

JUNE 18, 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 2019-0618)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

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

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, congratulated Commissioner Cirino on his decision to run for State Senator in 2020.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND AND SEWER OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS-OUT TO OWDA BOND RETIREMENT TRANSFERS-IN(20190618\U01)(UT-2)

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

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING ACCOUNT 51000761-760-EASEMENTS (20190618\U02)(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

3. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUNDS 595 TO BE KNOWN AS E 349TH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 422-W(20190618\U03)(UT-2)

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

4. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUNDS 595 TO BE KNOWN AS GREEN DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 423-W (20190618\U04)(UT-2)

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

5. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER PROJECT FUNDS 595 TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTH RIDGE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 425-W (20190618\U05)(UT-2)

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

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TO SEWER PROJECT FUND 370-S SEWER CAPACITY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE DEVELOPMENT-CMOM(20190618\U06)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck asked what "CMOM" stood for. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that "CMOM" was the acronym for Sewer Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20190618\U07)(UT-7)

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

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKETRAN AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID CLIENTS UNDER THE NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION (NET) PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$584,000.00, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 (20190618\JFS01)(JFS-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Job and Family Services, Mr. Matthew Battiato, explained that this program was implemented a few years ago to provide transportation for Medicaid eligible clients with premier services. He stated that this is a mandated service to provide transportation for Medicaid eligible clients for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF LEROY CENTER ROAD IN LEROY TOWNSHIP (20190618\C01)(C-87)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd explained that this is the final step in the process to approve the vacation of a portion of Leroy Center Road. He stated that, per Ohio Revised Code requirements, the Board attended a viewing of the proposed vacation property and held a public hearing to entertain any objections. There were none. Commissioner Young thanked Mr. and Mrs. Keeney for their cooperation. Mr. Boyd also thanked the Keeney's for their cooperation and explained that Mr. and Mrs. Keeney are working with LakeMetro Parks for an easement. The easement between the Keeney's and LakeMetro Parks would allow for public access to the parks. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND HULL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE BRIGHTWOOD LAKE DAM REMOVAL AND STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT THROUGH THE WATER RESOURCE RESTORATION SPONSOR PROGRAM(20190618\C02)(UT-46A)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Director of Stormwater Management, Mr. Tim Miller, explained that his department, along with the Engineer, Concord Township, and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, were successful in the nomination letter to the Ohio EPA for funding in order to remove the Brightwood Lake Dam and complete the stream restoration throughout the Brightwood Lake corridor. This resolution will permit Hull and Associates to prepare environmental covenants for any property owners that wish to voluntarily participate in the project. Mr. Miller and the Board continued to discuss this complicated project and its importance to the neighborhood. The foregoing resolution was tabled with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FOR THE FY-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (20190618\C03)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Ms. Monica Drake, Economic Development Manager for the cities of Kirtland, Wickliffe and Willowick, was present on behalf of the City of Willowick. Ms. Drake explained that this, along with a grant from NOACA, will allow for a 12 acre lakefront planning study in order to create a viable plan for public access. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THANKING THE GOVERNOR AND THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF STATE INDIGENT DEFENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND CALLING ON THE OHIO SENATE TO CONTINUE THIS SUPPORT IN THE STATE BUDGET BILL (20190618\C04)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked CCAO and stated that they have been working closely with the legislators and the Governor toward an agreeable and fair amount for indigent defense reimbursements to local governments. He explained that Ohio State Public Defender, Mr. Tim Young, met with the Board and explained the importance of state indigent defense reimbursements. Commissioner Hamercheck shared several key points in the resolution such as Ohio counties are anticipating experiencing a sales tax revenue loss of \$50 million due by State Fiscal Year 2021 due to the implementation of the prescription sales tax exemption and the expiration of Ohio's grandfather clause to the Federal Internet Tax Freedom Act of 1998. Ohio counties have experienced a collective \$351 million annual revenue loss due to reductions in the Local Government Fund, the Medicaid Managed Care sales tax elimination and tangible personal property tax. Governor DeWine provided counties with an additional \$60 million each fiscal year of his introduced state budget to provide counties with much needed budgetary relief of this state mandate and the Ohio House of Representatives provided an additional \$35 million in State Fiscal Year 2021 to the state budget bill to reimburse counties for indigent defense costs and alleviate counties of this growing state mandate. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,508,887.02 (20190618\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 Young "NAYS": None.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,744.31(20190618\BC02)(C-17)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20190618\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 Young "NAYS": None.

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16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20190618\BC04)(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 – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there are 3 openings on the Planning Commission Board and that the information is available online. Anyone interested should complete the online application and forward it, along with their resume, to her attention. The next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 10:00 AM.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he had administered the Oath of Office to several ADAMHS Board members at the annual meeting. The Board appointments approved by the Commissioners will be sworn in later this summer.

Commissioner Young discussed the growing success of the local wineries and the two new hotels that have opened in Madison. He discussed the need to continue to generate revenue and not to raise taxes. He stated that the Lake County Visitors Bureau is doing an admirable job with promoting economic activity in the County but he would also like to see more focus on the local wineries. He discussed what Ashtabula County is doing to promote their winery region.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that in 2018 the Visitor's Bureau received \$150,000 earmarked for advertising the Grand River valley wine region and are slated to receive another \$150,000 this year.

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

Ms. Helen Drake of Willoughby, invited anyone interested to the "Suit Yourself" fundraiser being held at the South River Vineyards winery on Monday, June 24th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Cost of admission is \$20.00.

Ms. Monica Drake, stated that the cities of Willowick and Wickliffe have received Community Reinvestment Area certification from the State. Commissioner Cirino asked Ms. Drake which of the cities she represents have referendums on the upcoming ballot in November.

She responded that Willowick City Council will vote on that this evening, Kirtland intends to have it placed on the ballot in the fall and she is unsure about the City of Wickliffe.

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked if there is a job description for the Planning Commission Board. Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Bell stated that she will place the description on the Commissioners website.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eleventh day of July, 2019.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK