

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 2017-1102)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2017.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called, all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the regular meetings of October 12, October 17, and October 26, 2017 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

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

Mr. Brian Massie of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Concord Township, spoke of his continued concern regarding the real estate issues, senior citizens and those on a fixed income. He stated that in his review of several reports, 30% of their household income is an acceptable tax threshold. He stated what he read one of the reports; 26.27% of seniors in Northeast own their homes and 52% of those renting are paying more than 30%. Mr. Massie thanked Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Michael DeLeone, for the explanation of the possible Crime Lab levy and reported his findings. He also discussed the Lake Metroparks, their \$26 million budget, and whether there is a limit on the amount of acreage they are permitted to own. He stated that he reviewed the ADAMHS Board, and that he hopes the entities receiving funds from them are good stewards of the taxpayer's money. Mr. Massie discussed the 2015 report from MCS Consulting to the Board regarding the senior study. He stated that there were three negative comments. He stated what they were and asked whether or not they had been addressed. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that the three negative comments included in the 2015 MCS Consulting Services report have been addressed. He explained that there is an employee dedicated to the process, there is monitoring of the CDBG Program and there are contracts with the agencies receiving funds. Before funds are awarded there are staff and a Senior Panel review and recommendations of the applications including recommendations by the Board of Commissioners. He explained that the contracts have deliverables and are reimbursement based, meaning they do not receive funds until they provide whatever services might be outlined in the contract. Commissioner Cirino asked if Mr. Boyd could address Mr. Massie's Metropark acreage inquiry. Commissioner Troy stated they are regulated by State law. Mr. Boyd added they often receive significant donations. Commissioner Troy explained that one of the reasons the 2015 Senior Study was commissioned and the Senior Citizens Advisory Panel created, was to look into the way in which the entities receiving those funds were utilizing them and if the formula used to distribute was flexible in recognizing the changing needs of the seniors in Lake County. These changes did not come without pushback from the funded entities. Commissioner Troy stated that approximately 30% of the Lake County population are 60 years and older and that the senior population will continue to grow as people are living longer.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HOOSE ROAD AND ANDREA DRIVE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NO. CG05U/CG06U) IN THE CITIES OF MENTOR AND KIRTLAND HILLS AND CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME (BID OPENING: November 29, 2017)(20171102\E01)(E-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 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,319,000.00 FOR DEERFIELD RELIEF CEDAR GLEN & CRESTWOOD PROJECT 366-S AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: November 29, 2017)(20171102\U01)(UT-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is part of their Capital Improvement Plan, and will help relieve some of the backups and be more efficient. Commissioner Troy stated that in the past, trucks were necessary to pump out the water and asked if this would fix this problem. Mr. Rothlisberger stated this project will definitely reduce the necessity for that. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 2 (RELEASE OF RETAINER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,574.52 WITH DAVIS DIGGERS, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,929.00 FOR GRAND RIVER SANITARY SEWER POINT REPAIRS PROJECT 399-S FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20171102\U02)(UT-9)

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

October 26, 2017

4. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,339,426.00 TO MARK HAYNES CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR MENTOR MARSH INTERCEPTOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT 336-S, PARTS A AND B(20171102\U03)(UT-9)

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

5. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20171102\U04)(UT-13)

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

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT NOVEMBER 9, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$321,859.40 (20171102\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

7. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN OFFICE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FY 2017 DNA CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT (AWARD #2017-DN-BX-0083) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00, BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 (20171102\C01)(CT-18)

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

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A VOCA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,645.92 AND A SVAA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,350.72 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THE OHIO CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (20171102\C02)(CT-8a)

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

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY (FENOC) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (RERP) FOR THE PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND OTHER GENERAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED AT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 (20171102\C03)(504)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. EMA Director, Mr. Larry Greene, explained this agreement was created in the late 1980's, is negotiated every two years, and helps in funding emergency preparedness activities. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171102\BC01)(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 TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171102\BC01)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, 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 – Commission Hamercheck stated it was his understanding that the Coroner's Office would be able to make payroll this pay period but not the remainder of the year. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that the Coroner had made some adjustments and would have enough appropriations to make the November 16th payroll however, currently, not the December payroll.

CLERK –none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - On behalf of the Lake County Board of Commissioners and citizens of Lake County, Commissioner Troy offered his condolences on the passing of former Waite Hill Mayor, Mr. Art Baldwin. Mayor Baldwin served Waite Hill Village for nearly 50 years.

Commissioner Troy stated he recently attended the National Association of Regional Councils meeting. He explained the overall concern of Congress passing the tax reform bill is that it eliminates the deductions of state and local taxes and he explained the impact this would have on taxpayers. He stated that NACo and other entities feel this is double taxation. It also would make it much more difficult to have levies approved by the voters, and how there is also a concern for charitable donation deductions.

Commissioner Troy explained that \$1.3 trillion would be shifted away from local communities and over to the federal government as a balancing tool for the general tax cuts that are proposed. If the proposed budget passes, the House would set a double standard as corporations would still be permitted to fully deduct their state and local taxes but individuals and families would not. Commissioner Cirino stated we will have to wait and see whether the real estate deductions will survive. He questioned whether tax reform-tax reduction restructuring actually facilitates GDP growth. According to the IRS, 13% of GDP funnels down to state and local governments. Commissioner Cirino added that if the GDP can sustain itself above 3% and possibly get to 4%, there will be benefits to state and local governments.

Commissioner Hamercheck gave an update on the Narcotics Board meeting. He reported that over 3,000 pounds were collected in the DEA prescription drug take-back program and that the Crime Lab has been the number one drop-off site.

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

Mr. John Muzic of 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, asked when the 2 ½% homestead rollback began.

Commissioner Troy responded that the 2 ½% homestead rollback for owner occupied residences began in the 1970's.

Commissioner Hamercheck asked Commissioner Cirino about a press conference that he held this past Friday.

Commissioner Cirino explained that the meeting was an update on his recent meeting with the Energy Department in hopes of getting a meeting with the FERC Committee in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Troy stated that this is a Board form of government and there needs to be better communication, inclusion, and transparency on informational meetings to all three members of this Board.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

For the purpose of considering negotiations with another political subdivision respecting requests for economic development assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:40 a.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 Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board returned to open session at 11:08 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this ninth day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK