

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2017-1221)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2017.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of November 30, 2017 and December 5, 2017. The Board discussed the First Energy segment of the new business portion of the November 30, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Troy rescinded his motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 minutes.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 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.

Commissioner Troy presented Ms. Carmina Chiappone of the Ohio State Extension Office with a special certificate on the occasion of her retirement and thanked her for more than 33 years of service to the OSU Extension.

Mr. Brian Massie, of 8196 Rainbow Drive in Painesville Twp., updated the Board about the LandBank. Mr. Massie stated that he met with Executive Director, Mr. John Rogers, concerning the St. Mary Magdalene rectory. Mr. Rogers explained to Mr. Massie that the demolition would cost approximately \$175,000, and then the property would be split into two lots. He stated the approximate value of the land is \$92,500, leaving \$82,500 at the taxpayers' expense. Mr. Massie stated it is unfair to taxpayers and that he objects to the LandBank using taxpayer dollars to bailout the church. He stated that he intends to ask the Church to donate \$82,500 back to the County for this expense.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO UNION INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE HOPKINS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (PID #93498) OVER MARTIN OHM DITCH IN THE CITY OF MENTOR, OHIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$938,250.00 (20171221\E01)(E-3)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Alan Exley, from the Engineers Office, was present and explained that this project is eligible for 80% funding from the State through the exchange program. He stated that the project will be complete by Summer, 2018. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 389-W (20171221\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 Troy "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND TRANSFERS-OUT AND TRANSFERRING CASH TO THE SOLID WASTE CLOSURE/POST CLOSURE FUND(20171221\U02)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy stated that, by requirement of Ohio House Bill 592, all owners of solid waste facilities must ensure proper closure. Commissioner Troy explained that the Lake County landfill will eventually be closed and that this resolution transfers funds into an account that will eventually fund this closure. Assistant Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Denis Yurkovich, added that the landfill is evaluated annually. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 22, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$678,170.43(20171221\JFS01)(JFS-14)

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

5. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHAWN DOUGLAS TO THE WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020(20171221\C01)(B-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy explained that the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board is responsible for the distribution of Federal Funds to the Lake County Council on Aging and other entities throughout the Greater Cleveland area. He stated that Mr. Douglas has served on this Board for the last 3 years and will be serving his second and final term on the WRAAA Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

December 21, 2017

6. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR THE 2018 DRAINAGE CHARGES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER, WATER, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT(201071221\C02)(UT-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, Stormwater Management Director, Mr. Tim Miller, explained that this resolution will certify to the County Auditor, the stormwater utility charges that will assist in funding the Stormwater Management Department and also support future projects. Commissioner Troy stated that, in comparison, Lake County fees are quite a bit lower than that of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Commissioner Hamercheck asked Mr. Miller about the financial stability of the Stormwater Department. Mr. Miller stated they are doing well and that there are many upcoming projects. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION REMOVING DRAINAGE CHARGES OF THE LAKE COUNTY SEWER, WATER AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (20171221\C03)(UT-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Miller stated that this is removing the drainage charges from a common area with four parcels and no residential structures on them. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE CITY OF EASTLAKE FOR THE GALALINA AREA STORM SEWERS AND PUMP STATION PROJECT(20171221\C04)(UT-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Mr. Miller stated that the pump station is in need of replacement. A memorandum of understanding with the City of Eastlake has been prepared and the County will fund the project in the amount of \$1.583 million dollars. Commissioner Troy stated that this project is similar to the outfall in the City of Willowick. He explained that the County would advance the funds and the City of Eastlake will reimburse the County by a one-time payment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

9. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (20171221\C05)(C-6)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Chief Building Official, Mr. David Strichko, explained that this is a minor increase and that the department will do an annual evaluation of fees to avoid large fee increases. Commissioner Troy stated that this increase is approximately 5%. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that being proactive with the annual review and slight fee increase is very helpful. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,071,568.97(20171221\BC01)(C-4)

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 APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,254.46(20171221\BC02)(C-17)

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

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20171221\BC03)(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

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171221\BC04)(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

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20171221\BC05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that the General Fund is the chief operating fund for the County for the financial resources except those to be accounted for in another fund per Ohio Revised Code restrictions. He explained that for the full year 2018, the projected General Revenue Fund is \$53,613,064, which is approximately \$500,000 less than 2017. Project appropriations are projected at \$53,581,196. He stated that revenue will remain relatively flat mostly due to the loss of the Medicaid Managed Tax. The approximate loss in 2018 and beyond is \$1.6 million. Mr. Matas further explained appropriations such as health care costs continuing to rise, medical care costs within in the jail continuing to rise significantly each year and he pointed out that law enforcement represents 64% of the budget. Commissioner Troy explained that per the law no spending can take place after December 31st, and that this temporary budget allows for spending until the permanent budget is adopted. He stressed that the department heads must realize that the County must be very cautious in their spending due to the revenue constraints caused by the loss of MCO sales tax revenue. Commissioner Troy stated that an additional \$50 million would be paid to Counties and transit authorities in 2018 with the possibility of up to \$30 million paid in 2018 if there is a budget

surplus also paid to Counties and transit authorities, but then that is it. Mr. Matas stated that budget hearings would be scheduled after the first of the year for those departments requesting one. Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Matas for his hard work, dedication and detailed explanations. Commissioner Troy asked Mr. Matas if he had an approximate carryover amount. Mr. Matas replied that the carryover for the year is between \$5.2 and \$5.6 million. 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 – Commissioner Troy inquired about the potential cuts in federal funding to the Children’s Health Insurance Program from a 97% federal match to a 63% federal match. Jobs and Family Services Director, Mr. Matt Battiato, explained that this program is designed for low income families through Medicaid and if Congress does not fund the full 97% match, those additional costs will fall upon the State. If the State chooses not to fund this program, those eligible children will not have coverage and the parents will need to decide whether they will provide health insurance for their children, buy milk, or pay their utilities. Mr. Battiato stated that it is critical for that funding to stay in place.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – Commissioner Troy stated that there has been a change to the tax budget since it was passed and asked if there needs to be action by the Board to reflect this change. Budget Director, Mr. Mike Matas, stated that he has been in contact with the Auditor’s Office and once the new rates are available, an amended resolution will be presented to the Board for adoption.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy stated that the Secretary of State has recommended the capital bill include \$118 million for the replacement of voting machine equipment. He explained that the formula used was for the cost of new optical scan systems for each county. 41 counties in the State, including Lake County, use the direct recording electrical system. He noted that the Board of Elections and the Commissioners must decide whether to employ the funding for the optical scan system or replace with a new direct recording electrical system which would be of significant additional cost to the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Ms. Arzella Melnyk of 10506 Hobart Road in Kirtland, thanked Mr. Boyd and the Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Bell, for posting the 2018 Board positions on the Commissioners website. Ms. Melnyk asked for further information on the CDBG request from Crossroads for a teardown. She stated that the LandBank has since committed to take the structure down and she asked what happens to the CDBG money earmarked for that project. Commissioner Cirino stated that Crossroads did not receive the CDBG award because it didn’t qualify for the award. He explained that the funds would be awarded at a later date to a qualifying project.

Mr. John Muzic of 45 Coventry Drive, Painesville Township, asked how many communities were involved in the County’s stormwater program. Mr. Miller responded that of the 23 communities, 20 are mandated to have a stormwater program, 17 of those have joined with the County’s stormwater management program and 3 have opted to maintain their own.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners’ Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eighth day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK