

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 2018-1002)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 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. Commissioner Troy read and presented a certificate to Ms. Clevetta Hankton in honor of her retirement from the Buildings and Grounds Department after 30 years of service. Ms. Hankton thanked the Board and the Buildings and Grounds Department for the opportunity.

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord Township, asked the Board about the 2018 CCAO Candidates Briefing Guide and whether it was a public record. Commissioner Troy stated that the information to obtain the guide online could be provided to him.

Mr. Massie read the Ohio Revised Code Section of the CCAO Handbook that referred to local property taxes and the County Budget Commission. He stated that the Budget Commission is in place to ensure that the proper property taxes are collected when voters pass a levy. He also asked that the Board consider appointing two citizens to the County Budget Commission as permitted by Ohio law.

Mr. Massie also asked for an update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Dave Hackman, stated that ODOT is in charge of the project per a settlement agreement in the lawsuit filed by the previous contractor. Mr. Massie had several questions regarding the lawsuit and funding of the project. Mr. Hackman stated that Lake County is required to cooperate with ODOT for the construction of this bridge. The settlement agreement was signed by the 2016 Board which required cooperation with ODOT. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that there are multiple funding sources for the project and the collective cost of the project will be over \$41 million. Commissioner Cirino stated that bids have been awarded and the work began last month. Commissioner Troy stated that he has supported this project since 2009 and has always realized the need for a new bridge there. Unfortunately, the project has been continually delayed and escalated significantly in cost, which is why a few years back I opined that maybe we ought to reassess the scope of the project and maybe look at something smaller but still functional. He explained that he was very concerned with any change orders and/or cost increases being the responsibility of Lake County. A project of this magnitude could have significant cost overruns and change orders. He stated that the road closures have been extremely inconvenient for the residents of Leroy.

Mr. Massie referred to various correspondence of the Board on several of issues. He stated he hoped that as elected officials, the Commissioners would conduct any business that they do, although legal, be mindful of any perception of any impropriety.

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, reiterated that the Board of Commissioners must follow through with the settlement of the Vrooman Road Bridge Project lawsuit.

Mr. Jim Weber of Painesville City, stated that the Morley Library has \$10 million in the bank and that should be considered surplus. He questioned why they would be asking for another levy. Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Dave Hackman, explained that the Morley Library Board of Directors passed a resolution and submitted it to the Board of Commissioners who are then obligated to proceed and file their request with Board of Elections to be placed on the ballot. Commissioner Troy stated that Morley Library is asking for a renewal of their existing levy, but asking it to become continuous. Per Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Commissioners must acquiesce to Morley Library's request. He explained that the Budget Commission could make the decision that the Morley Library or any other entity may not need to levy the entire amount of the levy each year. Commissioner Hamercheck suggested Mr. Weber may obtain more information from the library if he were interested. Mr. Massie offered the information and statistics he has obtained.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS, INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595 PROJECT 388-W TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO(20181002\U01)(UT-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

**2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS, INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595 PROJECT 387-W TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO(20181002\U02)(UT-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

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**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR SEVENTH STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT 416-S IN THE VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR (20181002\U03)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated that this and the following resolution are two projects that have been approved by the Local Committee of the OPWC and the resolutions will authorize the completion of the formal applications for these projects. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR ERIE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 413-W IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY (20181002\U04)(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

**5. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT OCTOBER 5, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,746.61 (20181002\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$656,399.35(20181002\BC01)(C-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

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,797.31 (20181002\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

**8. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20181002\BC03)(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

**9. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20181002\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: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked if the Commissioner's Office kept a call log of comments, complaints and concerns. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that a majority of the calls are directed to him. He explained that he does not keep a call log but that he follows up with emails to the appropriate department, and he retains the emails. Commissioner Troy stated that when he receives messages, he returns the calls and either helps them or directs them to the appropriate department.

Ms. Chamberlin asked how the recent Emergency Operations Drill went. Commissioner Troy stated that they received an A+. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that it was an exceptionally successful drill.

Mr. Muzik asked what resources the County has to guide senior citizens who may be having financial difficulties. Commissioner Cirino stated that last week at the Aging in Lake County Conference, the keynote speaker discussed several new services being offered and that there are many resources out there (churches and other agencies) to help seniors.

Commissioner Troy stated that many of these types of issues are being addressed with the passage of the Senior Levy, the addition of several new programs, and that RSVP of Lake County is also a great resource.

Commissioner Hamercheck spoke of a software program that is available through AARP to calculate affordability.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:52 p.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 2:52 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this thirty-first day of October, 2018.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

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