

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 Thursday, Sept. 5. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.

At the Aug. 29 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Advertising for bids for treated or untreated salt for the state Route 2 garage only - 2013 for the Lake County Engineer's Road Department with a bid opening date of Sept. 18.

The Engineer's Office did not receive any bids for salt after the first time it advertised so it is rebidding.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract to Cintas Corporation for the purchase of uniform service.

The only bid received was from Cintas for \$571.48 per week for two years for laundry service at the county waste water treatment plants, service centers, solid waste facility and system maintenance.

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$235,000 to Lakeland Management Systems, Inc. for Aquarius Wa-

ter Treatment Plant Laboratory Upgrade Project No. 338.

- Approving change order No. 1 increasing the contract in the amount of \$64,336.09 with Fabrizio Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. for 332nd Street, Barbara Avenue, Louis Drive, Alva Street Waterline Replacement Project No. 330.

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

- Establishing a fund to be known as Chestnut Hill Waterline Replacement 353-W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.
- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Water, Sewer and Solid Waste districts various accounts.

Concerning the following resolutions, Director Rick Martin said, "During the past few years, since the housing market went down, we've been doing a lot more internal projects, our own infrastructure projects and actually been doing some of the engineering on those."

The department has been spending about \$6 million a year on projects, but it is insufficient. It will be working with an outside firm, but also hired a new deputy sanitary engineer and replaced another.

- Hiring Sarah Cerovski to the position of deputy sanitary engineer.

- Hiring Gary Fedak to the position of deputy sanitary engineer.

- Hiring Timothy A. Gourley to the position of solid waste superintendent.

- Accepting the resignation of Eric Peck from his position of operator I.

- Authorizing execution of a quit claim deed for Concord Kellogg Park Estates.

The deed allows the property on which the now-abandoned packaging plant was

located to revert to the developer.

- Authorizing execution of an engineering agreement with Osborn Engineering.

This is to provide engineering services since the water lines running along Victor and Sylvia drives in Eastlake are deemed to be inadequate.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Branden K. Orrenmaa to the position of youth leader I in the Children Services Division.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Declaring the Lake County Board of Commissioners' regular meeting schedule for September 2013.

- Re-Appointing David McQuirk to the Lake County Stormwater Advisory Board for a three-year term ending Oct. 24, 2016.

- Re-Appointing Lee Bodnar and Vicky Stevens to the Lake County Stormwater Advisory Board for three-year terms ending Sept. 12, 2016.

The Board is still short one township and one municipal representative.

- Removing drainage charges of the Lake County Sewer, Water and Drainage District.

"It is a piece of property owned by the Painesville Township Park Board and the (Lake) Metroparks, through agreement, has agreed to manage that through, I believe it's 2016, 2017 and they incorporated into their stormwater management plan, which includes all the properties they manage," said Tim Miller, director of the Lake County Stormwater Management Department.

It was determined since Lake Metroparks handled

its own stormwater issues, it should not be assessed county stormwater user fees.

- Adopting and approving the revisions to the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency Code of Regulations.

The change in regulations concerns only the operation of the agency itself, not the member communities.

Commissioner Dan Troy said the Governing Board would now only meet quarterly, but all members must serve on one committee, all of which will meet in the months when there is not a Governing Board meeting.

One of the reasons for the changes was to discourage members from appointing alternates to attend meetings. Troy said, NOACA must deal with many serious issues so it is preferable the members actually attend the meetings.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$977,406.38.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$364,766.62.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

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It was noted the county and communities were meeting to try to find ways to solve the flooding issues going on in the county.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Director Matt Battiato said the various Job and Family Services depart-

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ments need to prepare to accept online applications for Medicaid.

"The eligibility is changing. Eligibility is going to be based on a person's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) and that's going to

be determined based on their federal income tax return," Battiato said.

The Jan. 1, 2014 change will eliminate the complex formula now in use.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Jason Boyd said he and Chuck Klco, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds would be meeting with CCAO and Palmer Energy officials concerning utility costs for gas and electricity. Klco said contracting

through CCAO has saved the county 15 to 18 percent a year on utility costs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate and personnel employment.