

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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(Tape 2018-0726)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 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. There was no one present who wished to speak at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER AND OSBORN ENGINEERING TO PERFORM COUNTY BRIDGE INSPECTIONS (20180726\E01)(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

2. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER, INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO (20180726\E02)(E-13)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Mr. Michael Matas, Finance Director, explained that this is issuance of internal debt called manuscript debt. The Commissioners' Office will loan the Engineer's Office approximately \$1 million, which will be a cost savings for the SR2 garage expansion and the Blackbrook Engineer's facility roof maintenance projects. Mr. Bruce Landeg, Chief Deputy Engineer, replied that is correct. It will be for two facility improvements in the Engineer's Office. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE CCAO AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE GARY L. KRON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICAL BUILDING PROJECT 418-S IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$121,091.00(20180726\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy explained that this is an example of the County taking advantage of our CCAO membership. This allows the County to streamline the bidding process and obtain a quote that is a cost savings. This shows the value of CCAO membership. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20180726\U02)(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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD HELD BY THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 301.27 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE) (20180726\JFS01)(JFS-11)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Mathew Battiato, explained that this card is specifically for use by the Caley House, and it will give staff at Caley House flexibility when purchasing food and be a cost savings. The credit card balance will be paid off every month. Mr. Matas stated that this resolution amends a previously adopted resolution that was needed because of an Ohio Revised Code change. This update will also be a cost savings. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF RETAINER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,594.44 WITH A.M. HIGLEY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER PROJECT(201807026\C01)(207m)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Matas explained that this is the retainage on GMP #1, #2, and #3 for the Administration Center Project. This resolution closes them out and releases the retainer and it includes interest to the contractor. The GMP's consisted of demolition of a building, asbestos abatement and an electrical duct bank. Commissioner Troy stated that retainage is a common practice that is held until components of a project are completed to the owner's satisfaction. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,952,764.53 (20180726\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

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8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$464,938.36 (20180726\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

9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20180726\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

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20180726\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

11. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING NATALIE CLASON NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2018 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20180726\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that he and Commissioner Hamercheck presented the certificates for these three much-deserving young people at an event held previously in the week at the Lake County Fair. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that these young people truly exemplify the 4-H program. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

12. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING STEPHEN DAVIES NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2018 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20180726\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that he presented this to Mr. Davies who is a fine resident of the City of Willowick. He's the news, health, and safety reporter of his Club. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ANDREW KOICHEVAR NAMED AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2018 BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY (20180726\F03)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that Mr. Kochevar is an active member of the Young Guns Club. 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 – Commissioner Troy reported that today is Kids Day at the Lake County Fair and children ages 12 and under are admitted free and there are ride bands for \$6.00. Commissioner Troy thanked the Job and Family Services Department for sponsoring this event.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –none.

FINANCE –

Mr. Matas reported there is a worksession that will be held today at 1:00 p.m. on the Fifth Floor discussing capital improvements and financing strategies for the Engineer's Office.

Commissioner Troy reported that the final settlement for the MCO sales tax severance pay is being received soon and it is \$255,700 for Lake County. This is the final payment.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that he attended an event hosted at Kline's Nursery with 40 nursery growers from Canada. A major topic of discussion was about the new Federal guest worker rules. Many nurseries are struggling because they cannot find workers and the new permit process is slow in Washington. NACo weighed in on a resolution on H2A regarding the Administration Rules Referendum and asking the Department of Labor to reform the guest workers rules because it is getting bogged down for potential employers. This is a national issue.

Commissioner Troy reported that on Friday he met with the two gubernatorial candidates as President of the CCAO Board. He reminded the candidates that county government provides ground level services that the State mandates and explained many of these services. County and State governments must be good partners and have a better understanding of the relationship between county and state governments. Positive feedback was received from both candidates. Commissioner Troy indicated that County government needs to be at the table when State budget discussions begin. A 2018 Candidates Briefing Guide is being distributed to all of Ohio's 88 counties and all members of the General Assembly. He explained that counties are operating under 1880's statutes and there needs to be comprehensive statutory reform. There needs to be change and more flexibility for counties to operate more efficiently.

Commissioner Hamercheck hopes that the relationships will remain cordial and civil as we go into election season.

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

Mr. Brian Rice, Vice President of Lake County Council on Aging Board, thanked the Commissioners for attending a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event and for supporting the Senior Levy as well as the Children's Services Levy.

Ms. Mary Ellen Struze, 10518 Briar Hill Drive in Kirtland, appreciated the education given by Commissioner Troy regarding the State. She thinks that the County Commissioners are doing a good job being stewards of the taxpayer’s money. Ms. Struze suggested that the Commissioners consider improving training for law enforcement people with regards to illegal immigrants to be more humane. It is a misconception that local law enforcement are required to report every undocumented person they come across to ICE, and that local police departments are an extension of ICE. She asked that pressure be put on federal legislators to pass licenses for undocumented people as part of comprehensive immigration reform. She feels that hard working immigrants are being targeted unfairly.

Commissioner Cirino explained that the Board of County Commissioners do not have the purview over police departments in cities located within the County. The Sheriff’s Department is part of the County operations. In terms of training being suggested, it is outside of the Commissioners jurisdiction. He asked the Prosecutor if entering the Country illegally is considered a misdemeanor or felony.

Mr. Hackman replied that he would research and give Commissioner Cirino an answer. He does not believe that the Commissioners have the power over training within the Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner Troy replied that the County does not prescribe policies of local police departments. NACo has also stressed the need for immigration reform and it requires compromise and collaboration. He stated that many times when ICE conduct raids, local law enforcement is not notified.

Commissioner Cirino suggested if Ms. Struze has concerns with certain police departments, she should bring up those concerns to the individual police departments or city councils.

Commissioner Hamercheck encouraged Ms. Struze to take the time to speak to those people who work out in the field. He stated that local law enforcement do not think that they are an extension of ICE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Personnel Matters – Discipline with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:01 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of August, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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