

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Judy Moran meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszczak at (440) 350-2753.

The next meetings will be Tuesday, March 19 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, March 21 at 10 a.m.

At the March 12 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for Glyco II Lift Station Rehab 324S Professional Services- consultants and transferring cash from LCDU Sewer District-transfers out.

- The appropriations were increased for an environmental impact study required by the Army Corps of Engineers for the receipt of grant money.

- Awarding bid contracts to Osborne Concrete & Stone Company and Arms Trucking Company for limestone/sand.

- Hiring Thomas King to the position of maintenance 1, effective March 25.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Sylvia Lindrose from her position of account clerk IV.

Lindrose served 34 years in the Utilities Department.

"I feel very blessed to have had the job I had," she

said. "We have the best department in Utilities; of course you know that."

- Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Maggie A. Lillis to the position of support officer 1 in the Child Support Enforcement Division.

- Appointing Bonnie K. Merrill to the position of income maintenance worker 3 in the Income Maintenance Division.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of an amendment to the agreement with Cuyahoga County for the FY2010 State Homeland Security - Law Enforcement Grant Program, effective through May 31.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said a notice from Sheriff Dan Dunlap advised the Board the amendment is to approve an extension allowed for expenditure of grant funds.

The amount is \$8,000 which will be used for MDT units for Sheriff's Office vehicles.

- Renewing and authorizing execution of a five-year service agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc. for various Lake County Buildings and Offices, effective April 1 through March 31, 2018.

"This is a new contract with Siemens; a five-year service agreement for HVAC work here, but it's for substantially less than the existing contract that ends March 31, 2013," Commissioner Dan Troy said. "Our Buildings and Grounds Department has done due diligence and basically is contracting for what we need..."

Chuck Klco, superintendent of Buildings and

Grounds, oversaw a review of the HVAC systems in county buildings and what work could be performed by county employees. As a result, the previous cost of \$74,615 per year was reduced to \$47,650, with 2 percent increases annually over the life of the contract.

Board Chair Bob Aufuldish credited Klco with overseeing the renegotiation of the contract to exclude unneeded coverage.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$2,308,641.35.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$862,990.08.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

- Transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Andrew F. Ferrell on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UTILITIES

- "CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) was successful in getting an amendment into the Transportation Bill as it left the (Ohio) House including the cost of waterline replacements in the total cost of (ODOT) projects," Troy said.

He noted when ODOT redid intersections in Perry and Madison along Route 20, county water lines had to be moved at the county's own expense. The result was the county incurred costs which had not been included in its utilities budget.

Troy said ODOT, however, is opposed to the

amendment and will likely attempt to have the Senate remove it from the bill.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Director Matt Battiatto said the job fair for the laid-off Core Systems employees, which was held last week went well.

"We had 177 job-seekers...; we had 22 employers there interviewing," Battiatto said.

It went so well LCJFS was having another job fair March 13.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Judy Moran reported on the Public Health Advisory Board meeting which she attended March 11.

"A couple of things we highlighted last night was that in Lake County there was one overdose every 12 days," she said. "That's not younger kids; it's like the 45 and up as they've taken a change in pain medication so there are accidental overdoses."

Moran said there will be more focus on the county's drug disposal program and a greater focus on programs that will help people deal with obesity.

Troy said Lake County was lucky to have a combined General Health District to serve all communities. Sometimes a community will object to the charges, but when the officials learn what the cost of running their own health department, as required by law, would cost, they realize they are getting a good deal.

Moran said Lake County ranks about 13th in the state for quality of health care.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending legislation and real estate issues.