

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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| JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER | JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR |
| JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER | LEGAL COUNSEL |
| DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER | MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR |
| JENNIFER BELL, CLERK | NEWS MEDIA |

(Tape 2017-0713)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Thursday, July 13, 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 wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING THE REVISED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING HAWTHORNE WOODS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 380-W, IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20170713\U01)(UT-13)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy asked if this was lower than the estimated assessment? Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer, explained that the assessment is 15% lower at \$15,707.00 per resident. The original assessment was \$18,550. Commissioner Troy stated that he knows there were some gaps in the project area and asked if options are still being discussed? Mr. Rothlisberger replied that the residents are speaking with the City of Painesville. Commissioner Troy stated that even though the project is for Painesville City water customers, in order for the project to be assessed it has to come through the County. There will not be any additional customers for the County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AS REQUIRED FOR THE MENTOR MARSH SANITARY INTERCEPTOR PROJECT NO. 336-S IN THE CITY OF MENTOR(20170713\U02)(UT-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

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20170713\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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,725,333.76(20170713\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 Troy "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,086.48(20170713\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

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20170713\BC03)(C-111)

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

7. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170713\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— Mr. Matt Armand, Director of Business Operations, thanked the Commissioners for their support and gave an update on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection that occurred in June. He stated that 75 tons of materials were collected and that included 73,000 lbs. of paint, 10,000 lbs. of adhesives, 16,000 lbs. of motor oil, 131 lbs. of mercury and 3,000 lbs. of batteries. Commissioner Cirino asked if businesses could also bring in items during special collections? Mr. Armand replied that the collections are specifically designed for residents, but he encouraged businesses to partner with other companies to safely dispose of hazardous waste materials.

Commissioner Cirino asked for an updated on Go Green night at the Captains Stadium?

Mr. Armand replied that the event went very well and there were more people in attendance than usual. He stated the Utilities Department had more than 300 people visit their table.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – Commissioner Hamercheck asked about the Coroner's Office budget and asked Mr. Matas, Budget Director, if the Coroner's Office will be out of funds in November? Mr. Matas stated that was correct. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this is a General Fund budget and the Commissioners have an obligation to have a fiscally sound budget.

Commissioner Cirino asked if more analysis could be done? Mr. Matas replied that nothing has changed since this issue was first mentioned during budget meetings earlier in the year. The Coroner's Office remains on track to be over budget.

Commissioner Troy stated that there are only two ways to deal with this situation; one is to add more money to the Coroner's budget, the second is to ask the Coroner to take steps to live within the adopted budget.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board needs to get on top of this issue.

Mr. Matas replied that he has given a recommendation to the Board. He is not a decision maker and is waiting for direction from the Board.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated he does not wish to penalize those Offices that are living within their budgets. It is about sustainability.

Commissioner Troy stated that any decisions are the responsibility of the Board of three Commissioners. The Coroner's office has increased staff and that is causing the problem.

Commissioner Cirino stated that as we get further in the year reducing costs gets more and more difficult as the months run out. This issue needs to be resolved soon.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that House was in session regarding the over 40 vetoes by the Governor in the budget. They include the Medicaid Managed sales tax and it was overridden. He is hopeful that the Senate will concur with the House. This past Monday Commissioner Troy attended a Lake Erie Commission Meeting in Port Clinton. Later this afternoon there is a webinar on what can be expected this year with algae blooms, which usually show up later in the summer. The Lake Erie Commission Wildlife Director provided an explanation and update. Commissioner Troy reported that the perch population is down in the central basin due to a change in their diet, the fish are feeding more on bugs than fish. He indicated that there is no correlation between trap netters and the decline in the perch population. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been given \$300 million in the first rewrite of the federal budget, which is wonderful news because the Lake is our greatest asset. A special thank you to Congressman Joyce and Congresswoman Kaptur is in order.

Commissioner Cirino stated a meeting is scheduled with ODNR representatives and sports fisherman and related businesses owners regarding the perch population in order to hear and understand the facts.

Commissioner Cirino introduced Ms. Bonnie Boyd, a highly-respected Howard Hanna Realtor, to discuss what trends she is seeing in the Lake County real estate market.

Ms. Boyd thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to speak and stated that the real estate market is positive and trending up just a bit. The issues she sees is that there is very little inventory and pricing is changing. This can be concerning because then those who want to purchase cannot, and there becomes bidding wars. She indicated that there are still quite a few foreclosures. She sits on the Fair Housing Resource Board and they are looking at the long-range because our neighboring Counties are not doing as well. She is excited to see first time homebuyers and people with previous foreclosures beginning to purchase homes however, lenders are more cautious these days. Lake County has positioned itself very well with more companies moving into the County, its proximity to Lake Erie and great parks, and school levies being adopted encourage people to move into Lake County. As for millennials, they are generally not buying homes at this point and prefer to rent.

Commissioner Cirino asked if millennials choosing to rent were due to credit issues?

Ms. Boyd replied that it is a question of where to buy. They are looking at their options still and they are not ready to make any long-term decisions. Commissioner Cirino thanked Ms. Boyd for attending the meeting.

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, stated that Lake Erie is not getting any better and many services are being duplicated. Some EPA laws are voluntary and it is not working. He asked if there were any mandatory requirements coming from the General Assembly?

Commissioner Troy replied that S.B. 2 is voluntary for those in agriculture and at this point it is up to the legislature to decide if more steps should be mandatory. Ohio's largest industry is still agriculture. They have targets to reduce phosphorus 40% by 2025. Septic regulations can probably be tightened up because it has been awhile since it has been addressed.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel - Discipline

Legal - Imminent Litigation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter regarding discipline and a legal matter regarding Imminent Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 11:52 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board returned to open session at 11:52 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-seventh day of July, 2017.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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