

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2017-0622)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Thursday, June 22, 2017.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 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 CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING, INC. FOR THE AUBURN AND HARDY ROADS RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$494,058.75(20170622\E01)(E-3)**  
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
2. **RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON JUNE 7, 2017, APPROVING THE REVISED SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS, AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PAVEMENT MARKINGS – 2017 PROJECT (Bid Opening: July 19, 2017)(20170622\E02)(E-2)**  
On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Traci Salkiewicz, from the Lake County Engineers Office was present and explained that the original bids came in 15% over the estimate. She stated that the project has been scaled back and they would like to go out for re-bid on July 19, 2017. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
3. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING ACCOUNT 50000861-861 NOTE PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT FOR OPWC LOAN REPAYMENT(20170622\U01)(UT-2)**  
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
4. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUNDS 596 TO BE KNOWN AS REYNOLDS TRUNK SEWER CLEANING PROJECT 401-S(20170622\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 Troy "NAYS": None
5. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$639,954.00 TO JACK GIBSON CONSTRUCTION FOR GLK TRICKLING FILTER REHABILITATION PROJECT 384-S-2016 (20170622\U03)(UT-4)**  
On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated that the bid came in 40% under the engineer's estimate. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that this is the first time the trickling filters systems have needed to be replaced. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
6. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,363.00 TO DAVIS DIGGERS FOR GRAND RIVER SANITARY SEWER POINT REPAIRS PROJECT 399-S(20170622\U04)(UT-4)**  
On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated this project is part of the Wastewater Capital Improvement plan and is the result of a study showing the sanitary sewer lines are in critical condition. Commissioner Troy added that this bid has come in 60% under the engineers estimate. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
7. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER OPERATING FUND TO WATER PROJECT FUND 378-W BACON ROAD PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS/AQUARIUS PAC PROJECT(20170622\U05)(UT-2)**  
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
8. **RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH J.S. BOVA EXCAVATING, LLC. FOR HARDY ROAD, OAKWOOD BOULEVARD AND LAKE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 360-W DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$97,188.00 AND FOR OAKWOOD BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 374-W DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$92,212.45(20170622\U06)(UT-4)**  
On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this project will coincide with the road replacement being done by the County Engineers. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
9. **RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JUNE 26, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$569,069.70(20170622\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
10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIO GUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY**

**SERVICES TO PROVIDE A WORKSFIRST PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE OHIO WORKSFIRST PARTICIPANTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 (20170622\JFS02)(C-24)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Battiato explained that this is a continuation of a contract with Guidestone. He stated that Guidestone assists clients with significant employment barriers with job coaching and job searches and added the program has been a great success. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE STAFFING SERVICES AT OHIO MEANS JOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365,900.00 (20170622\JFS03)(JFS-2)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy asked if this program received federal funding through the Department of Labor. Mr. Battiato stated that this agreement is through the Workforce Development Board and fully funded by Workforce Development to provide staffing at the Ohio Means Jobs Centers. Commissioner Troy asked if this program might receive cuts in its funding. Mr. Battiato responded that, through conversations with Mr. Dawson, of the Workforce Development Board, this program may see minimal cuts in funding. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2020 (20170622\C01)(301c)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that this and the following resolution follow the same economic layout as the five previous agreements between the Board and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. DEPUTIZED DEPUTY SHERIFFS, COURT OFFICERS, AND COURT OFFICER CORPORALS, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2020 (20170622\C02)(301c)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that this is number seven of eight bargaining unit contracts and he asked for the status of the eighth contract. Mr. DiMare stated that the last of the contracts will be going to fact finding. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**14. RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT FOR THE SUPPORT OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES AND TO PLACE A RENEWAL TAX LEVY OF FIVE-TENTHS (0.5) OF ONE MILL AND AN INCREASE OF THREE-TENTHS (0.3) OF ONE MILL TO CONSTITUTE EIGHT-TENTHS (0.8) OF ONE MILL TAX FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS ON REAL ESTATE WITHIN LAKE COUNTY ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION, AND REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE EIGHT-TENTHS (0.8) OF ONE MILL TAX LEVY FOR SUCH PURPOSE, COMMENCING WITH AND INCLUDING A LEVY UPON THE DUPLICATE AND TAX LIST BEGINNING IN 2017, FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES OR FACILITIES (20170622\C03)(C-5)**

Commissioner Cirino stated that Willoughby Mayor, David Anderson, who is chairing the Senior Levy Initiative, was unable to attend today's meeting and submitted a letter in support of the Senior Levy. Commissioner Cirino read Mayor Anderson's letter in its entirety. On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Senior Services Coordinator, Mrs. Alyea Barajas, stated that the first Senior Levy was passed in 1992 and currently brings in approximately \$2.8 million for senior services. She stated they are asking voters to support an additional three-tenths of one mill which would bring in an additional \$1.6 million dedicated to senior's services in Lake County. She stated that this increase will cost tax payers \$10.50 a year per \$100,000 home valuation. Mrs. Barajas explained that Lake County is aging at a faster rate than the state average and it is projected that by 2030, seniors 60 and older will outnumber youth aged 20 and younger. She reported that due to the federal funding for senior programs being flat, the effects of inflation, and the growth in the senior population, the senior levy is critical to meet the needs of this sometimes very vulnerable population. Mr. Joe Tomsick, of Lake County Council on Aging, explained the many senior programs that benefit from the senior levy and its importance. Mr. Tomsick thanked the Board for their support of the senior levy. Ms. Cristen Kane, of RSVP, stated that program funding for RSVP is slighted to be cut and that 70% of the RSVP budget is funded by the senior levy. She explained the necessity for this renewal. Mr. Spence Kline, from Beacon Health, a member of the Senior Advisory Panel, citizen, and voter, stated that Lake County residents are very fortunate to have the outstanding senior services they do. He added that we must continue to serve our most vulnerable; children and seniors. Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board of Commissioners enthusiastically support the senior levy. Commissioner Troy stated that the increase was crafted with Lake County voters in mind and to be as taxpayer friendly as possible. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Senior Citizen Levy and the Children's Services Levy are very compatible in the logic and rational behind them. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,460,384.35 (20170622\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,839,950.84 (20170622\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**17. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20170622\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

**18. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170622\BC04)(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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that Lake County will be hosting its 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Aging in Lake County" Conference in collaboration with the Council on Aging, the City of Mentor, RSVP, and the Lake County Senior Services Coalition. This event will take place on September 21, 2017 at the Mentor Senior Center with keynote speaker, Robert Applebaum from Miami University, Scripps Gerontology Center.

FINANCE – Commissioner Hamercheck asked Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, about the recent drop in sales tax collection. Mr. Matas replied that it is unusual to see back-to-back months of sales tax losses. He explained his concern with the decrease is due to the loss of the Medicaid Managed Sales Tax loss after this year. Mr. Matas stated a letter has been sent to County Departments explaining the 2018 sales tax loss and the impact it may have on the County. Commissioner Troy added the reduced collection sales tax over the last two months is partially due to low automobile sales.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the CCAO discussions on the budget process and tax/budget challenges. Commissioner Troy reported that Senator Dolan and CCAO have been working on the replacement of the MCO sales tax revenue since the fall of 2016 regarding cuts to Counties and transit authorities. Senator Dolan was successful in getting an amendment passed in the Senate that creates a point of difference between the two houses of the Ohio General Assembly. Commissioner Troy explained that the point of difference between the House and Senate means they can continue to sort through this issue in conference committee. Commissioner Troy stated that as of July 1, 2018, the 10 largest Counties in the State (Lake County is #11) will be mandatorily required to house F-5 inmates in their County and currently does not include F-4 offenders. The remaining 78 Counties may choose to voluntarily participate. He explained that the current budget caps any Medicaid Expansion in 2018. Commissioner Troy stated that currently in Lake County there are 9,000 "working poor" that now have health insurance through Medicaid expansion; these are people with jobs either making too little to afford insurance or their employer not providing them with insurance. Mr. Battiatto explained that he feels most eligible residents have applied and doesn't feel there will be a rush of new applicants. He stated that his concern is the tremendous negative impact it would have on those 9,000 people currently receiving medical care through the Medicaid expansion program should it not be continued. He stated that medical care would still be necessary and these people would continue to seek medical treatment. Medical facilities are required to see patients with or without insurance and the cost burden would fall elsewhere. Commissioner Hamercheck reviewed the Medicaid Managed sales tax loss and stated that the last quarter disbursement of 2017 for Lake County will be \$417,800. The County estimated the loss at \$1.7 million a year and resulting in an estimated loss in 2018 of \$1.5 million and in 2019 of \$1.7 million.

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

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked if there were an approximate number of senior residents. Mrs. Barajas replied that there are approximately 55,000 residents who are 60 years and older. Mr. Joey Tomsick, of Lake County Council on Aging, stated that according to 2015 estimates, the number of Lake County residents aged 60 and older would fall between 55,000 – 58,000 residents.

Ms. Jill Bartolotta, of the Ohio State Extension, Sea Grant Division, was present and explained in detail her outreach, education, safe boating programs, and the many events she presents in Lake, Ashtabula, and Cuyahoga Counties. She also gave an update on the non-toxic algae found at Mentor Headlands and Fairport Harbor beaches last year.

Lake County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, stated that the Recorder's Office fully supports the County regarding budget constraints. She spoke of a recent article she read with regard to the Medicaid Managed sales tax and discussed several differences.

Commissioner Troy complimented the Ohio Sea Grant Program stated that he , has had the opportunity to work with them for quite some time, and has twice been a proud recipient of their legislative Leadership Award. He stated that we can't take for granted what a great asset and natural resource we have in Ohio and in Lake County, living on the shore of Lake Erie. Commissioner Troy explained that the House had originally decreased the Sea Grant Funding but the good news is that the Senate has restored funding at the Governor's level. He added that there is a possible loss of federal funding for Sear Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Commissioner Troy thanked Ms. Bartolotta for the work of the Sea Grant Program and in protecting Lake Erie.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Legal: Pending litigation**

**Personnel: Discipline**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. to discuss 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 12:01 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board returned to open session at 12:02 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this sixth day of July, 2017.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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