priority to look at planning and operations. There are many satellite County facilities and financial resources are being poured into these older buildings. We have to consider a more efficient facility for the residents and businesses but also employees and continue this examination throughout the year.
Commissioner Troy stated that according to the ORC, the County Commissioners have to provide facilities for the Engineer's Administrative Offices out of general fund revenues. There have been discussions with the County Engineer to house their administration in a new facility. The design and construction phases will be the next steps in the process. There will be a connection of the new structure to this building and then a renovation to the Nolan building.
Commissioner Moran stated that Downtown Painesville is excited about this opportunity to partner with the Commissioners on this project and she thinks this will be a good addition to the Downtown Painesville area.
Mr. Malecek stated that customer base and cost effectiveness are the two main jobs of the Commissioners and to watch taxpayer money as best as they can and making investments when it is appropriate and serving the residents. This is a good opportunity to reinvigorate this important part of the County.
Commissioner Troy stated that the County has a history of buying and renovating older buildings. We have not constructed a lot of new facilities, he believes that the senior center building will probably be torn down and a new building will be built in its place.

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

5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO WARRANTY DEEDS CONVEYING THE REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 150 EAST JACKSON STREET AND 158 EAST JACKSON STREET, PAINESVILLE, OHIO, TO THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 307.10(B)(20150324\C02)(C-40b)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that these two properties on Jackson Street have been recently acquired and this resolution conveys them to the Land Bank because this allows for better management and future disposition of these buildings. There is no money being transferred.

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

6. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO TRANSFER TWO PARCELS OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES (20150324\C03)(C-40b)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that this resolution involves the same pieces of property as the previous resolution, 150 and 158 East Jackson Street, and this is just another component of the process.

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

7. **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ALBERT J. SAARI ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SANITARY ENGINEER (20150324\F01)(C-126)**

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

Commissioner Troy read the resolution in its entirety. He stated that Mr. Saari has always judiciously followed the rules and the County is better for it. He wished him the best in his retirement.

Commissioner Moran stated that she is going to miss him and wished him the best.

Commissioner Malecek congratulated Mr. Saari on his retirement.

Numerous Department Heads and Supervisors thanked Mr. Saari for all of his dedication and hard work to the County as well as his mentoring and guidance.

Mr. Saari thanked the Commissioners and everyone who showed up at the meeting today to support him. He thanked the citizens of Lake County for allowing him to serve them for 30 years. He bequeathed his office space back to the Commissioners.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Commissioner Troy reported that the County received a letter about a upcoming meeting at the Willoughby Public Library regrading fluoridation in the water system and he thought that someone from the Utilities Department should be in attendance since their mailing stated "Warning. Your tap water may be fatal if swallowed".

Mr. Rick Martin, Executive Director of the Lake County Department of Utilities, reported that the Lake County Utilities Department is aware of the meeting and explained that the water meets regulatory components of the and revised code and the CDC ,and the American Dental Association is in favor of fluoridation in the drinking water. The amounts that are used are not a risk to the public health.

Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, stated that he spoke with the person organizing this meeting over the last few months and the organizer does not believe that the drinking water actually poses a health risk. Mr. Rothlisberger thought it is an irresponsible way to get attention because the water is not fatal. Fluoridation is a requirement of the ORC.

Mr. Martin explained there are two tenths of a milligram naturally occurring in Lake Erie water.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - Mr. Matt Battiato, Job and Family Services Director, reported that a letter was received indicating that May 29 is the date to determine the designation what area the Workforce Investment will be a part of in the future. He will be asking the Commissioners for their input and direction in this matter. In the end, it will be Governor's decision after receiving input from the Commissioners. This is a separate issue from the budget proposal which Boards of Commissioners will designate an agency to provide Workforce Investment activities merged with TANF.

Commissioner Troy stated that our Workforce Investment Board has always been a stand alone, and it is preferred to have it stay that way.

Mr. Battiato stated that there are six proposed Workforce Regions and he thinks that is where we will end up.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: -

Commissioner Troy thanked all those who attended the regional briefing in Rootstown recently. There were six General Assembly members that attended. Many concerns were discussed and all present had signed a letter to increase indigent defense reimbursement to 50%. They also emphasized their concerns to continue to adopt measures to project Lake Erie from dumping of dredged material and an influx of phosphorous.

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

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked about Resolutions 5 and 6. He thought the County bought them for future expansion and he asked if the County decides they need those properties will they come back to the County?

Commissioner Troy stated that the County would like to take the structures down that are on those properties and the Land Bank can demolish them through a program called the "Neighborhood Initiative Program" and within 5 years the County can get them back.

Mr. Muzik asked if the Painesville Area Senior Center building will be raised or remodeled?

Commissioner Troy thought that the building will probably be taken down.

Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, stated on Friday, March 27, 2015 he will be in Columbus where he will find out the County's rate at the CORSA Annual Rate Renewal Meeting and he hopes to hear good news.

Commissioner Troy stated that after executive session, they will go back into open session with the healthcare consultant EBI to discuss the County's self-insured health insurance program and begin planning for the future.

The next regular Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Commissioners' Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:46 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter related to property acquisition with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 2:46 p.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 3:00 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

The Lake County Commissioner reconvened Open Session to review the County's 2015 options regarding healthcare coverage. As open enrollment for healthcare approaches, the Commissioners discussed the rates and recommendations for the 2015 healthcare plan with representatives of EBI, Inc., the healthcare consultant.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this second day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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