

Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Judy Moran met 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 Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Sept. 25. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

- Approving final estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$11,648.52 with Precise Boring of Ohio, LLC and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$30,030 for Lakeshore Boulevard crossing the Chagrin River Waterline Replacement Project No. 304-W.
- Approving plans,

specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$449,500 for Heatherstone Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement 349-S and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Nov. 5.

"The improvement we are going to do at Heatherstone is obviously to improve the situation there in terms of treatment ...," Commissioner Dan Troy said.

Sanitary engineer Al Saari said the plant was 36 years old and needed upgrading.

- Increasing appropriations for Heatherstone WWTP 349-S and transferring cash.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Sept. 22, in the amount of \$413,251.96.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,078,886.09.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$701,028.50.

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

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Declaring Sept. 27 National Public Lands Day in Lake County.

Troy said it is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

UTILITIES

It was reported Aqua Ohio, which serves Mentor, was recently granted an increase from \$39 to \$52 per month, depending on the meter size. Lake County's system averages about \$24 per month by comparison for 5,000 gallons of drinking water.

Aqua Ohio's fees are also a bit higher than the county's fees.

Troy noted Aqua Ohio is a private company which needs to pay taxes and show a profit for investors.

NEW BUSINESS

It appeared the Lake County General Health District might be close to arranging to lease a building on Heisley Road from Steris Corporation while its building was unusable due to the Aug. 20 fire.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rhea Benton, Lake County CDBG manager, was joined by Brint Learned, executive director of Rabbit Run Community Arts Association. Rabbit Run Theater had received CDBG funds to make ADA improvements at the theater grounds.

"They were able to accomplish the ADA component of this project because of CDBG eligibility, but additionally, with leveraged funds and various partners and in-kind donations, they were able to really transform the place with lighting and landscaping ...," Benton said.

Dan Nichols, the project manager, showed the commissioners before and after photos of the various projects at the theater.

"We're just excited to be able to come and thank you in person," Learned said.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish thanked them for coming to thank the Board of Commissioners, calling it a "rare occasion" for any board of commissioners.

Troy commended them for the work they accomplished and adding to the quality of life in the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate potential acquisition.