

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2018-0411)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that thanks to the recent passage of the Senior Citizens Services Levy, the Senior Citizens Housing Repair Program will be able to continue with that same mission in mind and he introduced Mr. Tomsick and Ms. Ciliberto for further explanation.

Mr. Joey Tomsick, from Council on Aging and Ms. Toni Marie Ciliberto, Western Reserve Community Development Corporation, were in attendance to provide an update on the new Senior Citizens Housing Repair Program partnership. Mr. Tomsick stated that the Program will transition from the Council on Aging to the Western Reserve Community Development Corporation (WRCDC). The WRCDC currently manages the home renovation for low-income Lake County residents by rehabilitating residential properties and providing solutions for individuals in great need of critical home repair issues. He explained that, with the WRCDC transition, they will continue to provide safe and secure physical home environments with services such as grab bars, safety railings, minor plumbing, electrical outlet and switch repairs just to name a few. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is a great example of efficiency at its best by allowing the Council on Aging to focus on the senior issues that they are expert at. Commissioner Troy stated that this partnership will let WRCDC do what they do best (repairs and modifications, etc.), while allowing the Council on Aging to address many other growing senior citizen assistance issues. Ms. Ciliberto gave a brief background of their organization and stated that she is excited that this partnership will allow for the expansion of their current program. She thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Tomsick thanked the Board for their support along with Senior Services Coordinator, Ms. Barajas, and Mr. Boyd for the countless hours of work they put into the partnership.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20180411\C01)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Troy explained that this resolution changes the regular meeting of Thursday, April 19th (10:00 AM) to Tuesday, April 17th at 2:00 PM. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW C. BANGERTER TO THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2022 (2080411\C02)(B-13)

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

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,322,569.32(20180411\BC01)(C-4)

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

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,311,262.01 (20180411\BC02)(C-17)

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

5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20180411\BC03)(C-111)

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

6. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20180411\BC04)(C-111)

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

7. RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2018 FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20180411\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Home Program Coordinator, Ms. Marian Norman, was present and thanked the Board for recognizing the 50th anniversary of Fair Housing Month. She explained the impact that fair housing has had on everyone, not only in Lake County but throughout the entire country. Ms. Norman spoke of the changes that she has seen in fair housing since she began with Lake County back

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in 1989. Commissioner Troy stated that the new plan will take the County through until 2022. He asked for a status update. Ms. Patricia Kidd, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Resource Center, was also present and explained that, while there has been a tremendous amount of progress over the last couple years, they have seen a slight increase in overt discrimination. Commissioner Troy and Ms. Kidd discussed local, federal, and state funding assistance and counseling for foreclosures. She stated that Ohio's Save the Dream Program is still available and explained the stringent criteria for the program. Commissioner Cirino and Ms. Kidd discussed the recession, mortgages, and foreclosure reports. 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 – Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Battiato, stated that they have placed 1,100 pinwheels in the greenspace of Job and Family Services for Child Abuse Prevention Month. There will be a short ceremony today at noon at Job and Family Services.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd stated that the County received a grant from NOPEC in the amount of \$18,000 for efficiency upgrades throughout the County. This is a two year grant totaling \$34,000-\$40,000. This grant will be used to offset the costs of window replacement in this building.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: -none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that early voting began this past Tuesday (28 days before the election). He indicated that Board of Elections Director, Mr. Ross McDonald, was present and stated that to date, they have had approximately 1,500 early voters. The Board of Elections is in need of poll workers for the upcoming elections. He explained the criteria to be a poll worker, training, pay rate and schedule.

Commissioner Troy reviewed and provided a copy of the letter of response from PJM to NOPEC regarding the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The letter acknowledges that NOPEC is offering support for PJM developing market pricing mechanisms that will best align market value with benefits offered to the system.

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

Mr. Brian Massie, of 8196 Rainbow Drive, discussed the results of his real estate tax analysis.

He updated the Board on his financial records request from Lakeland Community College and his RSVP analysis, referred to a letter that he sent to RSVP Director, Ms. Kane, asking for their financial statements, discussed their funding and also explained that he has reviewed the financial statements of the Senior Levy. County Administrator, Mr. Boyd, responded to Mr. Massie by explaining that RSVP is strictly a reimbursement based organization and explained the multi-layered process for reimbursement. Commissioner Troy stated that he has had an opportunity to speak with Ms. Kane and explained that she must file for paperwork reimbursement. He stressed the value of the hundreds of volunteers and the numerous services that they provide. They have spent many, many hours volunteering at local food pantries and assisting with emergency services in addition to many other activities. He stated that this is allowing the senior volunteers to remain active and involved in the community which is one of the stated goals in our rapidly aging county. The Board, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Massie continued to discuss Mr. Massie's questions regarding RSVP funding and real estate taxes. Commissioner Cirino stated that, with regard to Mr. Massie's concern about real estate taxes and the burden on the seniors in the County, the possible closure of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant will bring an even further burden to them. Commissioner Troy suggested to Mr. Massie that he contact State Auditor Yost's office regarding his financial concerns with Lakeland Community College. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he appreciates Mr. Massie's diligence in looking into the financial statements of the organizations.

Mr. John Muzic, 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, asked that the Board continue to oversee and stress the importance of transparency, accountability and honesty to various entities when reviewing submittals for the CDBG. Commissioner Cirino explained the very involved procedure for any CDBG applicant and the review process that occurs before any decision is made on granting those funds. CDBG Coordinator, Ms. Rhea Benton, was present and explained in detail the procedure they must follow before these federal funds may be given. Ms. Norman also explained the detailed and very public records they provide in addition to community involvement. She extended an invitation to Mr. Muzic to meet with herself and Ms. Benton to answer any questions he might have.

Arzella Melnyk of 10506 Hobart Road, asked if RSVP receives any other outside funding. Mr. Boyd responded that they receive some federal funding (approximately \$35,000-\$40,000) and Willoughby-Eastlake Schools provides some in kind services such as office space.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss Personnel-Collective Bargaining, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-eighth day of June, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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