

OCTOBER 31, 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 2019-1031)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, October 31, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Cirino, Hamercheck and Young were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 19, 2019, September 26, 2019, October 3, 2019, and October 17, 2019, were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Utilities Department Director of Operations, Mr. Gary Fedak, announced that Ms. Susan Brochak, Chief Laboratory Analyst; Mr. Jerry Ondo, Plant Superintendent; and Mr. Jon Hegfield, Chief Operator, have dedicated 25 years of service to the County. Mr. Fedak, gave a brief background on each of the talented recipients and stated that they are very hard working, dedicated and loyal employees and he expressed his gratitude to them. The Commissioners congratulated them on their years of service and dedication to the Lake County Department of Utilities and presented them with their service awards.

Mr. David Lima, 7774 Litchfield in Mentor, stated that he fully supports item #8 on the agenda pertaining to the 2020 census. He is pleased that Commissioner Hamercheck is leading the Complete Count Committee and asked for a few details of what the committee will be doing.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Committee will be taking this census very seriously and will focus on getting everyone in Lake County counted. He stressed the importance of a complete count. Commissioner Hamercheck said the Committee will be making a concerted effort to reach out to community leaders, various organizations (including the League of Women Voters), United Way of Lake County and key stakeholders throughout the County. He emphasized that there will be no law enforcement component to the Count and that there are only 10 questions to be answered. Residents will have an opportunity to fill out the census questionnaire online, by phone, or paper. Ms. Susan Licate from the Census Bureau is present and reminded everyone that the census is a constitutional mandate and non-partisan. She will give a more detailed report later in the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR QUAIL HOLLOW SUBDIVISION NO. 10 PHASE 1A, CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20191031\E01)(SD-433)

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

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS -OUT TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFERS-IN (20191031\U01)(UT-2)

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 Young. "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT NOVEMBER 8, 2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$208,218.10(20191031\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

4. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARNA DRUM TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 9, 2022 (20191031\C01)(B-14)

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

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) CODE OF REGULATIONS (20191031\C02)(C-102)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Young. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that this has been in the works for quite some time and it is a requirement that all Counties pass a resolution adopting the amendment to the regulations. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUB-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 (20191031\C03)(INS)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, stated that this and the following resolution sets the 2020 employee and sub-governmental entities

health rates. There will be a 2% increase in employee health rates for medical and prescription and 0% for dental in 2020. He thanked his staff, Mrs. Lyndsey Formica and Ms. Norma Hutchinson, for their hard work and assistance. Mr. DiMare added that open enrollment will begin on Monday, November 4th. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 (20191031\C04)(INS)

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

8. RESOLUTION CREATING THE LAKE COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE (20191031\C05)(C-107)

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

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$905,056.45(20191031\BC01)(C-4)

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 APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$407,279.77 (20191031\BC02)(C-17)

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

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20191031\BC03)(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 Young. "NAYS": None

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20191031\BC04)(C-111)

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

13. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2019 NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20191031\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Job and Family Services Program Coordinator, Ms. Lori O'Brien, thanked the Board for recognizing those families and individuals that make a commitment to adopt children that would otherwise remain the custody of Job and Family Services. Ms. O'Brien introduced Mr. Gene Tetrick, supervisor of Job and Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Team. Mr. Tetrick thanked the Board for recognizing November as National Adoption Awareness Month. He provided several statistics on Lake County. Currently, there are 46 dually licensed (as foster and adoptive parents) families. He stated that there have been 13 adoptions over the past 12 months. Lake County Probate Court Administrator, Mrs. Christine Gibaldi, was present and formally thanked the Lake County Job and Family Services Department for the tremendous work they do and emphasized the need for foster and adoptive parents. She invited the Board to attend this year's special event being held on Friday, November 1, 2019 beginning at the Lake County Probate Court. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is in the process of updating floodplain maps of unincorporated areas throughout Lake County. The updated maps can be found on the FEMA website.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck introduced Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. David Radachy, to speak about the 2020 Census. Mr. Radachy stated that the official Census Day is April 1, 2020 but residents can begin filling out their information as early as March 12, 2020. He explained that an accurate census provides Lake County with federal and state representation. The fourth Common Pleas Court was added to Lake County based on need according to the last census count. He explained that Federal funding for roads, bridges,

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schools, healthcare and senior programs is based on census data. For every person not counted by the census, the impact of that could cost the County and the communities up to \$1,800 per person. Mr. Radachy also explained that the Complete Count Committee will consist of County, city, village and township officials, non-profit organizations, school boards, the media, cultural groups, private citizens and businesses just to name a few. He reviewed several ways the Complete Count Committee would get the information out to the public including notices in electric and water bills, in employee paychecks and emails, and inclusion in newsletters and on electronic message boards. Mr. Radachy added that anyone interested in helping with the census or who would like more information can visit census2020@lakecountyohio.gov or call (440)-350-2020. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th. He introduced Ms. Susan Licate, Media Specialist, from the U.S. Department of Commerce - U.S. Census Bureau. Ms. Licate thanked the Board for the adoption of the Complete Count Committee resolution. She stated that the goal is for every person in Lake County to be counted and she provided a detailed report of their goal of a complete and accurate count.

Commissioner Cirino thanked Ms. Licate for all of her efforts and spoke on the importance of the census. He stated that it has been highly speculated that Ohio could lose congressional and/or Senate seat as a result of the 2020 census. Commissioner Cirino stated that it is so very important that all people be counted, not only because there could be a loss of federal funding for emergency and social services but an accurate count also ensures that there are adequate electoral votes. Commissioner Hamercheck extended his congratulations to Ms. Licate for her presentation to the Lake County League of Women Voters. Ms. Licate stated that hiring local people to help with the census is always a benefit as they know the area that they live in and that there are 100's of temporary jobs available for this census and she provided details of employment criteria. She feels that Lake County will have great success through the leadership of Commissioner Hamercheck and the Complete Count Committee. Commissioner Young commented that Lake County receives money from the Federal government based on the results of the census. Project Coordinator, Mrs. Donna Tyson, was also present and announced that there would be three upcoming census meetings the week of November 12th. Commissioner Cirino thanked Commissioner Hamercheck for his leadership of the Complete Count Committee and also thanked Ms. Licate, Mrs. Tyson and Mr. Radachy for their efforts.

Commissioner Cirino gave an update on House Bill 6 and the opponents of House Bill 6. He stated that the Federal Court has determined that their (the opponents of HB6) request for more time to gather signatures is a state matter and will not step in. The Ohio Supreme Court could decide to step in to make a decision but no announcement of such has been made.

Commissioner Young recognized Mr. Bob Dawson from Workforce Development for all of the hard work he has done this year and emphasized jobs are a critical element for our society. He explained that Mr. Dawson and his staff have begun to run many new ads, in addition to hosting job fairs at Lakeland Community College and Auburn Career center and they have added new training programs. Commissioner Young explained that some of these training programs could be free of charge to qualified students. He stated that Lake County's workforce development has been recognized in Columbus as one of the best in Ohio.

Mr. Dawson stated that there would be a mega manufacturing job fair being held in conjunction with the City of Mentor at the Mentor Civic Center on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. There will be 21 manufacturing companies, Lakeland Community College, Auburn Career Center and Cleveland Industrial Training Center in attendance.

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

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, spoke on the importance of paying taxes by stating that our taxes are paid to provide important public services. She stated that at times, people to have negative thoughts about paying taxes which impacts the way they feel about the services they are getting. She stated that she is grateful to contribute to our country, to our county, and for the important work that the needs to be done. Ms. Chamberlin stated that it speaks well of the County to have dedicated employees that have been employed for 25+ years. She congratulated the employees honored today for their dedication, knowledge and education. On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Ms. Chamberlin thanked Mr. David Radachy for taking the time to come and speak to their group about the upcoming census. She stated that his explanations were very helpful.

Commissioner Cirino agreed with Ms. Chamberlin regarding her thoughts on paying taxes and added that we must always be watchful of how the tax dollars are being spent.

Commissioner Young stated that he also agrees with Ms. Chamberlin and that there needs to be a careful balance of spending.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County is very fortunate to have the support of the taxpayers for levies such as Children's Services, ADAMHS, and Senior Services. The legislature has tendency to penalize communities who actively do something when they have the ability to and therefore get no assistance. He pointed out that Lake County is very fortunate to have citizens so willing to step up and make a difference. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Ms. Chamberlin for acknowledging Mr. Radachy and the presentation that the Complete Count Committee put on for the League of Women Voters. He stated that we are fortunate to have such quality people working on the Committee.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville, spoke of being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. DiMare introduced Ms. Juliana Petti; the new Director of Alliance for Working Together Foundation (AWT). Ms. Petti briefly discussed her background and stated that it has been her passion to give back to the manufacturing community. She stated that she took part in the Cleveland Foundation's summer public service and nonprofit internship in 2017, where she learned about AWT's mission. She stayed in touch with the AWT and began serving as the engagement manager in 2019. Ms. Petti stated that the Department of Labor has made them a sector partner for apprenticeships for Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties. This will allow them to train 288 apprentices. She stated that she very much looks forward to working with Workforce Development Director, Mr. Robert Dawson.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Collective Bargaining, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Young, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this third day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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