



COMMISSIONERS
Jimmy Dimora
Peter Lawson Jones
Tim McCormack

MEMORANDUM

June 11, 2002 Agenda Actions

The regular meeting of the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners was called to order at 1:20 P.M. Commissioners Peter Lawson Jones and Tim McCormack were in attendance.

The June 11th meeting resulted in the following actions:

- The first order of business was a roundtable discussion on the status of welfare leavers. Deputy County Administrator Bette Meyer introduced Dr. Claudia Coulton, Director of the Center on Poverty & Social Change, Case Western Reserve University, who was joined by representatives from the Offices of State Senators Michael DeWine and George Voinovich, U. S. Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones and Dennis Kucinich, Joseph Gauntner, Director, Cuyahoga Health & Nutrition Agency, Rick Werner, Interim Director of the Cuyahoga Work & Training Agency and other community partners. During the discussion, Commissioner Dimora joined his colleagues. Following the discussion, a motion was made to introduce correspondence into the record to Governor Robert Taft enlisting his support of the County's request for additional federal funding for welfare reform. The letter was read into the record and adopted by unanimous vote.
- The meeting was briefly recessed at 2:25 P.M. and reconvened at 2:42 P.M.
- At this time, a motion to hear testimony from representatives of the Single Payer Action Network Ohio (SPAN Ohio) was made. Jerry Gordon, retired international representative of the United Food and Commercial Workers and Secretary of SPAN Ohio, provided sponsor testimony on health care for all. Mr. Gordon was joined by Thomas Pretlow, M.D., Betty Boyce and Jack Filak who also testified in favor of SPAN Ohio's request that the Board adopt a resolution urging the Ohio General Assembly to endorse the campaign to adopt publicly funded universal health care for all Ohioans. The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

- At this time, consideration moved to Item #11. An additional item, not on the printed agenda was offered for the Board's consideration in connection with the contracts and contract amendments:

“Administrator's Office/Health & Human Services, submitting a contract with Federation for Community Planning in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for a mental health initiative for the period 1/1/2002 – 12/31/2003.”

The items, 11A – E, together with the additional item, were adopted by unanimous vote.

- Consideration returned to the regular order of the agenda and Items #1 – 3 were considered in order and adopted by unanimous vote.
- Item #4 requested a public hearing. The Clerk of the Board read the item for the record and Commissioner McCormack opened the public hearing at 3:23 P.M. by recognizing bond counsel, who spoke briefly to the project. Commissioner McCormack then called for public comment and, hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 3:25 P.M. This action was the public hearing for the issuance of bonds and, therefore, no vote was required. The request for the issuance and sale of the bonds will be brought forward at a future meeting.
- Items #5 – 8 were considered in order and adopted by unanimous vote.
- Item #9 offered the following recommendation:

“designating Peter Lawson Jones to represent the Board of County Commissioners on the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture.”

The recommendation was adopted by unanimous vote.

- Item #10 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.
- As Item #11 had previously been considered, consideration moved to Item #12. A motion to hold one of the recommendations for disciplinary action was made at the request of the Human Resources Director Dennis Madden and the item, with the exception of the disciplinary action was adopted by unanimous vote.
- Items #13 – 18 were considered in order and adopted by unanimous vote.
- Item #19 was placed under administrative review for consideration at the meeting of June 18, 2002.
- Items #20 – 21 were considered in order and adopted by unanimous vote.

adjourned at 4:08 P.M.

An audiotape of the meeting, in its entirety, is available for review in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, 1219 Ontario Street, Room 435, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. A copy of the tape(s) is/are available for purchase at a fee of \$5.00 per tape.

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