

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 2017-0907)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, September 7, 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 present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR THE UNPAID REVISED ASSESSMENTS FOR HAWTHORNE WOODS WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 380- W(20170907\U01)(UT-13)**

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 GARY L. KRON RECLAMATION FACILITY DIGESTER REHABILITATION PROJECT 408-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20170907\U02)(UT-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

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,830.91(20170907\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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

**4. RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL FOR VARIOUS TERMS COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 (20170907\C01)(B-20)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated these re-appointments have been on the Board since it was created five years ago and have begun to explore how to best implement the results of the Senior Study for the Senior Citizens of Lake County. That is the foundation of the levy that is on the ballot in November. Commissioner Cirino expressed his gratitude to the members for their services. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING NATHAN HICKS TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL A NEW MEMBERSHIP POSITION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018 (20170907\C02)(B- 192)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy explained that Mr. Hicks is a fourth generation nursery operator and will be a great addition to the Port and Economic Development Board. Commissioner Cirino introduced Mr. Hicks and asked that he speak a little about himself later in the meeting. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20170907\BC01)(C- 111)**

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

**7. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170907\BC02)(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, reported that the bids were opened yesterday for one of the largest infrastructure projects the Department has undertaken, the Mentor Marsh Interceptor Replacement Project. He stated that the three bids received are currently being evaluated. Commissioner Troy congratulated Director of Business Operations, Mr. Matthew Armand, on the birth of his daughter and presented him with chocolate cigars.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he has seen some minor easing of finances out of the Coroner’s Office and asked Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, if they will still run out of money by November. Mr. Matas responded that was a correct statement.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Troy stated that MCO sales tax negotiations are continuing with the administration. The Senate will be in session later this month and as of now, there will be no veto override. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he participated in a CCAO conference call regarding the MCO sales tax and that it will be reconsidered on September 20<sup>th</sup>. He explained that Counties are looking for .69 on the dollar and that the State has made themselves whole and he explained the details of the discussions. Commissioner Troy explained the language in the veto override and the steps necessary to work toward a solution to the Counties and transit system losses and that the Administration has stated that they are willing to compromise.

NEW BUSINESS: -

Commissioner Cirino introduced new Port Authority Board member, Mr. Nathan Hicks. Mr. Hicks stated that he is the CEO of Cottage Gardens and gave a history and locations of the business which was started by his grandfather in 1923. The Lake County location currently employs 200 and during peak season, 250 people. He thanked the Board for this appointment and stated he looks forward to working with everyone.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he also participated in a CCAO conference call regarding the opioid epidemic and the Attorney General’s office is focusing on drug manufacturers. He explained that there is a strong suggestion that drug sales are not consistent with demographic needs and that Counties should begin to look into this subject.

Commissioner Troy stated he would like to speak with the County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, regarding the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. He explained his concern with the lack of progress on this project with another winter season approaching and the current condition of the bridge. Commissioner Troy stated that the project was commissioned a number of years ago. He reported that \$7.5 million from County auto license transfers has been put into this project and this money has not been available to address other roads and bridges in need of repair throughout the County. He stated currently there is no contractor for this project and there has been no activity in 2017 thus far. Commissioner Cirino asked Mr. Boyd to contact County Engineer Gills for a discussion with the Board. Commissioner Hamercheck added that ODOT is the lead agency on this project. The continuing hold up on this project is the permitting through the Army Corps of Engineers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners’ Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m., with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy “NAYS”: None

Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board will reconvene into open session at 2:00 PM today for discussion of Healthcare and general County operations.

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board returned to open session at 2:00 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, thanked the Board for their time today and explained that open enrollment is approaching and there have been some changes to the 2018 healthcare vendors that he would like to discuss. Mr. DiMare introduced Mr. Jim Dustin and Mr. Dan Finlin from National Financial Partners to give an update on the County Healthcare. Mr. Dustin gave a summarization of the healthcare vendor changes that have occurred since he last met with the Board individually. The Board of Commissioners continued to discuss healthcare, general County operations, and upcoming board roster vacancies to the Planning Commission and the Mentor on the Lake Tax Incentive Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twelfth day of September, 2017.

#### **BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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