

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER  
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER  
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER  
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR  
LEGAL COUNSEL  
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2017-0420)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2017.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2017 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

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

Mrs. Ellen Chamberlin of Kirtland, asked if the Capital Projects meeting had been rescheduled. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated the health care meeting was cancelled and that as of today, has not been rescheduled. Mr. Boyd stated that she can be notified when the meeting is rescheduled and minutes from the Capital Projects meeting would be provided to Mrs. Chamberlin.

Commissioner Cirino congratulated Job and Family Services Child Support Enforcement Division Administrator, Mrs. Debra Wernick, and presented her with a certificate on the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of service. Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato, congratulated Debbie on her retirement and spoke of Mrs. Wernick's dedication and knowledge and wished her well on her retirement. Mrs. Wernick thanked the Commissioners, Mr. Battiato, and her staff. She expressed her gratitude for being given the opportunity to work for Lake County and that she looks forward to spending more time with her family enjoying all that Lake County has to offer. Commissioner Cirino acknowledged her hard work and dedication and stated that her record stands for itself. Commissioner Troy stated that he has known Debbie for more than 18 years and congratulated her on her retirement. He explained that Mrs. Wernick and her department have continually done an exceptional job working with the Courts and collecting child support for single parents and that she and her staff have been recognized many times by the State by receiving many citations for their hard work, dedication and positive results.

RESOLUTIONS:

**11. RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 15 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017 CLEAN AND GREEN LAKE COUNTY (20170420\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that this is an annual declaration by the Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the Utilities Department, various other county departments, and recycling programs throughout the County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**1. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 6 OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HIRING MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR ODOT'S MINOR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VROOMAN ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE GRAND RIVER IN LEROY AND PERRY TOWNSHIPS (20170420\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Lake County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, was present and stated that this is a modification to the original agreement. He explained that the modification is necessary to update the plans and release the former contractor. The modification will permit identification of the progress and purchases by the former contractor and will allow access to materials by the new contractor. The modification also includes minor environmental changes and certain necessary provisions. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if additional funds were necessary. Mr. Gills responded that the original negotiated budget would remain and a majority of the funds are still available. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WATER AND SEWER OPERATING FUND ADVERTISING AND PRINTING EXPENSE(20170420\U01)(UT-2)**

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

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,550.00 FOR GRAND RIVER POINT REPAIR PROJECT 399-S-2016 AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: MAY 10, 2017) (20170420\U02)(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

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: May 10, 2017) (20170420\U03)(UT-8)**

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

**5. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT APRIL 20, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$435,097.44 (20170420\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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

**6. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20170420\C01)(C-107)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated the meeting is rescheduled from 2:00 pm to 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> due to an Executive Board meeting of CCAO in Columbus. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,126,971.90(20170420\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$681,793.13(20170420\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20170420\BC03)(C-111)**

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 TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170420\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: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that he will be attending an Executive Board meeting of CCAO next Tuesday where the Speaker of the House will be discussing the State Budget's substitute bill. Commissioner Troy, in stating a point of information as well as a point of personal privilege, questioned the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting that Commissioner Cirino and Commissioner Hamercheck attended with the CEO of the Cleveland Clinic. Commissioner Troy asked Commissioners Cirino and Hamercheck what the purpose of the meeting was, what was discussed and why he was not aware or invited to the meeting. He stated that this is not the first time this has happened this year, where there have been meetings of two commissioners behind closed doors without any invitation or information provided to him. Commissioner Cirino explained that the meeting with Dr. Cosgrove was simply an informational one and included an extensive tour of the campus. Commissioner Cirino stated that he presumed that Commissioner Troy had already met Dr. Cosgrove and had spoken to him in the past. Commissioner Cirino deferred to Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman. Mr. Hackman stated that informational meetings are permitted by law. Commissioner Troy explained that there are three members of this board and that the Board is not a legislative body where we have a Democratic caucus and a Republican caucus. The Board continued to discuss Commissioner Troy's concerns regarding Lake Health Board of Trustee appointments, closed door meetings, and transparency in government.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners’ Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Personnel – compensation
- Real Estate – acquisition

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss Personnel – compensation and Real Estate– acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board returned to open session at 11:07 a.m., for a Budgetary Meeting with the Coroner with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Lake County Coroner, Dr. Mark Komar, was present and explained that since the budget hearings, his department has seen a significant increase in deaths that are in need of investigating. He feels there would be a significant cost savings if Lake County performed autopsies within the County. Currently, they are done in Cuyahoga County. He stated that, in addition to the higher costs, turnaround time for autopsy results are in excess of 6 months. Dr. Komar explained various scenarios that require his signature on death certificates versus ones that a hospital physician can sign and he discussed the increasingly long work hours associated with being called out to an investigation. He also stated that toxicology testing must be sent to outside agencies and he discussed the costs and the long wait times for results associated with this testing. Dr. Komar discussed with the Board his need for additional staff and funding for this department.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eleventh day of May, 2017.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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