

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

(Tape 2017-1228)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2017.

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

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

Deputy Director, Mr. Myron Pakush, from ODOT District 12, was present along with Mr. Greg Krienstein and Mr. David Short. He gave an update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project. He explained that over the past three months they have been working with the County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, and Mr. Alan Exley from the Engineers Office. He stated that they have been preparing and submitting the USDA easement transferred with the MetroParks and that the USDA is very pleased with the easement, stating it is actually a betterment. They are preparing the contracts for the removal of bat trees which must be cleared this winter prior to the no tree cutting season.

They will be scheduling an informational meeting with potential contractors and are confident that construction will begin very soon. They feel that this is the prime time to go out to bid for the project and that there will be very competitive bidders. Mr. Gills stated that NOACA has cleared new financing, deciding to refinance the entire project due to the increase in costs. They have zeroed out the old agreement and once prepared, a new agreement will be brought to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Cirino asked for an outline of key milestone dates over the next three to six months. Mr. Pakush responded that they plan to advertise for bids in February, 2018 and award bids sometime in March, 2018. The financing is completely in place and still within budget.

Mr. Gills stated the estimated target date for the bridge to open is fall of 2019, with reconstruction of Vrooman Road completed by early 2020, and cleanup of the area, grass planting, etc. to be completed by summer/fall of 2020. Commissioner Troy asked for an explanation of the increase in project costs stating that the NOACA estimate has increased by approximately \$1.2 million dollars. Mr. Pakush stated there has always been a budget on the project. He explained it is not that the costs went up, but the project is simply estimated and that does not mean that the new bids would be coming in at the higher estimated cost. The Board of Commissioners, the County Engineer (Mr. Gills) and Mr. Pakush discussed further details regarding the former contractor, the budget for the project, financing, and permitting. Commissioner Troy expressed his concern regarding the obligation or exposure to Lake County's license plate and gas tax funds. He asked the status of the permits. Mr. Pakush stated that the 404 permit was received from the Army Corps of Engineers and submitted to ODOT. He explained that the permitting and environmental has been completed and ODOT is waiting for the USDA soil conservation services agreement for the easement through MetroParks. The USDA permit transfer to the MetroParks is currently in Washington awaiting their approval and is the final permit necessary. Mr. Pakush addressed Commissioner Troy's concern regarding the license plate and gas tax funds explaining that this is a very healthy bidding climate and is confident the bids will come in competitively. Commissioner Troy asked about the temporary bridge. Mr. Gills stated that the original contractor was given different options for the bridge during construction and the contractor chose to reinforce the temporary bridge and reduce it to one lane with a light on either end to help maintain its integrity. Mr. Gills stated they inspect the bridge monthly. Mr. Pakush added that, when a contract is awarded for the construction of the new bridge, that contractor becomes responsible for maintenance.

Commissioner Hamercheck asked for further clarification of betterment for the easement. Mr. Pakush explained that they were required to replace only 1/2 acre but were able to obtain nearly 7 acres of higher quality, protected wetlands on the branch of the Grand River, which is contiguous, and protected land. Commissioner Troy asked if this replacement of agricultural property is part of wetlands mitigation and he asked if there were any issues. Mr. Pakush explained that any issues with the property are taken care of through the 404 permit. Commissioner Troy stated that some Perry Township officials are concerned with the condition of Lane Road once the northern terminus of the bridge opens. Mr. Gills stated that the scope of work for improvement of Lane Road had been done previously and qualifies for federal funding. Commissioner Hamercheck and Mr. Pakush discussed the details of the 404 permitting process and the uniqueness of the Vrooman Road project. Commissioner Troy stated that bids for the project estimate will not be accepted if they are submitted 10% over the estimate. He stated that due to the uniqueness of this project, a contractor would want to cover all the bases and he asked where the overage liability would fall should bids come in at 108% of the estimate. Mr. Pakush stated that they are confident with the estimating and that bids will come in lower than estimated.

Commissioner Troy expressed his concern for driver safety when exiting off of Route 2 Eastbound at Route 306 due to an inside striped lane that motorists still use. Mr. Pakush stated he will discuss the matter with his office for a possible safety study.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO BECDIR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$522,275.41 (20171228\E01)(E-3)**

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On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Mr. Allan Exley, from the Engineer's Office, was present and explained that these projects are very similar and that it makes sense to combine them as one project and that there are no environmental issues. Commissioner Troy asked about the Cashen Road Bridge. Mr. Exley responded that there are no plans to repair the bridge at this time and if necessary, they would place load limits or close it permanently. For clarification purposes, Commissioner Hamercheck asked if the Hoose Road and Andrea Drive bridge project was a straight forward project. Mr. Exley replied it was. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION TO ALTER THE COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (20171228\E02)(C-93)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, explained the definition of a county road and township road. The Engineers Office is in the process of going through the roads. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if this transfer was mutually agreed upon. Mr. Gills responded that Painesville Township is in agreement. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. David Hackman, was comfortable with this transfer. He responded that he was. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 371-W TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO(20171228\U01)(U-2)

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

4. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 375-S TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO(20171228\U02)(U-2)

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 TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER OPERATING FUND (20171228\U03)(U-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

6. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SUZANNE CASAR AND MARY WYNNE-PEASPANEN TO THE GREAT LAKES OHIO REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL AS COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALISTS FOR TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2019(20171228\JFS01)(B- 193)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato, gave some background information on the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and stated the program was regionalized two years ago. They provide funding to operate abused and neglected children prevention programs. He stated that each participating County is permitted to appoint two members to the Board. Commissioner Troy explained that the Ohio Children's Trust Fund replaced the Family and Children First Council. Commissioner Hamercheck stated for clarification that the Great Lakes Ohio Regional Prevention Council has a basic and specific job. Mr. Battiato stated that was correct. The Council reviews submitted RFP's and they make decisions on where funding will go. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018(20171228\JFS02)(JFS-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy explained that this and the following two resolutions are annual contracts necessary for these departments to receive federal funding. Director of Job and Family Services, Mr. Matthew Battiato, explained that federal funding for these services is 66% and the county's responsibility is 34%. He stated that the departments would be providing these necessary services anyway and that this is an opportunity to receive federal funding and save dollars in the general fund. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (20171228\JFS03)(JFS-2)

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 THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (20171228\JFS04)(JFS-2)

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 Troy "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAGGI BARTH TO THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2020(20171228\C01)(B-13)

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

11. RESOLUTION SETTING MEETINGS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS(20171228\C02)(C-107)

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

12. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUB-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 (20171228\C03)(INS)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that there were some additional rates that needed to be included in the previously adopted resolution. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20171228\C04)(C-9)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, explained that this resolution authorizes the additional three-tenths (.30) of one mill for the senior levy. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$534,895.37 (20171228\BC01)(C-4)

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

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,435.34(20171228\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

16. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171228\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 Troy "NAYS": None

17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20171228\BC04)(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 Troy "NAYS": None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated how few water main breaks the County has experienced given the extremely cold weather and that the department appreciates the employees that repair them. He indicated that the department has not seen so few breaks in the past fifteen years.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES –none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the first regular Commissioners meeting of 2018 will be held on January 4, 2018, the Organizational Meeting will be held on January 8th at 11:00 A.M. and the second regular meeting will be held on January 8th at 2:00 P.M.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck asked County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, for further information on the 404 permit. Mr. Gills responded that they are awaiting approval and all updates are posted on the ODOT, District 12 website under "Vrooman Road".

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Cirino asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

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Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this first day of February, 2018.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK