

Commissioners approve Emergency Operations Plan

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LAKE COUNTY - A resolution adopting the 2015 Lake County Emergency Operations Plan was passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners Feb. 11.

The plan is developed for all 23 communities in the county.

"Although the plan is reviewed annually, about every two or three years it is given a substantial overview and that's what happened this time," said EMA Director Larry Greene. "In 2015 there were some annexes added to it that involved functional needs folks, at risk, the school shooting plan was added for the law enforcement annex..."

He said it was determined that, with those changes, it would be good to seek approval.

Board President Dan Troy said he attended a National Association of Counties (NACo) meeting last year on disaster mitigation. It was noted having a countywide disaster plan in place was imperative.

"The last thing you want to do when something happens is sit there and say, 'Well what do we do next?'" Troy said.

He thanked Greene for the efforts of the EMA and the maintenance of the county disaster plan which

had been utilized a number of times.

Other resolutions passed Feb. 11:

ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT

- To advertise for bids for the McMackin Road Resurfacing Project, Madison Township - LPA PID #93297
- Federal Aid Project with a bid opening date of March 11.
- The estimated cost of the project is \$950,000 to \$1.05 million.

- Awarding a bid contract to Cuyahoga Bridge & Road, Inc. in the amount of \$849,889.95 for the Cashen Road Bridge Replacement Project in Madison Township.

"Commissioners, actually it did come in a little below the estimates we had in the range of almost a million dollars," said Alan Exley, chief design engineer for the county. "It is a design/build project and that allows us to take advantage of the federal funding assist us with some of the design work as well."

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Rejecting the bid received on Dec. 17, 2014 and authorizing re-advertising for bids for cold water meters with a bid opening date of March 4.

County Sanitary Engineer Al Saari said only one bid was received and the

proposed meter did not meet specifications.

Board President Dan Troy asked if the county might run out of meters since rebidding was required.

Saari said the county could still obtain meters from the current supplier.

- Approving the final dedication plat for Concord Ridge Subdivision Phase 2 in Concord Township.
- Approving the final dedication plat for Concord Ridge Subdivision Phase 3 in Concord Township.

Authorizing the Lake County Board of Commissioners to enter into a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office to receive federally forfeited property and/or funds.

It was explained this, and the following resolution, concerned joint efforts with federal agencies which allowed for federally forfeited property and/or funds to be shared with the county agencies concerned.

- Authorizing the Lake County Board of Commissioners to enter into a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Justice and the United States

Department of the Treasury on behalf of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to receive federally forfeited property and/or funds.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$821,282.66.
- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$563,429.53.
- Transferring cash with in various general and non-general fund Accounts.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Michael A. Houser on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

UTILITIES

- Director Rick Martin reported there had been 36 water line breaks in January and eight so far in February.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Director Matt Bathiato said the state of Ohio sent out letters to people to let them know they would have until Feb. 28 to return their information for redetermination of eligibility for Medicaid benefits.

Troy asked if there was anyplace people could call for help with filling out the Medicaid forms.

Bathiato said the Lake County Council on Aging and Benefit Banks around the county could help with filling out forms, and people could call Job and Family Services as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss legal - pending litigation (2).

- The Lake County Board of Commissioners meets 10 a.m. most Thursdays with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main Street, Painesville. All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the governance board may be made at a board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elszasz (440) 350-2753.

There were two meetings Feb. 19. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m.