

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.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m.

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

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing a local public agent (LPA) agreement with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio for the Lake-McMackin Road Improvement Project.

This project involves widening and resurfacing the road at a cost of \$1.6 million. Federal funds will cover \$1.28 million and the balance will be paid from the county engineer's capital improvement funds.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$655,004 for Grand Boulevard Waterline Replacement-Phase 1 Project 369-W.

This project will replace about 1,900 feet of old, 10-inch water main with 12-inch ductile iron pipe. The project is being funded by the Lake County Department of Utilities water fund and an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant. This is a joint project with the City of Wickliffe.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing entering into and/or renew cooperation agreements with the various municipalities and villages in Lake County for the utilization of funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

This resolution must be passed every three years to allow the county to continue receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$702,908.30.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$297,918.43.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Kaylie Mae Elam named an Outstanding Youth of the Year 2014 by the Ohio State University Extension of Lake County.

She has been a 4-H'er for 11 years and is a member of

Hoofs'N'More 4-H club and Jr. Market Livestock.

- Congratulating Lucas C. Ingalls named an Outstanding Youth of the Year 2014 by the Ohio State University Extension of Lake County.

He has been a 4-H'er for 4 years and is a member of Giddy Up Whoa 4-H club.

- Congratulating Dana Kaitlyn Crofoot named an Outstanding Youth of the Year 2014 by the Ohio State University Extension of Lake County.

She has been a 4-H'er for 13 years and is a member of Giddy Up Whoa 4-H club.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT UTILITIES

Board President Dan Troy said he attended a meeting in Cleveland Aug. 11 where they discussed the water issues in Toledo caused by the algae bloom in early August. He said Cleveland, which has four water treatment plants, sends its water out for testing, whereas Lake County does its testing in-house.

Director Rick Martin said all regular testing was done in-house, but testing for toxins would need to be sent out.

"They think the preponderance of the phosphorus coming into the lake is coming from the Maumee River, and unfortunately there are some rather loose fertilizer application processes taking place over there, and they have a tendency to just throw this liquid fertilizer on frozen ground and it's just going to run right off into the river," Troy said.

There needs to be a balance and compromise between business and the environment, he noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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