

Commissioners in Action

LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufdriess, 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 Elsas at (440) 350-2763.

There was a meeting Oct. 9. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS:

ENGINEERS

DEPARTMENT

- Approving plans and specifications for Stoneridge Estates Subdivision Phase 1A in Concord Township.

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

- Transferring appropriate LCDU Solid Waste District Vehicles to LCDU Solid Waste District Professional Dues & Membership Fees.

- Increasing appropriate LCDU Water District transfer out and transferring cash from LCDU Water District transfers-out to Chestnut Hill Water Line Replacement 363-W transfers in.
- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of

cost in the amount of \$95,364.40 for sanitary sewers for Stoneridge Estates Subdivision-Phase 1A, Job No. 14-16, in Concord Township.

The cost of the project is being funded by Mentor Farms LLC.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$95,558.66 for waterlines for Stoneridge Estates Subdivision-Phase 1a in Concord Township.

This project is for 1,366 linear feet of waterline for 13 sublots. And is being funded by Mentor Farms LLC.

- Approving final estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$22,049.52 with Monte Construction Company, Inc. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$49,518.74 for Kurland Road to King Edward Court Waterline Improvement Project No. 343-W.

- Authorizing execution of an engineering agreement with R.E. Warner & Associates, Inc. for Bacon Road Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Pump Station Roof Replacement Project 363-W.

The pump station was built in 1981 and roof repairs are no longer adequate measures to prevent leaking.

R.E. Warner is being hired to examine the roofs and determine what repairs need to be done. Estimated cost is \$65,000 for the fees.

• Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$1,265,360 to Precise Boring of Ohio, Inc. for Johnnycake Ridge (State Route 84) Waterline Improvement Project 276-W.

Two bids were received for the project, but one was more than the engineer's estimate. Precise Boring bid for directional drilling is 21 percent under the engineer's bid.

The project is partially funded by OPWC.

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- Awarding a bid contract to Environmental Protection Systems of Grand in an amount not to exceed \$132,000 for the abatement of the building located at 153 East Erie St.

County Administrator Jason Boyd stated this and the following resolution were for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the property on East Erie Street, which the county has owned for a number of years.

"It's a project to be completed by the end of the year," he said.

Board President Dan Troy noted part of the cost will be paid for with funds from the Lake County Land Bank.

Due to the asbestos in the building, rehabbing it would not have been economically feasible, so it is being taken down.

"It's part of our long-range capital plans for that particular geography in the city of Painesville," Troy said.

Boyd said the building had been used for storage and removal of all items was nearly completed.

- Awarding a bid contract to B & B Wrecking, Inc. of Cleveland in an amount not to exceed \$96,100 for the demolition of the building located at 153 East Erie Street.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Luke Martin, Liberator of Troop 185, sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church, in Willoughby, on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

- The commissioners declared October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Lake County.

Commissioner Judy Moran presented the proclamation which read, in part:

"Since National Breast Cancer Awareness Month's inception in 1985, mammography use has doubled and breast cancer death rates have declined. Still, many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals."

The month is dedicated to helping the public become aware of how important early detection and treatment of breast cancer is."

Regular mammograms for women over 40 are an important part of breast cancer prevention.

"Breast cancer doesn't just stay there; it metastasizes—goes to all of the parts of the body and it just causes so much destruction to families and friends and neighbors, and if detected early there's a very good survival rate," Moran said.

The consultants were working on preparing the final report.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Troy asked Director Matt Battato what the outlook was for the Medicaid Expansion Program in Ohio for next year.

(In order to get it passed, Gov. John Kasich asked the Ohio Controlling Board to approve acceptance of federal funds for Medicaid expansion through this year for the state's working poor after the state legislature failed to approve it.)

"At our last (Ohio Job and Family Services) Directors Association meeting, Joel Potts (executive director) reported that he believes that the legislature will continue Medicaid expansion and will not have to go through the Controlling Board, however that's his opinion," Battato said.

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy noted it appeared the voting machines now in use were expected to be replaced at that time, there will be no federal funding available to subsidize the costs.

"Another big issue is the issue of electronic poll books, which is part of the new technology where all of the poll book records would be kept electronically," Troy said. "You would not have these cumbersome paper books."

The electronic books would allow precincts to be consolidated, so two or more precincts could vote at the same table.

- "The State Controlling

Board, this week, approved and waived competitive selection on an \$18 million contract to purchase 171,000 tons of salt," Troy said. "They said last spring they were receiving bids in the range of \$40 to \$50 per ton. Within the past months bids have been coming in priced as much as \$150 per ton."

The Ohio Attorney General has been asked to investigate the industry.

Moran reported on a Heroin Forum she and Battato attended recently.

It was presented by Eastlake victim advocate Michael Meeker, Police Chief Larry Reik, Fire Chief Ted Whittington and the mother of a man who died of an overdose.

"We had a 150 people in that room and no one said a single word," she said, "unless other clues to have their own forums." Their attention was so riveted on the screen and on the speakers that you know that there's a need for it."

Moran said people are embarrassed to admit they, or family members, have a problem.

She reminded everyone that there are collection sites at police stations around the county for unused, expired or unneeded prescription or over the counter medications, which should not be flushed into the sewer system.

Battato said the Lake County Opiate Task Force will have a town hall meeting at Harvey High School in the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation.