

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JERRY C. CIRINO, COMMISSIONER  
JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER  
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER  
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

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

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(Tape 2017-0330)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cirino called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2017.  
ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called, all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 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. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

**12. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 4, 2017 MAYOR AND COUNTY RECOGNITION DAY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20170330\F01)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Ms. Cristen Kane, Director of RSVP, thanked the Commissioners for their support of National Service Recognition Day and expressed her gratitude to all the volunteers she has been blessed with. Ms. Kane stated she has 500 volunteers that have served over 62,000 volunteer hours throughout the 95 non-profit agencies in Lake County. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**13. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY(20170330\F02)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato, thanked the Commissioners for their support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Lori O'Brien, Children Services Administrator, and Ms. Ali Tomaselli, Assistant Administrator of Children Services, were present and stated that Lake County will host Pinwheels for Prevention on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at noon in Veteran's Park. 1,100 pinwheels will be placed in Veteran's Park in honor of the number of children that Jobs and Family Services has served in the last year. She stated that the Child Advocate of the Year will also be presented at the ceremony. Mr. Battiato invited everyone to wear blue to work on April 12<sup>th</sup> and attend the ceremony. Commissioner Cirino asked how many suspected neglect or abuse interventions Jobs and Family Services investigates per year. Ms. Lori O'Brien stated that in 2016 the Department received 5,100 calls and of those calls, 2,558 cases were responded to for assessment of the situation or to offer services to those in need. Mr. Battiato stated that there are currently 81 children in the custody of Jobs and Family Services who are working toward reunification with their parents or families. Commissioner Cirino asked where Lake County falls within the State for neglect or abuse cases. Mr. Battiato responded that for every 1,000 children in Lake County, 1 ½ children are in the custody of the County, which is considerably less than other Counties with similar demographics. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Jobs and Family Services has created innovative ways to keep children in their homes and asked Mr. Battiato to explain. Mr. Battiato stated several ways of keeping children with their families; one example being protective custody which keeps the child in the home but the home is supervised by the Department. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if this is an effective and efficient way to keep costs down. Mr. Battiato stated the Department spends its dollars appropriately, judicially, and efficiently. Commissioner Troy thanked the Jobs and Family Services Department for all of their hard work dealing with inflated workloads due in part to the opiate epidemic. He thanked the great foster parents groups and the strong support of the Lake County voters. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**14. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9 - 15, 2017 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK (20170330\F03)(C-126)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Lake County Sheriff's Department, Captain Michael Warner, was present to receive the resolution and thanked the Commissioners for recognizing and appreciating the very important and difficult jobs these unseen workers perform. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**1. RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING FOR THE LAK-RAVENNA ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,039,749.85 (20170330\E01)(E-3)**

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 AMENDING THE SANITARY SEWERAGE, SOLID WASTE, AND WATER SUPPLY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20170330\U01)(UT-41)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Troy explained that this is an annual practice of the Utilities Department and that there are minor changes involving terminology clarifications and meter sizing. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated that the rules and regulations were created in 2001, are reviewed on an annual basis, and that there are no major changes to them. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**3. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT APRIL 10, 2017, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,420.00 (20170330\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

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE FEDERALLY FORFEITED PROPERTY AND/OR FUNDS (20170330\C01)(CT-10a)**

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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE FINANCING OF LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (20170330\C02)(209g)**

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that this is the first of three components of the cooperative agreement with the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority. Mr. Boyd explained that the agreement would allow for funding assistance for projects within one mile of the Lake Erie shoreline in an eligible county and includes activities that enhance, foster, aid, provide or promote transportation, economic development, housing, recreation, education, governmental operations, culture, or research. Any proposed projects must be approved by the Lake County Board of Commissioners. Lake County Port and Economic Development Executive Director, Mr. Mark Rantala, was present and stated that they appreciate the support of the Board of Commissioners and that this agreement should provide a steady stream of income for lakefront capital projects and they look forward to presenting some projects for approval in the very near future. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ICEBREAKER WIND PROJECT BY LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20170330\C03)(B-15)**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamercheck, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that this is a resolution of support for the Icebreaker Wind Project through LeedCo and there is no cost to Lake County. He stated that he believes this is a worthwhile effort and Icebreaker Wind will have minimal adverse impact on fish, wildlife, or the Lake Erie shore. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$925,298.48(20170330\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

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$535,268.12(20170330\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**9. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20170330\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

**10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20170330\BC04)(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 ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS MICROWAVE MAINTENANCE WITH VARIOUS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION LINES (20170330\BC05)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Cirino. Commissioner Troy stated this resolution creates an additional operating fund that will track revenue and expenditure funds for the microwave maintenance system for the Telecommunications Department. Commissioner Hamercheck asked if this would provide a higher degree of accountability. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that this is an internal service fund that will assist in properly tracking funds of the Telecommunications Department. 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 – none.

CLERK – none.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Troy stated he attended the regional briefing meeting with area legislators in Portage County and thanked Representatives Eklund, Rogers, and Schavoni for attending the meeting to discuss the concerns of local government officials. He explained that the Conference Committee met regarding the State transportation bill. The house included a five dollar motor vehicle license fee and the fee may be approved by approval of the County Commissioners. The County has not seen an increase to the permissive motor vehicle license fee since 1987. He explained that any funds received from the motor vehicle license fee would remain in Lake County and be administered by the Lake County Engineers Office to fund local road and bridge infrastructure. Commissioner Troy explained that the Transportation budget has been passed and will take effect in 90 days, which will be sometime in late June. He stated after that time the Board of County Commissioners may consider applying the license fee.

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

Ms. Arzella Melnyk of 10506 Hobart Road in Kirtland, referred to Resolution #1 on the agenda and asked if Chagrin Valley Paving used e-verify to verify their employees. Lake County Engineer, Mr. James Gills, stated that it is not known whether Chagrin Valley or any other contractor uses e-verify and that it is up to the individual contractor to verify the legal status of their employees. The County prevailing wage coordinator verifies that all wages are properly paid.

Mr. John Muzik of 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked for clarification regarding the motor vehicle license fee and asked if it were up to a vote of the people or approval of the County Commissioners. Commissioner Troy stated that the Board of Commissioners could authorize the motor vehicle license fee, but it would be subject to referendum should voters choose to challenge the fee.

Ms. Ellen Chamberlain of Eagle Road in Kirtland asked for clarification of resolution #5 and asked if the agreement included environmental. Commissioner Troy explained that the agreement includes lakefront improvement as well as capital improvement. Mr. Jason Boyd stated that ODNR and the Army Corps of Engineers will oversee these projects and that coastal erosion is something that would be funded.

Commissioner Cirino stated the next Regular Commissioners' Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Real Estate – Acquisition
- Personnel - Compensation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. to discuss Real Estate– Acquisition and Personnel and Compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 10:52 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board returned to open session at 11:05 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m., with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck, and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this thirteenth day of April, 2017.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

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