

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT  
KEVIN D. MALECEK, COMMISSIONER  
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER  
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR  
LEGAL COUNSEL  
MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR  
NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2015-1124)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., November 24, 2015.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2015, were approved as follows:  
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Brenda Spadaro, 7612 Lake Shore Blvd., presented an update on the Dock Road improvements. Seven volunteers cleaned up debris from the area. They received positive feedback from area residents. They will continue to work on further improvements. Commissioner Malecek stated that he was happy to hear how the Madison Township Trustees responded and assisted with the project. Ms. Spadaro agreed and reported that Madison Township brought in a chipper to help out.

RESOLUTIONS:

- RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$912,355.89(20151124\BC01)(C-4)**  
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None
- RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,788.26(20151124\BC02)(C-17)**  
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None
- RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20151124\BC03)(C-111)**  
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None
- RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20151124\BC04)(C-111)**  
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Utilities, reported on the use of credit cards as a payment option that went into effect last January. The Utilities Department began accepting credit card payments in January and to date accept 800 to 1,000 credit card payments per month. This payment option has been especially useful to those customers who are delinquent. Together, approximately 10,000 payments have been accepted since January totaling \$1.3 million collected. The Utilities Department has heard the voice of its customers and actively listened to them and incorporated their feedback into daily operations. Commissioner Troy stated that since Mr. Armand has taken on the goal of customer service they have seen a marked improvement in customer relations. Commissioner Malecek reported that he has used the credit card payment option on a regular basis and it is very efficient.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - Mr. Matt Battiato, Job & Family Services Director, reported in child and adult protection services division. Ms. Lori O'Brien took over as Administrator of this Division in June and brought a lot of enthusiasm and is reviewing protocols and programs. She is focusing on adult protective services and made a significant change. Up until last month they had their staff responsible for both child and adult protective services. Now there is a unit solely responsible for adult protective services with a staff of two. There are also two separate members of staff in child protective services, and they can help each other out if necessary depending on volume. This is consistent with the senior levy consultants recommendation to have special geriatric social workers. As they move forward it will expand more. Right now referrals come through a hotline and the idea is that they can be called directly. They also initiated a multi-disciplinary team for adult protective services to meet monthly to speak about senior issues specifically in the County. Commissioner Troy asked if this would include contractor abuse? Mr. Battiato stated that they receive referrals for those ages 60 and over who are abused, neglected or exploited by a caregiver. Someone like a contractor is more a legal issue and a social worker is not in a position to investigate these issues. There is a bill pending in Columbus that would require financial institutions to report any suspicions of a senior being exploited. Commissioner Troy stated that by 2030 one in three people will be 60 years or older in Lake County so these issues will become more prominent.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator reported that he is the President of the County Administrators Association of Ohio and there will be roundtable discussions at the CCAO Winter Conference next week about the budget outlook, capital planning, construction delivery methods that as well as debt service and finance strategies when looking at significant expansion. Mr. Klco, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, replied that he would be at the conference as well and topics of discussion will be about U.S. Communities bidding processes and working with the State for herbicide and pesticide programs and what counties need to have as far as licensing.

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy reported that the temporary appropriations for the first quarter of 2016 will be presented at the second and third meetings in December according to Mr. Matas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Dan Philipps, 12898 Painesville Warren Road, spoke about the Vrooman Road Bridge project and stated that it is in need of repair. He indicated that the public requested a low level bridge. The bridge being built is high level and he is afraid of the environmental impact and the impact to Native American ancestral grounds and there is a legal issue with the bridge. Mr. Phillipps requested a comprehensive master plan, a public hearing and moratorium on approval of funding. He also mentioned the idea of placing the County Engineer directly under the Commissioners and thought that more budget controls are needed. Commissioner Troy thanked Mr. Philipps for his remarks and stated that most of the items brought up could not be responded to because of pending litigation. A comprehensive plan was done with Leroy Township. Mr. Klco stated that Leroy Township is amid the creation of a comprehensive plan. Mr. Boyd replied that traditionally the transportation plan is reviewed and made a component of the master plan. Ms. Pat Green, 5560 Vrooman Road, replied that in 1962 a plan asked for a connection between I-90 to SR 2 and since that time SR 44 has been built and using Vrooman is not needed, which is why a comprehensive plan would be helpful. Commissioner Troy stated that the ORC dictates the responsibility for bridges in the County to the County Engineer and the Vrooman Road Bridge is a project that he sponsored. The Commissioners are required to legislatively approve contracts pertaining to projects for the Engineer's Office. Changing the Engineer to be under the Commissioners Office requires a voter charter approve County-wide, and this has historically only occurred in Ohio due to incidents of public corruption. It would have to be placed on the ballot and go before the voters. He stated that in the late 1970's or early 1980's, an attempt was made to form a charter government in Lake County and it was defeated by the voters.

Commissioner Troy stated that the next regular Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and all County offices will be closed November 26 and 27, 2015 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Personnel - employment

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Malecek, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters related to discipline with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 2:40 p.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 2:41 p.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Malecek seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board returned to open session at 3:00 p.m., with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

The Lake County Commissioners reconvened Open Session to review the County's facility planning.

ADJOURN:

On a motion of Commissioner Malecek, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m., with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Malecek and Moran "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this tenth day of December, 2015.

#### **BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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