

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

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(Tape 2017-0406)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2017.  
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. Mr. Arthur Shamakian of the Steele Mansion in Painesville, stated that as the owner of a Bed and Breakfast, he feels it is a misconception that the hotel lodging tax is paid by transient guests and explained the issues he faces when dealing with corporations and businesses asking for reduced fees for accommodations. Commissioner Cirino complimented Mr. Shamakian on his facility and stated that the goal is to bring more people into Lake County as a destination. He stated the Board feels strongly that additional funding is necessary to bring an overall vibrancy to the lake shore. Commissioner Cirino explained that Lake County is competitive and in some cases even lower than our surrounding Counties in regards to the tax percentage. Ms. Connie Misnus of Eastlake, asked what the new rate will be. Commissioner Cirino responded it is currently 3% and will be raised to 5%. Ms. Ellen Chamberlain of Kirtland, asked what the anticipated revenue might be with the lodging increase. Commissioner Cirino responded it is estimated at approximately \$500,000.

Representatives Mr. Joseph Spiccia, and Ms. Julie Ramos of the Lake County Educational Service Center were present to explain the Manufacturing/K-12 Partnership. Mr. Spiccia explained that the Lake and Geauga Counties Manufacturing/K-12 Partnership is to provide job opportunities to students by providing exposure, training, and life skills in a manufacturing environment while helping to sustain and expand the manufacturing in Lake County. He stated that they anticipate a \$55,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation and also support from the United Way of Lake County. Mr. Spiccia stated that they have submitted a proposal and asked for the support of Ohio Senators John Eklund and Kenny Yuko and Representatives Ron Young, John Rogers, and John Patterson. Commissioner Troy asked Mr. Spiccia if they have had an opportunity to speak with the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority. The Executive Director, Mr. Mark Rantala was present and stated that they have had numerous opportunities to speak with Mr. Spiccia and Ms. Ramos and that this is an evolving project that is not quite to the financing phase as of yet. Mr. Rantala stated that the Port is hopeful they would be able to offer some type of financial assistance to the project and will continue discussions with Mr. Spiccia and Ms. Ramos. Commissioner Hamercheck asked what the expected timeline is for this project. Mr. Spiccia responded they would like a September, 2017 rollout. Commissioner Troy stated the State's substitute budget bill will be unveiled in the House by the end of April.

Commissioner Cirino welcomed Mentor City Council President, Ms. Janet Dowling, Mentor City Council Vice President, Mr. John Krueger, Mentor City Manager, Mr. Ken Filipiak, and Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority Chairman of the Board, Mr. Art Lindrose, to today's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE CO. FOR ROADWAY MATERIALS - 2017 AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,605.00 (LIMESTONE) AND \$73,800.00 (PLANT MIX PAVEMENTS) (20170406\E01)(E-3)**

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 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,843.50 FOR CONCORD-HAMBDEN ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, JOB NO. 17-03, IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20170406\U01)(UT-9)**

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

- 3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FOR FOREST ROAD SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 375-S(20170406\U02)(UT-2)**

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

- 4. RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JERRY C. CIRINO TO SERVE ON THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING AN ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON HIS BEHALF TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING MAY 22, 2018 (20170406\C01)(C-146)**

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

- 5. RESOLUTION ENACTING, ADOPTING, AND PROVIDING FOR MAINTAINING A FIVE PERCENT (5%) COUNTY-WIDE EXCISE TAX ON ALL TRANSACTIONS BY WHICH LODGING BY A HOTEL IS OR IS TO BE FURNISHED TO TRANSIENT GUESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTRIBUTING 2% OF THAT TAX TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (20170406\C02)(209g)**

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

**6. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY EXCISE TAX ON HOTEL LODGING FEES (20170406\C03)(209g)**

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 Troy "NAYS": None

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,450,000.00 FOR LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FACILITY PROJECT (LAKE 2017-01 BGTC) AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: May 10, 2017)(20170406\C04)(C-7e)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy explained that this is commencing a project to house the Building and Grounds Department and the Telecommunications Department together in one facility. The existing facility is quite old and the new building will be located on Jackson Street, northeast of the Juvenile Detention Facility. He added that financing is in place at an estimated \$2.4 million. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that consolidating the Buildings and Grounds Department and Telecommunications Department into the same facility will be quite beneficial. He explained the design review and planning process and thanked the Building and Grounds Superintendent, Mr. Klco, and the Telecommunications Director, Mr. Stefanko, for their input. Commissioner Troy stated the new facility will be located on what had been blighted property that was acquired by the Land Bank and transferred to the County. Commissioner Hamercheck stated for the record that this is part of a comprehensive plan to be decommissioning buildings that are at the end of service life and the overall cost reduction associated with that is quite obvious. We have the funding in place to pay for this. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**8. RESOLUTION EXPANDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO NINE MEMBERS AND WELCOMING THE CITY OF MENTOR TO THE PORT AUTHORITY (20170406\C05)(C-192)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Mentor City Council President, Ms. Janet Dowling, stated that she is pleased that Mentor City Council unanimously passed the resolution to dissolve the Mentor Port Authority. She stated the City of Mentor looks forward to working with the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority. Ms. Dowling thanked all of those involved in seeing this come to fruition. Commissioner Cirino stated that the City of Mentor is a great partner and he looks forward to working with them. He also thanked all those involved in seeing this coming together. Lake County Port and Economic Development Budget Director, Mr. Art Lindrose, stated they are also looking forward to expanding the Port Authority with the addition of the largest community in Lake County helping to promote economic development. Commissioner Troy stated that he, Commissioners Sines and Aufuldish established the Port Authority back in 2007 to take advantage of the provisions in state law to take the previous Lake County Economic Development Center to the next level. Commissioner Troy explained that one of the first projects they undertook was utilizing PACE Bonds for some of the renovations at the Great Lakes Mall. Commissioner Troy also stated that Mentor had great foresight in acquiring the Mentor Lagoons, and their inclusion in our Port Authority will allow potential future improvements to that valuable access area to Lake Erie. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES-DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT TO OBTAIN MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,379.75 FOR MARINE PATROL FOR THE YEAR 2017(20170406\C06)(CT-10a)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,848,998.63(20170406\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100,392.00(20170406\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20170406\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170406\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Cirino stated that he previously spoke of a Mentor based company that had 75 job openings. The company, Component Repair Technologies, Inc. was featured in Crain’s Cleveland Business in the April 2, 2017 issue.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated we are approaching another census which takes place every ten years. He explained that NACO has been reaching out to assist with coordination of the census. Mr. Boyd stated that the Lake County Planning and Community Development Department will be assisting in some of the coordination of the upcoming census. He added that there may be some short term job opportunities available.

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

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked the Board of Commissioners to try and do more with less given that so many people are on fixed incomes.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he will be meeting with representatives from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to discuss effectiveness and efficiency and that lessons learned can be applied to other areas within the County. Commissioner Troy stated there are external evaluations regarding our fiscal health and efficiency. Lake County enjoys the highest bond rating available and the State Auditor recently released the Ohio Financial Health indicator report for the Counties. He stated that Lake County received a positive outlook ranking and scored “green” in 17 out of 17 indicators; one of only 13 of the 80 Ohio counties receiving such a rating. Commissioner Troy explained that most County spending is mandated by the State and that everything the County provides is statutorily required. Commissioner Cirino agreed with Commissioner Troy in that there are many requirements that the County must provide due to statutory requirements. He stated that economic development is very important to help with growth in Lake County. Commissioner Cirino explained that the Board of Commissioners held fourteen budget hearings and are dedicated to the greatest efficiency the County can provide. Commissioner Troy explained the only way to adjust spending is through structural reform and that we are locked into 1880’s statutes. Commissioner Hamercheck emphasized that the Commissioners, staff, and public officials are all committed to improvement and continuing to create a productive atmosphere.

Ms. Ellen Chamberlain of Eagle Road in Kirtland asked for clarification of Commissioner Hamercheck’s statement regarding the decommissioning of buildings and asked what the future plans are for the buildings. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, explained that the Land Bank purchased and razed four blighted homes on Jackson Street. This new location will house the Buildings and Grounds Department and Telecommunications Department. The current Building and Grounds facility will also be razed as part of the Capital Plan and the new Administration Center will be housed in that location. Mr. Boyd explained in detail the design review process, CMAR, timeline, and funding for the new facilities. Commissioner Troy explained that the new facility may be partially funded through the note process and General Fund dollars have been set aside. He added that Lake County has the lowest debt service of any County in Northeast Ohio. The Courthouse renovation is the only general obligation bond that the County holds which will be retired in 2023. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the County has locked in a maximum price for the new facility and it may come in at a lower price than estimated. Mr. Jason Boyd explained that the new facility will be able to consolidate three departments into one location.

Ms. Chamberlain asked for an update on Coe Manufacturing. Mr. Rantala explained that the abatement process of all of the environmental issues has been completed. The Ohio EPA has submitted a covenant not to sue. He stated that three of the five buildings have been put back into service and efforts continue to lease the remaining buildings. Norfolk and Southern is currently leasing part of the property for storage as they replace the railroad trestle.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners’ Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m., with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy “NAYS”: None

Minutes approved this thirteenth day of April, 2017.

**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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DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK