

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2018-0719)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2018.

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

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

Mr. Tom deHaas, Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator from the OSU Extension Offices, was present. He provided and reviewed an informational folder. Mr. deHaas invited the Commissioners to attend several upcoming events. He updated the Board on the activities of the Master Gardener program and others. Commissioner Troy discussed difficulties with the nurseries obtaining H2A and H2B permitting. He stated that NACo recently passed a resolution urging the government to modify the program. It has been increasingly difficult for the nurseries to hire guest workers. Mr. deHaas stated that it has been difficult for the nurseries to find employees and they are trying to find creative ways to find employees, however, with the OSHA and child protection laws, they are unable to employ anyone under the age of 18 years. The Board and Mr. deHaas discussed the changes that the nursery growers are making in order to make up for the difficulties in finding manpower.

Ms. Lisa Siciliano-Miller, from the Ohio State Extension, introduced several 4-H members that will be participating in the new Lake County Fair Carcass Program. Each member introduced themselves and stated their 4-H program activities and the animals that they will have judged throughout the Fair week. The livestock auction will take place on Saturday, July 28th at 4:00 P.M. The Commissioners were given more information and buyer packets from the kids about the particular livestock they will auction. Commissioner Troy stated that he has participated in the auction for much of the last 30 years and purchased a lot and a wide range of livestock. He explained that it is a very good experience for these hardworking kids. He encouraged his colleagues to get involved and support this important program.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, stated that he worked in the nurseries when he was younger and discussed the H2A and H2B permitting. He questioned item #7 on the agenda, asking who is in the Lake County Library District. Commissioner Troy responded that Morley Library is the only County Library District.

Mr. David Lima of 7774 Litchfield in Mentor, stated his opinion on immigration law and the need for immigration reform. Commissioner Troy stated that at the NACo conference he recently attended, there was discussion with the NACo Executive Director regarding the need for immigration law reform and that, while it is necessary, it is unlikely to occur anytime soon. Commissioner Troy explained that guest workers are in the United States legally. Commissioner Cirino agreed with Commissioner Troy that there is a need for comprehensive immigration policy and that it is unlikely that it would happen soon. He also spoke of securing the borders, illegal entry and the migration path to citizenship.

Ms. Arzella Melnyk of 10506 Hobart Road in Kirtland, agreed with Commissioner Troy that the guest workers are coming into the U.S. legally but she feels that they are not leaving once their visas expire.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE BUTTON ROAD AND HOOSE ROAD RESURFACING AND SAFETY PROJECT, CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO - OPWC NO. CG18V/CG19V, LCE PROJECT NO. 2017-023 (BID OPENING: August 8, 2018) (20180719\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated that this project will benefit from the OPWC funding, explaining that the State has authorized dollars in bonding and that it is the decision of the local officials that choose the projects.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE MIDDLE RIDGE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2018-009 (BID OPENING: August 8, 2018)(20180719\E02)(E-2)

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 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE MIDDLE RIDGE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT, PERRY TOWNSHIP, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2018-008 (BID OPENING: August 8, 2018)(20180719\E03)(E-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 AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,318,000.00 TO NERONE AND SONS, INC. FOR GLYCO I AND PROUTY ROAD PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 390-S(20180719\U01)(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

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5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR COMBINED MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,915.07 FOR SANITARY SEWERS AND \$5,903.70 FOR WATERLINES FOR FAIRWAY PINES SUBDIVISION PHASE 1A IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 17-45)(20180719\U02)(SD-424)

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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JULY 20, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377,444.35 (20180719\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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 TO PLACE A RENEWAL OF A ONE MILL (1.0 MILL) TAX LEVY ON REAL ESTATE WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, ON THE BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5705.23 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20180719\C01)(C-5)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy reported that, by statute, the Lake County Commissioners are the gatekeepers for Morley Library's access to the ballot for property tax levies, but the statute also states that the Board of Commissioners "shall" and not "may" put the request on the ballot when so requested by the Library Board. Commissioner Troy also verified that State of Ohio support for local libraries has been continually reduced over the past 8 years. This renewal is not an increase but a request for a continuing levy. Aurora Martinez, Morley Library Director, explained that the library jurisdiction includes those people residing in both the Riverside and Painesville City school districts, City of Painesville, Painesville Township, Leroy Township, a portion of Concord Township, and Grand River. At the March Library Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved placing the renewal on the ballot. Ms. Martinez explained that a continuing levy maintains the rollback for taxpayers, allowing the Library to carry out more confident long-term planning and eliminating the time and resources spent on periodic levy renewals. Commissioner Troy reiterated that this is not an increase but a renewal of the existing amount. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HOME PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND NORTH COAST CHDO HOMES, INC. (20180719\C02)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Home Program Coordinator, Ms. Marian Norman, was present and explained that this is the third of four home agreements planned to be completed by North Coast CHDO Homes. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,669,281.16(20180719\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

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$861,388.41 (20180719\BC02)(C-17)

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

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20180719\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy explained that this appropriation increase from the Senior Citizens Levy Fund contract services account is necessary for the 2018 Aging in Lake County Conference. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20180719\BC04)(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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that he was present at the NACo conference and was proud to accept a National Achievement Award for the Lake County’s LakeNet project in the Information Technology category. Commissioner Troy explained that the LakeNet project was a replacement and improvement on the previous Telephone system. The previous system was 28 years old and beyond repair or upgrade. It also includes a fiber optic ring installed in all major Lake County buildings in the downtown Painesville campus which allows for unified access to VOIP telephone, card access, video security, IT, and expansion. Commissioner Troy reviewed NACo’s discussion on the Supreme Court decision of the remote sales tax case, South Dakota vs Wayfair. He stated that States do not need to wait for Congress to make a decision concerning the collection of remote sales tax. Commissioner Troy stated that the Governor is preparing to sign the Election Machinery Bill. CCAO is required to create an Election Equipment Advisory Committee to oversee the replacement process. Commissioner Troy reviewed the details and responsibility of the Advisory Committee. Commissioner Troy explained that the House intends to approve the payday loan reform bill. In 2017, this Board passed a resolution in support of payday loan reform. Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated the employees of the Lake County Telecommunications Department on the award received from NACo. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that he had reached out on behalf of the entire County to congratulate the Telecomm Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, updated the Board on a recent meeting he had with the County Auditor and his staff regarding property taxes. He offered his opinion and concerns on levy renewals, increases and continual levies. Morley Library Director, Ms. Martinez, explained that the Library Board of Trustees oversees all of the library’s spending and receives monthly reports of activity. Commissioner Hamercheck clarified with Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, that there are processes in place that would allow for replacement and/or repeal. Mr. Hackman stated that was correct and it would fall under Ohio Revised Code, Title 57. Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive, asked what entities would vote on the renewal request of the Lake County Library District. Commissioner Troy stated that the library district includes the City of Painesville, Painesville Township, Leroy Township, a portion of Concord Township, and Grand River. Mr. Massie updated the Board on his findings of the Lake County Library District’s Auditor’s reports. He has requested the Library District provide him with financial statements from the last 5 years. He continued to discuss several other concerns his group has with the Lake County Library District. Mr. David Lima of 7774 Litchfield in Mentor, stated that all Levies are and should be decided by a vote of the people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Employment with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:18 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

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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