

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES - WORKSESSION

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER
 JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER
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JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
 JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

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 (Tape 2018-0529)

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 105 MAIN STREET, PAINESVILLE, OHIO

RE: MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONAL ITEMS WORK SESSION

MINUTES

1. This Work session was called to order by the President of the Board of County Commissioners
2. Those in attendance were Commissioner Hamercheck, Commissioner Cirino, Commissioner Troy, County Administrator Jason Boyd, and Finance Director Michael Matas.
3. Mr. Boyd presented on the status of the Heritage Home Program and the interest it has gotten from the Western Lake County Mayors. The County liability would be zero and the County would use investment earnings which would be used as a backstop. Mr. Matas explained that the County would lose interest revenue. The goal of the program is to lower interest rates. It was noted that the banks themselves should be more involved since they stand to gain by upgrading homes. It was suggested that the sponsors of the program go back to the banks and renegotiate a better rate. At this time the Commissioners did not wish to participate in the program
4. Mr. Boyd explained that the proposed Willoughby Enterprise Zone project being worked on by the Port Authority is a little different than most because it would be with the developer whereas the jobs created would be through the tenant, and can be reviewed annually. There was a question of responsibility if no new jobs were created. The property would be taxable if it is for a profit company. Items of concern can be placed into the agreement. It was determined that Mr. Boyd should set up a meeting with the developer, the City of Willoughby, and the Board to discuss this further.
5. Commissioner Cirino discussed Capital Partners and the Perry Plant proposal regarding hiring representation for the communities and schools boards being affected by the Perry Plant closing. It was determined that there really is not a concrete proposal at this time and the Board may reconsider when a revised plan is submitted.
6. Mr. Boyd provided an overall review of the Lake County Jail
 - Short term safety issues with the current façade and the potential of falling bricks. B&G is working to address these issues with various contractors.
 - Long-term structural integrity concerns exist behind the existing brick façade. Mr. Boyd recommended an in-depth analysis of all 4 facades for a better understanding of the condition of the main structure. This may assist in determining the long-term direction of the facility and providing a good comparison between renovation and constructing a new building.
 - Discussion focused on the repurposing of 125 E. Erie Street with the possibility of a public/private partnership with Signature Health/Lake Health that is contingent upon the viability of the jail.
7. Administration Center Update
 - Mr. Boyd explained that the progress is going well and is on schedule to be completed by the summer of 2019. The budget is on track with the next GMP being for furnishings and IT for approval this summer. The Commissioners requested to attend the next meeting with B&N which will be mid to late June.
8. Buildings and Grounds/Telecom Building. Mr. Boyd gave a brief update on the progress of the building.
 - Roof installation complete
 - Masonry complete
 - Interior concrete floor complete
 - Interior MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) and walls in progress
 - Project is about 2 months behind due to issues with PEMP manufacturer and roof installation. These issues are the responsibility of the contractor.
9. Lake County Visitors Bureau 1% Request
 - The Visitor's Bureau requested \$120,000 for an ad campaign and Mr. Scott Dockus received Board approval on May 22, 2018. The Commissioners requested more detailed information about the ad campaign. Mr. Boyd indicated that he will forward an email from Mr. Dockus explaining the campaign that was received previously.

- A Power Boat request of \$40,000 was also received from the Visitor’s Bureau
- A new video shoot date will be forthcoming

10. Atkins Road Parcel Disposition

- Mr. Boyd explained that Laketrans will be selling (via sealed bid process) their parcels at SR 306 and Adkins Road in Mentor. Public notices will be published for 4 weeks beginning May 21, 2018. The information is also posted on Laketrans’s website.
- The Prosecutor’s Office is preparing the proper documentation to proceed. The Commissioners will be seeing a resolution about this soon.
- Lake County will be reimbursed 9% of the sales price and Laketrans will handle all closing and title work.

11. Senior Program Update

- Mr. Boyd explained that they are waiting on a commitment from Lake Health regarding the Guardianship Program. They would like to begin the program as soon as possible.
- The non-medical and In-Home Services RFP is complete. The final review meetings with the Council on Aging and other stakeholders concluded this month
- Laketrans and Senior Center collaboration questions what trips the Commissioners are comfortable funding. Discussion focused on transportation.
- Hchoices was thought to be a good concept but the Commissioners would like to see other organizations involved.
- A question has been raised about levy participants from new recipient funds.
- The Commissioners suggested a panel or taskforce be established to research future senior center collaborations

12. Miscellaneous Items

- Mr. Boyd asked if the Board had any suggestions for the \$1,500 NOPEC sponsorship grant that is required to be used toward a community event.
- Mr. Boyd displayed a drawing of the proposed parking lot security fence proposed for the judge’s area, which is still in the preliminary stages.
- Board Appointments that will take place during the summer were discussed and the Clerk was asked to schedule interviews for the ADAMHS Board candidates once the letters of interest are received.
 - Port Authority (2)
 - ADAMHS Board (3)
 - Planning Commission (3)
 - Senior Advisory Panel (1)
- The \$5 license plate fee requested by the Lake County Engineer is in progress. Mr. Boyd explained that the public notice was sent to the News-Herald for publication on May 25 and June 1, 2018. The first public hearing will be held on June 12 at 6:00 p.m., and the second public hearing will be on June 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Boyd stated that there has been discussion regarding the future of regional dispatch because the west holding facility continues to be a hurdle. There seems to be some momentum. Perhaps a multi-jurisdictional task force should be considered to conduct a thorough analysis of the initiative.
- Mr. Boyd explained some ideas regarding long-term parking for County employees.
- Coastal Bed Tax
 - Mr. Boyd stated that some communities are struggling with financing the soft cost such as design and engineering for local coastal improvement projects.
- Mr. Boyd informed the Commissioners that there is renewed interest in the regional branding initiative. He stated that he and the Ashtabula County Administrator would like to host a lunch meeting with both Boards of Commissioners to determine a path forward. The Commissioners agreed.
- School Resource Officer funding was discussed along with vehicle liability and maintenance and further questions regarding how local communities handle funding of their School Resource Officers.

13. The Work session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this twenty-eighth day of June, 2018

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