

OCTOBER 24, 2019

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

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

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(Tape 2019-1024)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. Thursday, October 24, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Cirino, Hamercheck and Young 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 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN NERONE AND SONS, NC. AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REPAIR THE RETAINING WALL ON BLAIR ROAD IN LEROY TOWNSHIP TO ALLEVIATE THE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY(20191024\E01)(E-3)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young. Mr. Jim Gills, Lake County Engineer, explained that a concrete truck overturned hitting the retaining wall on Blair Road causing significant damage. They have been in contact and are working with the insurance company of the responsible concrete company. He stated that they sent out bid requests to three companies and only one has been returned with the bid being \$20,000 under the estimated costs. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

**2. RESOLUTION DECERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20191024\U01)(UT-7)**

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

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,225,000.00 FOR ERIE STREET WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND STREETScape PROJECT NO. 413-W, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: November 20, 2019) (20191024\U02)(UT-9)**

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

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE LEACHATE FORCE MAIN TO LANE ROAD SANITARY EVALUATION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20191024\U03)(UT-4)**

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this project will examine costs and options for a multi-approach in the landfill leachate pumps and also will include 3 new replacement valves to isolate landfill flows and reverse the direction of the flow of an existing abandoned force main. The project will consolidate seven 7 landfill pumps into one. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that a landfill consists of between five to twenty acres of open land (the remaining land is capped). The open land takes on rainwater and over time leaches through the garbage, ends up at the bottom of the landfill and is pumped out. Leachate is essentially rainwater that seeps into the landfill and must be pumped out and treated. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

**5. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20191024\U04)(UT-7)**

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

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER PLUMBING INSPECTION SERVICES TO THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO R.C. 3703.01 (20191024\C01)C-6)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, stated that in an effort to better serve Lake County, he and Mr. Boyd, along with Mr. Ron Graham of the Health District and Lake County Building Official, Mr. David Strichko, have been discussing transferring oversight of plumbing inspection from the Health District to the Lake County Building Department. This resolution allows the execution of a contract to transfer such responsibilities to the Building Department effective January 1, 2020. Commissioner Cirino explained that the Health District is not a part of Lake County government but an extension of the Ohio State Health Department and they have had the responsibility of plumbing inspections. In an effort to make plumbing inspections more efficient, the County would be better served placing the plumbing inspections under the Lake County Building Department umbrella. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,886,399.91(20191024\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434,077.07 (20191024\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20191024\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20191024\BC04)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, referred to item #3 on the agenda pertaining to the Erie Street Watermain Replacement and Streetscape Project. He explained that this is a joint project with the City of Willoughby. His department will be replacing the water mains right through Downtown Willoughby and the City of Willoughby will replace sidewalks and handle the paving of the roads. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that this is a larger project that will begin in January, 2020 with an estimated completion date sometime in March. Commissioner Cirino asked if there was an update on the landfill odor study. Mr. Rothlisberger responded that they will be adding 4 new wells which has greatly improved the conditions. He explained that they continue to work with EDL.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Jobs and Family Services, Mr. Matthew Battiato, discussed a recent event that was held in conjunction with and sponsored by Family and Children First. Mr. Battiato gave background information and presented a brief video of motivational speaker, Mr. David Flood. He explained that he, along with Ms. Susan Casar (of Family and Children First) and his administrative assistant, Ms. Jennifer Taylor, worked with Mr. McDonald from the Leadership Lake County Youth Program. Mr. McDonald reached out to Mr. Flood to present his message to the middle school children of Lake County and arranged for the locations and speaking times. Last week Mr. Flood came to Lake County and spoke to more than 1,500- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Flood spoke about character, making right choices, responsibility, integrity, respect, hard work, and compassion. Mr. Battiato stated that since Mr. Flood's presentation, he has been contacted by numerous school administrators, counselors, and principals to have Mr. Flood present to high school students in the spring.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that applications are being accepted for LakeTran Board appointments and that there will also be three Port Authority openings at the end of this year. Applications and more information can be found on the Commissioners website. The next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

COUNTY ENGINEER- Commissioner Cirino asked Mr. Gills if he could give a brief update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. Mr. Gills stated that the Project is moving along very well and that they are preparing to pour concrete. The pedestrian bridge is scheduled to open in the very near future and they are still planning a late April/early May, 2020 completion for the vehicular bridge. He also stated that once his department has completed their move into this building, he will be preparing a video highlighting the Vrooman Bridge Project to the Board. Commissioner Hamercheck mentioned that the Army Corps of Engineers permitted a pedestrian causeway large enough to allow emergency vehicles to utilize if necessary. Mr. Gills stated that he found it interesting because ODNR required them to take the pier down and he provided details about the pedestrian causeway. Commissioner Hamercheck and Mr. Gills discussed the frustration and considerable additional costs associated with the removal of the pier and construction of the pedestrian causeway.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he had the opportunity to represent the Board in Columbus last week at a CCAO/CORSA meeting. Due to possible pending litigation, he gave a brief update on several subject(s) that were discussed including the reinstatement of several suspended CORSA members. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, added that he expects no changes in the day-to-day operations of CORSA. The two Boards (CCAO and CORSA) will continue to work toward some sort of resolution to their outstanding issues. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that he had the pleasure of attending Bishop Coffee's installation ceremony over the weekend and how Lake County is fortunate to have two bishops (Bishop Maribel and Bishop Coffee) that are such good and faithful servants.

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Commissioner Hamercheck and County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, also attended a meeting at the Governor’s mansion for a discussion of Ohio’s opiate litigation. He explained that Lake County has a very unique interest in this litigation as we have three emergency rooms and are very lucky to have an amazing legal team representing Lake County. He stressed that Lake County is very lucky to have such a great relationship with the surrounding Counties and offer of mutual aid. The Board continued to discuss details of the opioid lawsuit and potential settlements.

Commissioner Hamercheck shared that October 23<sup>rd</sup> has been a very hard day for him and his family as it is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a near fatal helicopter crash that he was involved in when he worked for Lake County. However, he stated that yesterday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, he received a call from his daughter that he will become a grandfather for the first time in the near future.

Commissioner Cirino wished his wife, Donna, a happy birthday and congratulated Commissioner Hamercheck on his news.

He stated that he attended the International Trade dinner and had an opportunity to speak about opportunities that are available. He discussed what attracts new and expanding companies to Lake County with them and how the aerospace and defense business in Lake County is the largest in the State.

Commissioner Young stated that he attended a Workforce Development meeting at the Lakeland Community College Holden Center. He explained that there was much discussion on manufacturing and the demand for young people to enter the field. He stressed that we need to encourage young people to enter into the manufacturing field. Commissioner Young listed several programs that are available, some of which are at no cost to qualified students.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, congratulated Commissioner and Mrs. Hamercheck on their news. He discussed the tight budgets of senior citizens.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURN:**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m. with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. “NAYS”: None

Minutes approved this seventh day of November, 2019.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

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JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISIONER

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK