

MAY 16, 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 2019-0516)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 2019.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Cirino stated that there are public comment guidelines being prepared which should be completed and ready for discussion in the very near future.

He offered condolences on the passing of comedian Tim Conway and added that he was born in Willoughby, Ohio. Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO NERONE & SONS, INC. FOR THE CARTER ROAD ARCH CULVERT REPAIR-2019 PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,236.50 (20190516\E01)(E-3)**

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

**2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PLEDGE RELEASE AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR ASBURY POINTE SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (20190516\E02)(SD-429)**

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

**3. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS -OUT TO GENERAL OBLIGATION RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFERS-IN(20190516\U01)(UT-2)**

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

**4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND (20190516\U02)(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 Young "NAYS": None

**5. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20190516\U03)(UT-7)**

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

**6. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,414.00 FOR A WATERLINE FOR FAIRWAY PINES PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 18-72) (20190516\U04)(SD-424)**

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 Young "NAYS": None

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,433.60 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR FAIRWAY PINES PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 18-73) (20190516\U05)(SD-424)**

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 Young "NAYS": None

**8. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$738,133.33 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 360-W AND 374-W (20190516\U06)(UT-15)**

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

**9. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR \$389,866.67 NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT 354-W (20190516\U07)(UT-15)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE ONE-STOP SYSTEM PARTNERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OMJ-LAKE COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM UNDER THE WORKFORCE**

**INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) FOR THE TWO YEAR TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2019, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (20190516\JFS01)(JFS-11)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Director of Jobs and Family Services, Mr. Matthew Battiato, explained that Lake County operates its own stand-alone Workforce Investment agency. This resolution breaks down the costs of the partners that utilize office space. He added that all of the partners are in agreement to their costs.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MAY 24, 2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,202.08 (20190516\JFS02)(JFS-14)**

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 Young "NAYS": None.

**12. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE AND TIME FOR VIEWING AND THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF LEROY CENTER ROAD IN LEROY TOWNSHIP (Viewing: Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. - Hearing: Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chamber) (20190516\C01)(C-87)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that a request for a road vacation was received from the Leroy Township Trustees and that it is located in one of the most rural segments of the County in Leroy Township. He explained that if approved, the property would be split between one landowner and the Lake MetroParks. Per ORC, the Board of Commissioners must physically view the proposed road vacation and that the County Engineer will also have his findings available. This resolution sets the time for the viewing and public hearing. Commissioner Hamercheck added that this portion of the road has been closed for a number of years and that there are no objections to this proposed road vacation. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES FOR THE FY-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (20190516\C02)(C-46)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. CBDG Manager, Ms. Rhea Benton, was present and explained that the City of Eastlake will utilize CDBG Funds for a Storefront Improvement Project and that the City of Painesville will be replacing the Watson Street water main.

City of Eastlake Mayor, Dennis Morley was present and thanked the Board for the opportunity to make some much needed improvements to the façade of the former Walmart building (which is currently occupied by Jakprints) and to assist Jakprints with signage. He added that the owners of the shopping plaza will be coming in to view the property in the beginning of June. Commissioner Cirino asked how Jakprints is doing. Mayor Morley stated that they have approximately 125-150 employees and would like to transition their other offices into the Eastlake site. Once this is done, there would be between 260-300 employees working in the City. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

**14. RESOLUTION REVISING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (20190516\C03)(C-107)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,272,863.51 (20190516\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$337,973.63 (20190516\BC02)(C-17)**

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 Young "NAYS": None.

**17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20190516\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**UTILITIES** – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the recent special collection of televisions was very successful. They were able to cut down wait time down from 90 minutes to 40 minutes. There were approximately 800 televisions collected. He reminded everyone that the Aquarius Water Plant Open House and Tour will be held Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he had the opportunity to tour the facility and commended the staff for their dedication and public engagement.

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES** – none.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –Mr. Jason Boyd stated that he, along with Mr. Matt Armand and Mr. Joel DiMare, participated in First Energy’s Public Information Officers training which offered mock emergency situations and activities.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, reported that the Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Commissioners Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he was in Columbus to testify on behalf of House Bill 6. He shared his disappointment that this Bill has become somewhat of a partisan issue and that there were no follow up questions or further discussion once he completed his testimony. He explained that there are some that are advocating for the status quo, meaning that Ohio resources (“green dollars”) are flowing out of state to fund environmental projects that are not Ohio based and have only a technical connection to Ohio. House Bill 6 keeps the money in Ohio, reducing overall costs to residents and consumers. It is a performance based Bill and the dollars will be given to those that produce clean energy.

Commissioner Cirino stated that there have been many television commercials dealing with both sides of the Bill. He explained that should House Bill 6 pass, customers would see a reduction of approximately \$1.89 in their bills each month. He is hopeful that the Bill will pass the House and then move on to the Senate.

Commissioner Young explained that 55 people testified and were permitted 5 minutes to speak. He discussed some of the testimony he heard and stated that people must ask themselves if they are willing to throw away 90% of Ohio’s zero emission credits. Commissioner Young stated that he is hopeful that some sort of compromise will soon be reached. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that House Bill 6 in its current form would not provide energy credits to the LEEDCo Pilot Wind Program which will be tied into Cleveland Public Power. Representative Callender has indicated that he is attempting to submit an exception of certain language that would include this Project in the Bill. He questioned why someone would be against projects that are novel, innovative, job creating and very well positioned to be an economic driver in our region.

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

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, shared his experiences when he had the opportunities to testify in Columbus.

Ms. Traci Salkiewicz of the Lake County Engineer Office was present and gave an update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project, explaining that the project is on schedule. They are hopeful that the bridge will be complete and ready for traffic in the spring of next year. The Engineers Office has live cameras on the project for public view on their website.

Mr. David Lima of 7770 Litchfield Drive in Mentor, stated that there are still a number of issues that need to be resolved on House Bill 6, and provided his thoughts on renewable energy, not only in Ohio but the entire country. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that when the two fossil fuel monitoring locations closed (the Painesville Municipal Plant and the City of Eastlake plant), Lake and Geauga Counties air quality standards began trending toward compliance.

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked if it were possible to get a copy of the resolution for agenda item #5. Commissioner Cirino provided Ms. Chamberlin with a copy of the resolution.

Ms. Connie Mismus of Eastlake, discussed First Energy and whether residential solar panels are a worthwhile investment as it seems First Energy does not support green energy.

City of Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley, explained that when the First Energy Plant in Eastlake closed, the City lost between \$2 and \$4 million and the facility is continuing to deteriorate.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young “NAYS”: None

Minutes approved this twenty-fifth day of June, 2019.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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