

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2018-0628)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2018.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the regular meetings of: April 5, April 11, April 26, May 3, May 29, and May 31, 2018 and the Work session of: May 29, 2018 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Danny Tharp of 7323 Ravenna Road, thanked Commissioner Cirino on his efforts with the Perry Nuclear Plant. He also stated his opinions on the Plant and several public figures. Commissioner Cirino clarified with Mr. Tharp that his statement was that "he (Commissioner Cirino) is wasting his time trying to keep the Power Plant open". Mr. Tharp agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN PROJECT FUND 318-W-BACON ROAD RAW WATER PUMP STUDY-EASEMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (20180628\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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH AECOM FOR THE ADAMS COURT, INDUSTRIAL PARK, MELRIDGE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 415-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20180628\U02)(UT-4)

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

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20180628\U03)(UT-7)

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIOGUIDESTONE 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 (20180628\JFS01)(JFS-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

5. 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 OHIOMEANSJOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383,628.00 (20180628\JFS02)(JFS-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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 6, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,242.77 (20180628\JFS03)(JFS-14)

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

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2018 (20180628\C01)(CT-8)

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

8. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JULY 5, 2018 (20180628\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Troy stated that this resolution sets the meeting schedule dates for July through the end of September. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

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9. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MATTHEW BATTIATO TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2018 (20180628\C03)(JFS-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Hamercheck commended Mr. Battiato on being the poster child for this effort. He thanked him for following the process and stated that this is a direct benefit to the County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAUL J. STEFANKO TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2018 (20180628\C04)(P-404)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Stefanko is also one of the fine directors the County has. He looks forward to continuing to work with him and also following the retire/rehire policy. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE COUNTRY SCENE CONDOMINIUM RETENTION SYSTEM REPAIR PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO (BID OPENING: July 18, 2018) (20180628\C05)(UT-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy, 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 - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES (20180628\C06)(501-c)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is a continuation of the EOC and Central Dispatch services that offers a cost savings to the communities of Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING A RESOLUTION ADOPTED MAY 10, 2012 AND PREVIOUSLY SUPPLEMENTED DECEMBER 5, 2017 BY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AUTHENTICATION OF REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL FACILITIES REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012B (LAKE HOSPITAL SYSTEM, INC.) AND THE SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE BOND INDENTURE PURSUANT TO WHICH SUCH BONDS WERE ISSUED; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS (20180628\C07)(C-181)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Chief Financial Officer of Lake Health, Mr. Robert Tracz, was present and give a brief explanation of this and the following resolution. He stated that the corporate income tax rates changed and had a significant impact on the bonds. Commissioner Cirino asked what the cost effectiveness would be on them. Mr. Tracz responded it would be \$200,000 each. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is a savings for Lake Health System. He said Lake County and the Hospital share a good relationship and that there is no liability to the County. The Board continued to discuss with Mr. Tracz the bonds, the savings to the hospital, tax reform, and the formula used. He stated the need for two resolutions is due to the use of two separate banks. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

14. RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING A RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER 5, 2017 BY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AUTHENTICATION OF REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL FACILITIES REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 (LAKE HOSPITAL SYSTEM, INC.) AND THE SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE BOND INDENTURE PURSUANT TO WHICH SUCH BONDS WERE ISSUED; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS(20180628\C08)(C-181)

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

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FY 2018 ADDENDUM TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAM 408 SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2019 (20180628\C09)(CT-3)

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

16. A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY ROAD PROJECT LIST SUBMITTED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER AND SUPPORTING FUTURE FINANCE STRATEGIES WITH NECESSARY AND PRUDENT REVENUE SOURCES, WHETHER CURRENT OR FUTURE, WHEN DEEMED AVAILABLE(20180628\C10)(E-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that after meeting with various communities and residents, the need for road improvements is very evident. He explained that they have discussed possible bonding to get these project underway sooner, and Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, will follow up on the possibility. Commissioner Cirino pointed out that this and the following resolution pertain to the Engineers Office. He stated that driving throughout the County, it is evident that some roads require improvements. He explained that these two resolutions present the opportunity for the Engineers to move forward sooner and begin work on more roads than originally proposed which will benefit the residents of Lake County greatly. Commissioner Troy added that projects are significantly behind and there is quite a backlog. Upfront financing at a lower cost to get the projects moving forward makes sense and debt retirement can be discussed at a later time. Commissioner Hamercheck briefly discussed the financing advantages of these projects and how this is unprecedented in Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

17. A RESOLUTION TO ENACT AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY PERMISSIVE ANNUAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.24 (20180628\C11)(E-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that this is another situation of the legislature abdicating its responsibility in terms of making sure that there is sufficient revenue to address road and bridge needs throughout Ohio and just passing funding decisions on to local officials. These projects needed to be done long ago and have been set up to begin in the previous resolution. He is not convinced that there is a need for additional revenue at this time to finance and possibly enter into a note package. He explained the significant revenue that the Engineers Office receives. He discussed the continued rising costs associated with the Vrooman Road Bridge Project at the expense of many other roads and bridges in need of repair (some of which are in a crisis situation). Commissioner Troy explained that many Lake County residents are currently paying four \$5.00 motor vehicle license taxes (this resolution would raise the fees to \$25.00) and he is not convinced that this additional tax is a necessity at this time. He stated that he has always tried to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's money and worked hard to get the County's bond rating upgraded to the highest bond rating possible. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he commends Commissioner Troy for his consistency and candor and that has inspired the Board to ask many important questions. For clarification purposes, Commissioner Hamercheck read several sections of this resolution for the public. Should this resolution be adopted, there is a mechanism to review and determine if there is a necessity to repeal the resolution. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino and Hamercheck "NAYS": Troy

18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$854,730.89(20180628\BC01)(C-4)

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

19. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434,472.86 (20180628\BC02)(C-17)

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

20. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20180628\BC03)(C-111)

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

21. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20180628\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 – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that the harmful algal bloom season typically begins in July. They have been testing since May with no detections of cynotoxins and have completed a powder activated carbon improvement which will help treat cynotoxins should they occur. He stated the Department also has a network of water plants along Lake Erie to help identify a bloom prior to its arrival in Lake County.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Mr. Battiato extended his appreciation for the adoption of his reappointment resolution. He expressed the passion he has for the programs and his department. He thanked the Board for their trust in him continuing to head the Department of Job and Family Services.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd thanked Stormwater Manager, Mr. Tim Miller, and Mr. George Hadden, Chief Surveyor/Construction Engineer from the Engineers Office, for their assistance and quick response to a Concord Twp. resident's drainage issue.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy reported that the Governor has signed the Elections Equipment Bill and it will formally become law. The Secretary of State's office will begin working with the Department of Administrative Services identifying vendors in an attempt to keep pricing low. The legislation calls for the creation of a special committee to work on this project.

He reported that the Legislature recently passed an approximate \$40 million bill that would be granted to agencies to improve Lake Erie.

Commissioner Hamercheck asked Commissioner Troy if the State is still focused on the paper ballot method of voting. Commissioner Troy explained the details of the Elections Equipment Bill and the various styles of election equipment, and that the State is not dictating which type of system (optical scan or DRE) has to be used.

Commissioner Troy reported that CCAO will be meeting with the gubernatorial candidates in late July.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, asked about software changes that will be made to 9-1-1 and asked if there were other entities interested in utilizing the services of Central Dispatch. Commissioner Cirino explained that entities utilizing Central Dispatch receive both expense reductions and capital avoidance for future upgrades to the system. Willoughby Hills will see a cost savings of approximately \$250,000 by entering into an agreement with Central Dispatch. Mr. Muzik asked how many entities use Central Dispatch. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, gave a brief listing of several entities (which include both Police and Fire) and will provide Mr. Muzik with a listing of all agencies. Commissioner Troy stated that through discussions with Captain Warner, they are looking at the possibility of a centralized holding cell concept in order to substantially reduce the need for individual department dispatchers and they will continue to discuss options for this idea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss Legal-pending litigation and Personnel-compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None
Minutes approved this second day of August, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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