

Counties to share second armored vehicle obtained by Regional SWAT

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LAKE COUNTY - The Lake County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Geauga County on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff regarding the housing and use of a SWAT vehicle at its Dec. 17 meeting.

"The Lake County Sheriff's SWAT Team is the oldest standing SWAT team in the state of Ohio," said Major Charles Caldwell, Commander of the Central Communications Division. "Established in 1974, it's something we can be extremely proud of having."

He stated Painesville City became part of the team in 1993, which allowed the team to expand its ability to obtain subgrants. A Lenco BearCat Armored Vehicle was purchased in 2005 for the team. In 2009, Geauga and Ashtabula county sheriffs were asked to join and make it a regional team.

"That opened us up to a lot more

federal funding," Caldwell said.

He noted the regionalization helped them obtain funding to purchase a second BearCat in 2015, which will be owned by LCSO but housed in Geauga County, which will be responsible for its maintenance.

"They're only allowed to use certain drivers on it; they will be schooled in its operation before we turn it over to them," Caldwell said.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DEC. 17: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving final estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$14,934.40 with D.B. Bentley, Inc. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$32,264.60 for Eaglewood Drive Waterline Replacement Project No. 361-W.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$22,462 for Jackson Street Sanitary Sewer Extension, Job No. 15-34 in the city of Mentor.

The project is for 139 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main to provide service to one parcel the project will be funded by Ed Brown.

- Increasing appropriations and transferring cash from LCDU sewer district transfers out to OWDA bond retirement transfers in and transferring appropriations.

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from Heatherstone Sanitary Sewer System Study 327-S to LCDU Sewer District.

- Increasing appropriations for Lakeshore Boulevard Waterline Replacement 332W and transferring cash.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Suzanne Casar and Mary Wynne-Peaspanen to the Great Lakes Ohio Regional Prevention Council as county prevention specialists for two-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2017.

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Historically, the Children's Trust Fund, which is a fund that allocates money for child abuse prevention programs in the county, has been administered through the Lake County Family and Children First Council," said Matt Battiato, director of LCJFS. "What the trust fund is doing is moving toward a regional council, and that regional council will then make decisions about the prevention dollars that come to Lake County."

The new regional council will include the counties of Lake, Ashtabula, Geauga and Cuyahoga.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of a grant agreement with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) for implementation of the Lake County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and other general emergency preparedness activities conducted at the emergency operations center on behalf of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency, effective Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2017.

"This is a grant agreement that's been in force since about 1991," said EMA Director Larry Green. "It supports various planning, training and administrative maintenance activities involved with emergency planning."

This is renewed every two years.

- Authorizing execution of a sub-grant award agreement in the amount of \$10,000 with the Ohio Department of Youth Services under the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program, effective Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016.

Troy said there is a 10 percent local match due.

- Approving plans and specifications and authorizing advertising for bids for the Meadow Wood Drive Phase 2 Storm Sewer Improvement Project in Madison Township, with a bid opening date of Jan. 20, 2016.

"There is a system along Meadow Wood Drive in Madison Township, which is severely undersized, old clay tile that is broken in places, clogged with roots in other places, not functioning as designed, and this

is just a project to remove and replace that system," said Tim Miller, director of Lake County Stormwater Management Department.

The estimated project cost is \$185,000 to \$215,000.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,783,923.48.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$639,058.66.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

UTILITIES

- Gary Fedak, director of Wastewater Operations, reported on the past year's capital improvement projects.

"Specifically, we advertised 16 different projects during the last calendar year of 2015; those were both a combination of sanitary and water projects," he said. "To put that in perspective, the year before in 2014 we advertised 10 construction projects."

The total cost of the projects was about \$14 million.

JOB AND

FAMILY SERVICES

- Battiato said his office recently was able to garnish \$83,000 from an insurance claim from someone who owed \$83,350 in child support.

He said things like medical expenses and attorney fees are paid first, then the balance can be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employment.

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 Dec. 29. The first quarter meeting schedule has not yet been released.



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