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ALICE training begins for county employees

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LAKE COUNTY – Lake County Board of Commissioners President Judy Moran noted, at the Jan. 21 meeting, Lake County Job and Family Services was in its fourth day of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training. "It's being very well received; the comments are all very positive," she said. "We are currently working on scheduling other departments throughout the county."

The training was scheduled following the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, Calif., that killed 14 and injured 21 county employees Dec. 2, 2015.

Commissioner Kevin Malecek stated it was a "sad commentary" that the county employees needed to have such training.

"I had been through some ALICE training previously with Ohio Child Support Directors Association, and I've been bringing information back to my staff anyway, so this is familiar to me, but it was a really wonderful

training," said Debra Wernick, LCDJFS child support administrator. "It was well-received by all the staff."

Resolutions Passed Jan. 21:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Jan. 25 in the amount of \$490,382.05.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$156,474.06; Workforce Investment, \$22,817.51; Child Support Enforcement, \$6,773.31; and Child Welfare, \$304,317.17.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- 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.

"This is where the Prosecutor's Office and the Narcotics Board, through them, have an account with the Secret Service for training and equipment, and this is the year end accounting of those finances," Board Chair Judy Moran said.

- Setting the date, time, and place for viewing and the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of October Lane in Madison Township. There will be a viewing Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. and the hearing Thursday, Feb. 11 at 10

a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 105 Main St., Painesville.

This portion of road has been unimproved and unused for more than 21 years.

"This is the first step in the process for October Lane, which is in northern Madison Township, adjacent to Tuttle Park," County Administrator Jason Boyd said.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,955,591.84.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$1,917,173.97.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Commending Charles J. Zibbel, PE for his dedicated service to Lake County as director and shareholder of Burgess & Niple's Great Lakes Region.

In part, the resolution stated, "He has guided the company through major engineering and architectural service delivery in the Great Lakes Region, encompassed design and construction of various water supply, wastewater treatment, highway and building infrastructure projects ..."

During his career with Burgess & Niple, Zibbel had been appointed as director of engineering in 1987; assistant director of the Painesville office in 1989; was named an associate and appointed director of the Great Lakes Region in 1990; and was elected a shareholder in 1994.

DEPARTMENTAL

REPORTS UTILITIES

- After having a very mild December and (early

January, we've had some weather come in the last couple of weeks," said Randy Rothlisberger, sanitary engineer. "The water temperature of the lake did hit that magic number 38 degrees ... and that kind of coincided with several breaks in the last couple of days. We had two yesterday and we're currently working on three today."

There were only nine breaks total during the first 20 days of January. They were all on the west end of the county.

FINANCE

- Budget Director Mike Matas reported two county budget hearings had been held. The remaining hearings would be held the following week.

PUBLIC

- A public hearing was held on the proposed vacation of a portion of Freedom Road in Painesville Township.

There were no comments either for or against the vacation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel – compensation.

MEETINGS

- Meetings are held in the Commissioners' Chambers 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 (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Jan. 26. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m.

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