County expected to do city of Willowick residential inspections

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LAKE COUNTY – Legislation passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners Feb. 25 approved a contract on behalf of the Lake County Building Department with the city of Willowick. The contract is for the Lake County Building Inspection Department to begin doing residential inspections for the city.

"We were approached by Mayor (Richard) Bonde a number of weeks ago about the services that our Building Department has to offer," said County Administrator Jason Boyd. "We had a couple of meetings with the administration and gave a presentation to (Willowick) Council two weeks ago."

Commissioner Dan Troy asked if the council supported the contract.

Boyd said the council did seem receptive to the idea. David Strichko, the county's chief building official, was asked to return for further discussion on the services to be provided.

"They're going to continue to do their property maintenance issues—nuisances and high grass," Boyd said. "We will assume building inspection services ..."

He said the Building Department had been doing the commercial inspections for the city already.

Willowick will also assume the county's fee schedule as well.

Resolutions passed Feb. 25:
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

• Increasing appropriations for East Distribution Maintenance Building 271-W professional services-consultants.

• Transferring cash from LCDU Water District transfer out to East Distribution Maintenance Building 271-W transfers in.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

• To vacate a portion of October Lane in Madison Township.

092-acre section road will be divided up three ways: 0.033 acre to Madison Township Board of Trustees; 0.045 acre to Mary Ann Zima; and 0.014 acre to Richard T. and Cynthia L. Jackson.

• Authorizing acceptance of a VAWA grant in the amount of $39,398.20 from the Office of the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the Office of Criminal Justice Services Grant Program for the Lake County Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Program, effective Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

• Authorizing acceptance of a VAWA grant in the amount of $4,145.55 from the Office of the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the Office of Criminal Justice Services Grant Program for the Lake County Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Program, effective Jan. 1 through March 31.

Matching funds in the amount of $10,885.94 were required for the two grants which were accepted.

• Setting the dates, times, and places for public hearings to consider the adoption of revised county erosion and sediment control rules at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 10 and at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17 in the County Commissioners' Chambers.

• Authorizing the Lake County administrator to execute an agreement for excess workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance with Wells Fargo Insurance Services OF USA, Inc., agent for Midwest Employers Casualty Company, effective March 1, 2016 through March 1, 2018.

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

The commissioners canceled the Thursday, March 3 meeting and set a replacement meeting for Thursday, March 8 at 1 p.m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

• Approving payment of bills in the amount of $1,170,810.68.

• Approving purchase orders in the amount of $1,105,711.38.

• Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
UTILITIES

• Public Services Coordinator Matt Armand reported there were no customer complaints about flooding during the last heavy rainfall on Feb. 24.

"Typically we get 14 million gallons per day; that's what the peak flow is at our Mentor Wastewater Treatment Plant," he said. "Yesterday the peak point was 40.7 million gallons."

That indicated a lot of rainwater had entered the sanitary sewer system.

Troy noted LCDU had done studies but did not believe all of the additional 26 million gallons of rainwater seeped into the system.

Armand said there were different causes including inflow and infiltration (I & I), pipes that have joint issues, and downspouts and sump pumps illegally connected to the sanitary system.

NEW BUSINESS

• The National Association of Counties recently had a meeting in Washington, D.C. concerning the presidential campaigns and how to get the next president to understand county government issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

• The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate-acquisition and employment-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.

The March 3 meeting was canceled. The next regular meetings will be Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. and Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m.