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# New regulations come with pollutant discharge permit renewal

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**LAKE COUNTY** – Dan Donaldson, district administrator for Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, advised the Lake County Board of Commissioners there were new regulations coming along with the renewal of the county's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

"I'm working on an erosion and sediment control update for the county's regulations..." he said at the Feb. 11 commissioners meeting.

Most of the required changes are to about 28 definitions.

One change is that currently LCSWCD requires contractors to develop a plan for the site they will develop, but there was no implementation plan needed. Other changes concern the size and construction of sediment and stormwater retention ponds, and handling of contaminated soils.

A lot of the changes are to clarify when certain best practices are required.

He stated it was also determined notifications to contractors by regular U.S. mail service was acceptable and certified mail was no longer required.

"We did about 2,500 site inspections last year, and between 2014's carryover sites and 2015's new sites, we're dealing with about 270 construction sites," Donaldson said.

He noted the commissioners will need to adopt the new regulations when they are completed. The local communities served by LCSWCD through the Lake County Stormwater Management Department will also need to adopt them. The remainder of the communities will also be asked to adopt them for the sake of uniformity in the county.

Donaldson noted the county GIS system was a great assistance in checking out the locations of sites and planning inspection routes. The local building departments were also trying to work together more and share information to make the processes more efficient.

During further discussion, it was noted compliance had improved over the years since more stringent regulations had been implemented.

**RESOLUTIONS:**
**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

• Approving final change order No. 1 with Jack Gibson Construction Company for Aquarius Water Treatment Plant Filtration System Improvement Project No. 352-W decreasing the total contract amount by $66,452.71.

• Approving Final Estimate No. 12R in the amount of $76,093.12 with Jack Gibson Construction Co. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of $169,547.72 for Aquarius Water Treatment Plant Filtration System Improvement Project No. 352-W.

• Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of $294,654.80 for sanitary sewers for Newell Creek Subdivision-Phase 12C, Job No. 15-54, in the city of Mentor.

This project involves installation of 2,400 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewers to serve 52 sublots.

• Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of $570,375.17 for Auburn-Crile Connector Sanitary Sewer Extension in Concord Township (Job No. 16-02) for the Lake County Department of Utilities and authorizing construction in accordance with O.R.C. 307.73.

The project is for installation of 2,844 feet of 10-inch sewer line.

• Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of $346,979.74 for a waterline extension for Auburn-Crile Road Connector (Job 16-03) in Concord Township.

This project is for 2,088 feet of 8-inch waterline and 285 feet of 10-inch waterline with water being supplied by the City of Painesville.

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

• To delete water sums certified to the Lake County Auditor.

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

• Approving vouchers date of warrant Feb. 22 in the amount of $453,297.96.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, $103,516.78; Workforce Investment, $61,801.92; Child Support Enforcement, $1,197.43; and Child Welfare, $286,781.83.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

• Approving payment of bills in the amount of $2,020,206.10.

• Approving purchase orders in the amount of $1,593,367.08.

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

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

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**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

• Director Matt Battiato said the Governor's budget was requiring case management for those ages 16 to 24 who receive cash assistance. The plan is to help the young people develop job skills and help them with job searches to break the cycle of needing public assistance.

Each county must designate whether the local Job and Family Services center or Workforce Investment Board will take the lead and receive the funding designated for program.

Battiato said there were still questions about the program which needed to be answered. Once he had all the information, he would offer the commissioners his recommendation on who should oversee the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

• A public hearing was held on the request for vacation of October Lane in Madison Township.

Ken Gauntner, chair of the Madison Township Board of Trustees stated the Board was in favor of vacating the portion of October Lane as requested.

"October Lane was dedicated and platted back in 1929," he said. "It was never totally paved. The portion we're talking about vacating is the unpaved portion of October Lane, which really looks like it runs through somebody's side yard. Unfortunately people have been driving through that recently."

Gauntner stated people had started driving down that unpaved portion, which is all grass-covered, last summer when water and sewer lines were being replaced in the summer of 2015.

Greg Morrison of Wood Road in Madison Township asked about emergency vehicles getting through, noting his mother lived on the street.

Gauntner said the Madison Fire District has said getting emergency vehicles down the street was not a problem.

The commissioners took the comments under advisement for making a decision.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

• The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - interviews (2) and collective bargaining.

**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 were meetings in the morning and afternoon of Feb. 11. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 25 at 10 a.m.