

NOVEMBER 21, 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 2019-1121)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 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. Commissioner Young drew attention to the newly installed state motto that has been placed in the Commissioners Chambers. He stated that this has been the state motto since 1959, has been tried and adjudicated in many Courts throughout the years and applies to all faiths.

Senior Coordinator, Mrs. Alyea Barajas, gave a brief explanation of the "Be a Santa to a Senior Program", stating that it has been in existence for 16 years and that this is the first year Lake County will be participating in the "Be a Santa to a Senior Program". She thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of this important program and recognizing December as "Be a Santa to a Senior" month. Ms. Valerie Armstrong and Ms. Nicole Riera were present from Home Instead. Ms. Armstrong explained that Home Instead partners with local non-profit and community organizations to identify seniors who might not otherwise receive gifts this holiday season and expressed her gratitude for the support of the Board this year. They expect to collect over 900 gifts this Christmas season. Mrs. Barajas stated that the tree and 50 gift ornaments were placed in the lobby of the Administration Building on Tuesday; all 50 ornaments were taken so she will be adding another 25+ later today. The gifts will be collected through December 6th at which time they will be delivered to the organizers for wrapping and personal delivery. The Board presented a special certificate in support of the "Be a Santa to a Senior Program".

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR LILLY FARMS SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (20191121\E01)(SD-434)

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

2. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND(20191121\U01)(UT-2)

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

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER PROJECT FUND 596, MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY DIGESTER REHABILITATION PROJECT 408-S(20191121\U02)(UT-2)

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 AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK & SMITH GROUP, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20191121\U03)(UT-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

5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20191121\U04)(UT-2)

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 ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,018.36 FOR A WATERLINE FOR MELROSE FARMS SUBDIVISION PHASE 5 IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY (JOB NO. 19-19)(20191121\U05)(UT-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

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,677.42 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR LILLY FARMS SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 19-21)(20191121\U06)(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 Young. "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,956.94 FOR A WATERLINE FOR LILLY FARMS SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 19-21)(20191121\U07)(UT-9)

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

9. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,777.75, EFFECTIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (20191121\C01)(504)

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

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A VOCA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$361,440.71 AND A SVAA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,168.08 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, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (20191121\C02)(CT-8a)

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

11. RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CHIEFS JOHN GIELINK OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MATTHEW A. BYERS OF THE MADISON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THREE YEAR TERMS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022 (20191121\C03)(B-17)

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

12. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CHAGRIN RIVER CORRIDOR AND LAKEFRONT TRAIL CONNECTION PLAN(20191121\C04)(C-102)

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

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,840,338.89(20191121\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

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684,076.74(20191121\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

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20191121\BC03)(C-111)

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

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20191121\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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the Department held a bid opening for the Erie Street Watermain Replacement and Streetscape Project in Downtown Willoughby yesterday. He explained that 9 bids were received and the apparent low bid was \$975,000 which is \$75,000 less than the estimated cost of the project. The project is scheduled to begin in January, 2020 with an estimated completion date sometime in February. Commissioner Hamercheck asked for further information on item #3 on the agenda pertaining to the Mentor Wastewater Treatment Facility Digester Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Rothlisberger explained the details of what a wastewater digester actually is and the service it provides. He stated that the estimated cost for this digester project is \$1.5 million and is a part of their Capital Improvement Plan. The project involves rehabilitation and treatment processes to the holding tanks.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Hamercheck asked for further information on item #12 on the agenda pertaining to the Chagrin River Corridor and Lakefront Trail Connection Plan. Mr. Boyd explained this is a very positive and unique project and will involve the construction of pedestrian walkways connecting parks and river beds throughout Willoughby with an ultimate connection to Lake Erie. This is a long term project that has the support of Willoughby Mayor Fiala, Lake MetroParks and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. Commissioner Young added that this is a very exciting and unique project that will allow people to enjoy the Chagrin River. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that although \$5,000 seems like a modest contribution, with the County's votes on the Board and with the engineers working group, there seems to be a new philosophy with NOACA that Lake County is no longer a donor county. We are now receiving funding and municipalities throughout the County will be beneficiaries of this. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, added that he is part of NOACA's County Engineers working group and that Lake County may be eligible for some funding through NOACA for various projects throughout the County. Commissioner Hamercheck added that Lake County has very good NOACA representation.

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FINANCE – none.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and County Offices will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

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

Ms. Ellen Chamberlin of Willoughby, asked if the Board could make any comments regarding today’s executive session. Commissioner Cirino responded that they were unable to comment on the executive session pertaining to potential pending or imminent litigation. Ms. Chamberlin also inquired about the municipalities that have turned over services to the County and whether there is some type of tracking system to examine if these services are truly a savings to the taxpayers. Commissioner Cirino responded that when a municipality approaches the County for services, they have recognized that they will experience a savings and explained the process they must go through. Mr. Boyd used the example of building inspections stating that currently there are three cities utilizing the County building inspection services. He explained in detail the various savings these cities will experience. Commissioner Hamercheck pointed out that even with the increased capacity, the County budget has not seen an increase. Commissioner Young pointed out the savings they (the cities) would see with personnel, management and IT services.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Collective Bargaining and Legal- Pending or Imminent Court Action, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Young "NAYS": None

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twelfth day of December, 2019.

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