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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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Sept. 17. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.

At the Sept. 12 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for Mentor Marsh Sanitary Interceptor 336s professional services-consultants and transferring cash.

- Transferring appropriations from E. 332nd Street,

Alva Street, Barbara Avenue, Louis Drive Waterline Replacement 330-W Professional Services-Consultants to contract projects.

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Water District 279W Assessment Distribution.

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from Lost Nation at Route 2 Transmission Main 321-W and Campers Drive Waterline Replacement 322-W to LCDU Water District.

- Establishing an appropriation line item to be known as Lakeshore Boulevard Crossing the Chagrin River Waterline Replacement 304-W Contract projects and increasing appropriations and transferring cash from LCDU Water District.

Commissioner Dan Troy asked for more information about this project.

"(The waterline) used to be on the bridge, but it would freeze, so we had to shut the valves off on both ends," said Al Saari, county sanitary engineer. Now they are drilling under the Chagrin River to run a new water line.

- Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the

Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving the Lake County Prevention, Retention, And Contingency Plan biennial renewal for the period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2015; certifying compliance with Chapter 5108 of the Ohio Revised Code in adopting the plan; and authorizing execution of the plan.

"This is a mandate; every two years our PRC Plan - Prevention, Retention, And Contingency Plan - needs to be reviewed," LCJFS Director Matt Battiato said. "We have a committee made up of people in Lake County, both public and private officials who come and review our plan and give us suggestions in terms of any changes they feel would make the program more effective for Lake County."

He noted the program is flexible so it can be adapted to suit the county's needs.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$2,400,162.80.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$418,405.83.

- Increasing and decreasing appropriations for various general and non-general fund accounts.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Troy said he testified earlier in the day before the Ohio Tax Reform Study Committee in North Ridgeville.

"I indicated that I know you're talking about tax reform but I said, I think we have to understand there's a linkage between taxation and the provision of governmental services."

Troy said counties must provide certain services by law so they need a certain amount of taxation in order to meet their statutory obligations.

He said he also asked that they consider simplification of the tax code and forms as well and review whether all exemptions given in the past were still justified.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employment.