

Mr. Rantala also gave a report on the very successful Career Day and Internship Fair they recently hosted to attract Lake County college students to come back to Lake County for the summer. He stated that there were more than 50 companies present and more than 100 college students attended.

County Engineer, Mr. James Gills: 2020 Capital Improvement Program Presentation:

Mr. Gills gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the 2020 County Engineers Capital Improvement Program which will partially be funded by the 2018 passage of the \$5.00 licensing fee. The report listed each contract, location and street for the 2020 paving program and the chip seal program. Mr. Gills explained each project, its details and if there was additional funding (such as: NOACA, State and/or Federal funding) being received for the project. He reviewed the 2020 plans and the costs for two bridge replacements, and the replacement of and funding for the Lake County Engineers Blackbrook Salt Dome. The new structure will replace the current 100 ton dome with a 400 ton dome. This larger salt dome will save the County money due to lower pricing for larger orders.

Mr. Gills gave a brief update on the Vrooman Road Bridge Project and stated his Department is preparing a video presentation for the Board and he will present it in the very near future. The job will be shut down during Christmas and New Year and will pick up again in January. The projected opening date is estimated for the end of May, beginning of June, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. 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 (20191219\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 Young. "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,908.00 WITH D.B. BENTLEY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,011.10 FOR WALDMER DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 410-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20191219\U02)(UT-4)

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

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FUND 596 PROJECT 390-S TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO(20191219\U03)(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 TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FUND 595 PROJECT 420-W TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND THE CASH IN THE PROJECT FUND IS REDUCED TO ZERO(20191219\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

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 5 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,517.38 WITH TOM FRANK ENTERPRISES, INC. AND CONTINUING THE CONTRACT BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$412,934.50 FOR EAST 355TH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 412-W FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20191219\U05)(UT-4)

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

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022 (20191219\C01)(301c)

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 Young. "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARA SPENCE TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MAY 15, 2022 (20191219\C02)(B-37)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Cirino introduced Ms. Sara Spence and stated that she and her father own a business in Willoughby and the Board is grateful to her willingness to serve. Commissioner Hamercheck stated how impressed he was with Ms. Spence's qualifications and would like to see her serve on other Boards as well. Ms. Spence thanked the Board of Commissioners for the LakeTran appointment and stated that she looks forward to working with the LakeTran Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

8. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KENNETH R. GAUNTNER TO THE LAKE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD FOR A NEW TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024 (20191219\C03)(B-19)

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 APPOINTING STANLEY GOROM AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING MARCH 23, 2026 (20191219\C04)(B-52)

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

10. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARK T. FREEMAN TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20191219\C05)(B-192)

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

11. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN UHRAN TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20191219\C06)(B-192)

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

12. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN N. RAMPE TO THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (20191219\C07)(B-192)

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

13. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' LAKE COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM (2020)(20191219\C08)(C-106N)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Cirino stated that the Board has issued a Press Release and it can be viewed on the website. He explained that this one-time \$1.5 million in funding is for all 23 communities in Lake County for road infrastructure improvements and may be used for any road project included on the community's road improvement plan. He stressed that the Board recognizes that well cared for road infrastructure is critical to economic development progress throughout Lake County. Commissioner Cirino reviewed the method used to award the funds to each entity and the criteria the communities must meet to receive this funding. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that today's announcement, coupled with the 2018 program, demonstrates this Board's commitment to providing resources above and beyond traditional financing to provide a quality road network for our residents and business community. The Board has been working with the County Engineer to put together this creative program that will have 12 years worth of backlog completed in 2 ½ years. Commissioner Young added that local control is a very good concept and that this program allows communities to choose their own projects based on local priorities. Commissioner Cirino reviewed several communities and the amounts that they will be receiving. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. "NAYS": None

14. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 9, 2020 (20191219\C09)(C-107)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$848,269.59(20191219\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

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,294,039.15(20191219\BC02)(C-17)

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

17. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20191219\BC03)(C-111)

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

18. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20191219\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

19. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20191219\BC05)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Budget Director, Mr. Michael Matas, stated that the General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County and accounts for the financial resources except those to be accounted for in another fund per ORC restrictions. He also stated that the 2020 Projected Revenues are \$58,824,166 due to interest earnings being higher than projected and 2020 Projected Appropriations are \$58,774,418, which is an increase of 6.75% since health care costs are continuing to rise even though we are doing better than other entities and he also stated that Judicial and Public Safety continue to represent 66% of the

proposed budget. A 2.25% increase for employees was built into the 2020 budget and is consistent with bargaining agreements that were previously approved by the Board. Mr. Matas stated that the goal of the County’s Elected Officials and Department Heads remain dedicated to the residents of Lake County to provide the best service possible with their current staff levels based on estimated resources. He added that Budget Hearings are scheduled to begin on January 13th and will last for two weeks. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. “NAYS”: None

20. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 TEMPORARY MEASURE FOR FUNDS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FUND (20191219\BC06)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Cirino, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Matas explained that this is a temporary budget that allows spending authority to all of the departments outside the General Fund up to the first three months of 2020, with the permanent budget being passed before April 1, 2020. Mr. Matas thanked his staff, Ms. Terri Lange, and Ms. Sarah Ryan for their assistance in preparing the 2020 budget. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. “NAYS”: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that he looks forward to working with coastal communities on the 2020 State Capital Grant to get more lakefront projects on the list.

FINANCE – Mr. Matas stated there will be 2 resolutions for the Boards consideration pertaining to the issuance of notes for the new Administration Center and the Engineer’s Office for the next Commissioners Meeting of Friday, December 27th.

CLERK –Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.. She also stated there is an opening on the Planning Commissions and to please see the Commissioners website for more information and to apply.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Hamercheck thanked Mr. Muzik for offering his seat to another member of the public.

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that in recent months there has been much discussion on the opening prayer so he has been doing some investigating on its origin. He was delighted to share some history of the prayer reading in its entirety an extension of remarks by the Honorable Oliver P. Bolton of Ohio on Tuesday, December 10, 1963, to the House of Representatives. Included in this history, Commissioner Hamercheck discovered that the prayer was written by the Reverend William J. Gallena of St. Mary’s in Painesville and was first recited at the Lake County Board of Commissioners Meeting on February 25, 1963. Commissioner Hamercheck read the biography of Reverend Gallena. At that time, the Board of Commissioners consisted of J. William Stanton, Roger E. Smart, and Howard B. Beebe. Commissioner Hamercheck presented a copy of this statement to the Clerk to be made a part of this record.

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

City of Willowick Mayor Regovich thanked the Board and the County for the Road Program and stated that this grant is much appreciated and will allow Willowick to complete one full street. Willowick City Council will be adopting a resolution in the near future.

Kirtland Mayor Potter also thanked the Board and stated that he appreciated the grant program.

Commissioner Cirino stated that the next regular Commissioner’s Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Cirino, Hamercheck and Young. “NAYS”: None

Minutes approved this ninth day of January, 2020.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JERRY C. CIRINO, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK