Insurance agreements approved for county

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LAKE COUNTY – The Board of Commissioners passed two resolutions related to health insurance at the Dec. 22 meeting.

The first was a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff and Lake County Family Practice to provide medical services to inmates of the Lake County Jail, effective Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016.

"We are required by statute to provide medical services to inmates while they are in our facility, and a few years ago, the Sheriff's Office negotiated the contract with the Lake County Family Practice to provide these services," Board President Dan Troy said.

The contract, which is being renewed, has been beneficial cost wise for the County, he said.

The second resolution authorized execution of an agreement for stop loss insurance with Reliastar Life Insurance Company for the Lake County Government Self-Insured Medical Benefit Program, effective Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016.

"This is a one-year agreement for our stop loss insurance," said Joel DiMare, director of Administrative Services. "This insurance protects us against very large claims through our self-insured health care program."

He said there was a 7 percent increase in the cost this year.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED Dec. 22:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

• Authorizing change order No. 1 - final for Lake County roads pavement markings – 2015 project with Ogiesby Construction, Inc. decreasing the amount by $2,271.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

• Approving final estimate No. 6 in the amount of $33,348.72 with C.I.R. Inc. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of $48,672.16 for Maple, Grand, Elm, Forest, Edgewood, Lakeshore Waterline Relining Project No. 340-W.

• Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of $22,380.60 for a sanitary sewer extension for Moderation Way in Concord Township.

• Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of $82,695.80 for a waterline extension for Moderation Way in Concord Township.

• To delete a water sum certified to the Lake County Auditor.

• Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the

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Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Approving vouchers date of warrant Dec. 28, in the amount of $639,374.72.

• Authorizing execution of a service contract with OhioGuidestone to provide a Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAET) Program to required participants.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

• Authorizing execution of an agreement on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's - Central Communications Department and the Perry Joint Fire District for central dispatch and communication services.

• Authorizing execution of an agreement on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's - Central Communications Department and the Concord Township Board of Trustees for central dispatch and communication services for its fire department.

• Appointing Eric R. Schnur to a new term on the Lake County Port Authority Board of Directors, effective Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2019.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

• Approving payment of bills in the amount of $1,195,616.44.

• Approving purchase orders in the amount of $273,658.43.

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

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

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Troy said next year's revenues are being projected at $53 million with appropriations of $52.8 million, a very slight decrease from last year.

NEW BUSINESS

• Troy noted Greg Martin, the county's loss control officer, deserved credit for the County receiving the maximum incentive credit of $27,723 from CORSA (County Risk Sharing Authority). The money is being returned due to the County's safety record.

Martin noted the Sheriff's Department also deserved credit for its efforts with its deputies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Brenda Spadaro updated the commissioners on all the cleanup being done at the Dock Road Terminus, which the commissioners declined to vacate a couple months ago.

It was suggested the Friends of the Madison Dock seek information on becoming a 501(c)3 nonprofit which would make it eligible to apply for public funds to use to improve the area.

"Ladies, I just want to add that I am so proud of you," Commissioner Judy Moran said. "I cannot believe that you just took a big project like this and decided you were going to do something about it; you didn't wait for anybody. Just as soon as you knew it was free and clear to do whatever you wanted, you just went and did it. You rounded up volunteers and look at the difference you made. That's amazing."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

• The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters.