

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT
ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

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NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2014-0703)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., July 3, 2014.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2014 and the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2014 were approved as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board? No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROADS PAVEMENT MARKINGS - 2014 PROJECT(BID OPENING: July 23, 2014)(20140703\E01)(E-2)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
2. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU SEWER DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS, SEWER DISTRICT REFUNDS & REIMBURSEMENTS, AND WATER DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DUES & MEMBERSHIP FEES (20140703\U01) (UT-2)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
3. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 INCREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,090 WITH PRECISE BORING OF OHIO, LLC FOR LAKESHORE BOULEVARD CROSSING THE CHAGRIN RIVER WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 304-W (20140703\U02) (UT-4)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
4. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20140703\U03) (UT-7)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH URS CORPORATION FOR AN INTEGRATED STORM AND SANITARY SEWER STUDY IN MENTOR (20140703\U04)(UT-4)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.
Commissioner Troy stated that after last summer's storms some problem areas in Mentor were identified regarding basement flooding. The City of Mentor and Lake County agreed to work together to conduct a complete physical in those areas of the City. It was agreed to have URS Corporation conduct the study. This resolution authorizes the County to execute the contract which will be a little under \$400,000. The project should be concluded by the end of 2014. The idea is to find out what is happening in these areas and to create an integrated approach for dealing with wastewater and stormwater issues. Commissioner Troy appreciates the City of Mentor working with the County.
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
6. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR BENEFIT ENROLLMENT AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JULY 7, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017(20140703\C01)(INS)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.
Mr. William Margalis, Director of Administrative Services, explained that this agreement provides an online web portal for employees to enroll and make changes to their medical plans and for internal staff administration. Once employees are enrolled they have access to many vendors. This will be used in open enrollment in November. There is also a reporting feature to be used because of the new Healthcare Act.
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
7. **RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, MORLEY LIBRARY, DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS AND OUTSIDE OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF MORLEY LIBRARY(THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT), SAID LEVY BEING A RENEWAL OF ONE MILL (1.0), FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY THE TOTAL**

CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE SAID ONE MILL (1.0) TAX (20140703\C02)(C-52)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.

Commissioner Troy reported that the Lake County Commissioners are the gatekeepers for Morley Library's access to the ballot for property tax levies. The Morley Library Board submitted a resolution requesting the submittal of a renewal levy on the ballot because their current levy expires at the end of 2015. The renewal will effect the calendar years 2016-2020. This is the first resolution asking the auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of Lake County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by one mill. The second resolution will be formally placing this on the ballot and it must be done before the first week of August.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR THE CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TO BE DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND THE STATE OF OHIO FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISION OF SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH FOREIGN TRADE ZONE(S) IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20140703\C03)(C-192a)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.

Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, reported that Lake County is working with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority to bring in more economic development and this would be another tool to add to the toolbox. He explained that it would be difficult for the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority to manage foreign trade zones on their own after researching this through the Department of Commerce. Foreign Trade zones will be helpful for business attraction and retention in Lake County.

Mr. Ron DeBarr, President and CEO of NEOTEC, explained the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority history and relationship with the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority. He also explained the benefits of using the Foreign Trade Zones as a tool for economic development for Lake County.

Mr. David Gutheil, , Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, explained that they have reduced application time from 12 months to 1 month after changing their management system and they have created the largest defined service area in the United States.

Commissioner Troy replied there are approximately 650 manufacturing companies in Lake County and he asked how this would help them?

Mr. DeBarr replied that it would reduce costs and increase efficiency for companies in the marketplace bringing in parts from other countries and assembling the product here for export.

Commissioner Aufuldish asked if duties and tariffs can be reduced on important products?

Mr. Gutheil answered that a confidential cost-benefit analysis is conducted and if there is a substantial savings then the application will move forward. Companies are encouraged to contact their local governmental entity, so there is no loss of control as a result of this agreement. The local company will bear any ongoing costs of activating the foreign trade zone and not the County.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES T. MC BRIDE, ALICE WALKER, AND JOANNE ZEROSKE TO THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2018 (20140703\C04) (B-50)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.

Commissioner Troy explained that these appointments will complete the required Commissioners appointments to the ADAMHS Board and he was happy to make these appointments and bring the Board to full strength.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROGER SUSTAR TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 6, 2019 (20140703\C05) (B-51)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.

Commissioner Troy reported that Mr. Sustar was in attendance at the meeting. He explained that there is one vacancy on the Lakeland Board. He stated that manufacturing is a critical component of Lake County's economy. It is estimated that over 20% of the Lake County workforce is involved in manufacturing. Mr. Sustar has been instrumental in putting together an alliance with Lakeland. The Board believes the manufacturing sector of Lake County is important and all levels of education can advance the interest in manufacturing. There are opportunities out there and people need to become skilled and trained.

Mr. Sustar stated that he is thankful, humbled and honored by the Commissioners and he thanked them for their kindness.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$601,708.17(20140703\BC01)(C-4)

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

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480,789.48(20140703\BC02)(C-17)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - none

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

FINANCE - Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, explained that the resolution to adopt the 2015 tax budget will be on the agenda for the next Commissioners' Meeting.

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy reported that a recent article in the newspaper was written about the State expecting to give more money to the local government fund (LGF) in 2015. He explained there is a direct distribution of \$628,000 to those municipalities who collect income tax, based on a state formula. Of the \$8.9 million undivided LGF that comes to Lake County and based on an alternative formula created in 1982, the Lake County government general fund receives only 11% of undivided local government fund monies. This is the lowest in the State of all 88 counties. The 23 local government subdivisions in Lake County receive the remaining 89% of that undivided LGF.

Commissioner Moran reported that she recently attended an Opiate Conference in Columbus. Lake County is ahead of the curve dealing with this issue thanks to cooperation between departments. As of the end of June there were 9 opiate-related deaths and this does not include people who were revived by Narcan. They need to keep moving forward and make the resources known to the people who need them. She thanked Mr. Battiatto for his assistance and Mr. Hutchinson for the nice article.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board?

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked if it now takes more than 10 mills to run the library?

Commissioner Troy explained the levy is a renewal of a 1 mill levy. By the Ohio Constitution, any taxation over 10 mills must go before the voters. There are 10 inside mills that are distributed through agreements established a long time ago. He explained of the 10 mills inside, Lake County receives 2.1 mills but does not assess 1.1 mills of that, and other agencies receive the remaining portion.

Mr. Muzik stated that the 10 mills is cumulative and not just the library and Commissioner Troy replied that is correct.

Ms. Becky Lynch of 8040 King Memorial Drive in Mentor, stated that Lake County has the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority and she asked why they could not hire their own International Trade Administrator because Mentor just hired someone for this position. She asked why the County has a Port Authority and why they cannot handle foreign trade zones keeping assets in our County?

Commissioner Aufuldish replied that the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority promotes economic development in Lake County. The Foreign Trade Zone agreement is another tool the County can offer to businesses with the help of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Ms. Lynch asked what is the purpose and expense of the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority when they do not do what they are supposed to as a Port Authority. She asked why does the County turn to regionalism? The Commissioners took an oath to support Lake County, not the region.

Commissioner Moran asked how bringing in another economic development tool would hurt businesses in Lake County?

Ms. Lynch stated that this should already be in the toolbox. She thought this would take the authority out of Lake County.

Commissioner Troy stated that this is a voluntary program and it is up to the businesses to utilize. This does not diminish any local authority or zoning. It does not make sense to duplicate what the experts are already doing. This does not compromise the rules, regulations or powers of Lake County. Regional cooperation in this day and age makes sense. The Commissioners are doing what is best for the County.

Ms. Lynch thought that Lake County was entering into an agreement surrendering their authority to the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Commissioner Troy reported the next Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. and he wished everyone a happy holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Real Estate - acquisition
- Legal - potential litigation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. to discuss a real estate and legal matter, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:41 a.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board returned to open session at 11:30 a.m., with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

The Commissioners reviewed the CDBG and HOME applications with members of the Lake County Planning and Community Development Department.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board adjourned the

meeting at 104 p.m., with the vote as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eighth day of July, 2014.

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