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Route 91 on track to be resurfaced

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LAKE COUNTY – The Lake County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to enter into a local public agent (LPA) agreement with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio for the improvement of state Route 91 (SOM Center Road) at the March 8 commissioners meeting.

The County is handling the cost management of the project for the cities of Willoughby and Willoughby Hills which have deposited funds for the project with the Lake County Auditor.

There is no cost to the County.

Commissioner Dan Troy noted there had been some concern about the project being delayed, but now it was on track to start in April or May.

"The concern that it was going to be delayed a year has been remedied through some discussions with NOACA," Troy said.

The estimated cost of the resurfacing project is $2,185,606 with Willoughby Hills paying 60.4 percent of the cost and Willoughby paying 39.6 percent, so there is no cost to the county.

NOACA and the two cities asked for the Lake County Engineer's Office to act as project manager when the work is done.

Resolutions passed March 8:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

• Approving plans and specifications for the Leroy Center Road Widening Project in Concord Township, and advertising for bids for the same with a bid opening date of April 6.

The estimated cost for the project is $395,000 to $435,000.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

• Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from various capital project funds to LCDU Water District.

• Authorizing advertising for bids for cold water meters for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date of March 30.

The meters are for commercial and residential locations.

• Providing for a $1.8 million note renewal for the Lake County Department of Utilities Project 271-W (East End Service Center Project).

The initial amount was $3 million. This is the third time LCDU is paying down the amount.

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

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Approving vouchers date of warrant March 14, in the amount of $213,348.83.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, $126,015.84; Workforce Investment, $64,486.48; Child Support Enforcement, $20.80; and Child Welfare, $22,825.76.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

• Revising the Lake County Board of Commissioners' regular meeting schedule.

The Thursday, March 17 meeting was changed from 2 p.m. to 9 a.m.

• Reappointing Ryan K. Callender and David A. Kalina to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees for five-year terms expiring March 6, 2021.

"The Board of Trustees of Lakeland Community College consists of nine members," Troy said. "The county commissioners appoint six, the governor appoints three."

Callender was first appointed by former Gov. Ted Strickland, then by the commissioners for his last term.

Kalina, a longstanding member, has a construction background, having worked for Burgess & Niple.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

• Approving payment of bills in the amount of $2,328,769.52.

• Approving purchase in the amount of $1,236,254.18.

• Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

• Jason Boyd reported Willowick City Council had approved the contract for the County to take over doing residential inspections for the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

• The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate and 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 March 17. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 24 at 10 a.m.