

November 8, 2012

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

RAYMOND E. SINES, PRESIDENT
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK
JASON W. BOYD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

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CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Sines called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, Thursday, November 8, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2012, were approved as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

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

Commissioner Sines: I want to congratulate the winners, and thank everyone who was on the ballot this year. Congratulations Bob, Congratulations Judy.

Commissioner Troy expressed to Judy Moran, Commissioner Elect that we certainly want to include her in important discussions that will take place between now and January 1st when she officially assume duties.

- The Commissioners recognized and thanked Rodney Shelton, Deputy Dog Warden for 25 years of service to the county.

Commissioner Sines: We would also like to recognize Paul Stefanko and Tom Hilscher who are not here today for their service.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000.00 TO MIRK INC. FOR A USED HIGH-LIFT BUCKET TRUCK (1999 OR NEWER) AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER (20121108\E01) (E-3)

Jim Gills, County Engineer: We are happy with this contract, and we were able to work out a nice deal.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 4 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER JR., INC. FOR ODOT'S MINOR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VROOMAN ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE GRAND RIVER IN PERRY TOWNSHIP (20121108\E02) (E-3)

Commissioner Sines: This is a modification for \$2.8 million.

Jim Gills, County Engineer: No, it is a modification for \$1.6 million.

Commissioner Sines: It could be up to \$2,834,000.

Jim Gills: This is a single contract and these are modifications. This is the total amount of all of the work that has already been done, plus the new work. The environmental and preliminary engineering to date has cost \$1.2 million. This \$1.6 million will be for the actual physical design of the bridge.

Commissioner Sines: This is a very large contract, was there any bidding involved?

Jim Gills: In the beginning there was. Once we have a contract we do not go back out for bids. Each phase of the contract is done by a modification. The original process interviewed a number of people, our consultants ranked them, and then we chose Baker, Inc. This process was reviewed and approved by the federal government and O.D.O.T.

Commissioner Sines: So basically, this contractor continues throughout the process, and then he can charge whatever he wants to charge.

Jim Gills: No, it is not that easy because O.D.O.T and the federal government require that the contractor submit a detailed analysis of each step and each item, and they review it with a fine tooth comb.

Commissioner Sines: Are you comfortable that there is enough money in the pipeline to build this bridge?

Jim Gills: Yes

Commissioner Troy: This will be the final design, specifications etc... before it goes out for bids. The county share of this amount of \$1.6 million is 20% and 80% is being paid for by federal funds. I would assume that the federal government is not going to pay 80% towards something that they don't think is worthy and necessary.

Jim Gills: That is correct. This is the last step before physical construction.

Commissioner Troy: How much do we have into this to date? And, when does construction actually start?

Jim Gills: To date, we have \$1.2 million in professional services for the environmental clearances and the preliminary design of the bridge. We will finish this phase in 2014, bidding will occur in the spring of 2014, and estimated construction time will be 2 to 2 1/2 years.

Commissioner Troy: Vrooman Road was obviously closed last week for days with the river rising from the bad weather. And, even without the water rising over the bridge, that bridge does need to be replaced.

Jim Gills: As part of this project there will be a contract with Burgess & Niple for the design of the roadway up to I-90, which is part of the whole project.

Commissioner Aufuldish: I would like to point out that at our last NOACA Meeting we approved a four year plan for the five-county area for 50 projects totaling \$80 million, which includes the Vrooman Road Project.

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- Brief discussion that the Vrooman Road Bridge Project estimate is around \$22 million, and the Vrooman Roadway Project is about \$3.5 million. The roadway funds are coming from CEAO federal funds, and the funds for the bridge are coming through NOACA Funds.

Commissioner Troy: The \$329,000 local share is coming from normal revenue sources from the County Engineer's Office, such as gasoline taxes, license plate fees, and user fees that are collected for transportation purposes. No General Fund money is involved.

Commissioner Sines: Is it your estimate that the county will not have to bond any money for this project?

Jim Gills: At this time, I don't see that to be a problem. Not expecting to.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish and Troy "NAYS": Commissioner Sines

3. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EAST 332, ALVA, BARBARA, LOUIS WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 330-W CONTRACT PROJECTS AND LCDU WATER DISTRICT TRANSFER OUT AND TRANSFERRING CASH (20121108\U01) (UT-2)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20121108\U02) (UT-7)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND PAY RANGES ESTABLISHED BY COMPENSATION POLICIES FOR STAFF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (20121108\JFS01) (JFS-4)

Matt Battiato: This is for our non-bargaining employees. We have an employee that is retiring and we looked at the position to determine the need for replacement. We have determined that we do need to fill the position, however we'd like to replace this position at a lower pay range, which will result in a cost savings. Also, we had a Purchasing Supervisor who resigned over a year ago, which has not been filled because we wanted to see if the Purchasing Assistant would be able to manage the additional responsibilities. It is possible and the Purchasing Assistant has done a really good job. We would like to now create a Purchasing Agent position for her at a lower level than the previous supervisor pay range.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE MONTHLY PREMIUM (20121108\C01) (INS)

Bill Margalis, Administrative Director: A resolution is passed annually to set the employee healthcare premium rates for the upcoming year. These rates reflect an approximate 11%-14% increase for the employees from what they paid in 2012. We are actually seeing a 4.3% increase in the cost of our healthcare plan. Employees will be paying 10% of the total cost of the plan, where in the past our employees were paying between 8%-9.5%. The employee can take advantage of the wellness rate if they participated in the annual health screening, which is a .4% break versus the non-wellness rate. 905 employees out of 1150 employees attended the health fair and will be eligible for the discounted rate. An additional tier on the prescription side has been added for specialty medications for 2013 to recover some of the costs. The medical portion of our plan is running better based on less employees and better rates with Anthem. Commissioner Aufuldish: Despite all of this, I believe that the employees will be happy with the package that we are offering.

Commissioner Troy: The cost of our health insurance has gone up. We are self-insured, so we are making sure that we have enough to cover our potential liabilities and that the plan is sustainable. The county is paying somewhere between 87%-90% of the premium, which is increasing at a much higher dollar amount than the 10%-12% share of the employee cost. It is a well managed plan and the decision to become self-insured has paid off in this county. We have seen substantially lower increases than private plans. And, we have semi-regionalized the plan with several local governments.

- Brief discussion that two small groups, Leroy Township and North Perry Village will be dropping out of our program effective January 1, 2013. An entity can buy a less expensive plan that will shift more costs on the employees. Willoughby-Eastlake Library and Lake Metropolitan Housing are looking at our plan. In 2014, it is anticipated that there will be major healthcare changes.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

7. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUB-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 (20121108\C02) (INS)

Commissioner Aufuldish and Bill Margalis briefly discussed that some of the entities that participate in our plan will have premium adjustments based on their underwriting and experience.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

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8. RESOLUTION CHANGING THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012 AT 1:30 P.M. (20121108\C04) (C-107)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None
Commissioner Sines: Bob will be in Mexico on the beach, and I will be in Columbus. Therefore, we need to reschedule the meeting. I hope this is not an inconvenience.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR SNOW PLOW SERVICES, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2013 (20121108\C05) (C-7)

Commissioner Aufuldish: Due to staff depletion we needed to go out and seek local contractors for snow removal. Chuck Klco, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor: Yes, we received five different bids and there will be four different contractors to do the job to allow for better pricing. Job & Family Services and everything north of Erie Street will be covered by an outside contractor. Our people will still remove snow at the Administration Building, Sheriff, and Courthouse lots. The Crime Lab, Narcotics, Health Department, and the Dog Shelter will also be handled by an outside contractor. Commissioner Troy: Of course these charges will be charged back to the appropriate department.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

10. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM RAM JACK FOR FOUNDATION INSTALLATION FOR THE TRANSFORMER PROJECT AT THE NOLAN BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,309.00 (20121108\C06) (C-7)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

11. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM V.I.P. ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR THE TRANSFORMER PROJECT AT THE NOLAN BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 (20121108\C07) (C-7)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

12. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CYNTHIA BROOKS AS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 12, 2017 (20121108\C08) (B-54)

Commissioner Troy: Cynthia has been a good member to the Board. This is for a full five-year term.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

13. RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRADLEY HALL AS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2013 (20121108\C09) (B-54)

Commissioner Troy: This is an unexpired term that is until November of next year. The individual who was serving has moved out of the county. Mr. Hall previously served as a member of the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority, and is very interested in serving again.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,615,706.16 (20121108\BC01) (C-4)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,054,237.25 (20121108\BC02) (C-17)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

16. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20121108\BC03) (C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20121108\BC04) (C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

18. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN OWL MILLER ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20121108\F01) (C-126)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

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19. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DAVID ALEXANDER KREJCI ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20121108\F02) (C-126)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

UTILITIES: None

STORMWATER: None

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jason Boyd, Director: The Clerk of Courts is open for business. Recently, Painesville City waterlines were recharged, and a weak seal broke causing extensive damage.

Chuck Klco, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor: Yes, a few employees are set up at different locations throughout the Courthouse. We have a contractor, clean up is taking place, and we have contacted our insurance company. Probate Court and the Marriage License area also has quite a bit of damage. I did express to Painesville City that I wished that they would have contacted us prior to the water pressure being turned back on.

Commissioner Troy: We have received nice communications from the Probate Judge and the Clerk of Courts saying that your department has been doing a wonderful job.

FINANCE: None

CLERK: Commissioner Troy briefly discussed that there are two Developmental Disabilities Board appointments expiring at the end of the year and the Commissioners are required to make these appointments by the end of November. Anyone interested in serving, please inquire.

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Muzik of Painesville Township asked if the county does anything in regards to healthcare for retired employees.

Commissioner Troy: We do not do have a retirement system. All public employees are part of the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System.

Commissioner Sines: We do by federal law offer COBRA where if someone leaves they have the opportunity to join our plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:47 am to discuss real estate, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:47 am.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:50 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Sines, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 12:12 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Sines, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:12 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this 29th day of November, 2012.

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