

Commissioners in Action April 15

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Judy Moran meet 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 Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting April 24. The meeting schedule for the next quarter had not been set as of press time.

At the April 15 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract to Hallmark Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$137,583.70 for the Oakridge-Yellowwood Dam Restoration Project in Concord Township.

- Authorizing a temporary right-of-entry agreement for the McMackin Road Culvert

Replacement and Safety Improvement Project in Madison Township.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing advertising for requests for proposals for household hazardous waste collections with an opening date of May 7.

- Establishing appropriation line items to be known as East Distribution/ Maintenance Garage 271W professional services-legal and contract projects and

increasing appropriations and transferring cash.

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Solid Waste District vehicles to LCDU Solid Waste vehicle repairs and supplies.

- Increasing appropriations for Kirtland Road to King Edward Court Waterline Replacement 343W professional services-consultants and transferring cash.

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

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing the Lake County Sheriff to enter into an agreement with the OHIO Department of Natural Resources-Division of Watercraft to obtain matching funds in the amount of \$31,224.73 for marine patrol for the year 2014.

"It's my understanding, from the communication received from the Sheriff's Office that there are sufficient funds on account to match this grant and we will not need to appropriate additional general fund money," said Board President Dan Troy.

The budget director confirmed that was true.

- Authorizing execution of a drug law enforcement fund subgrant award agreement in the amount of \$101,232.95 with the office of criminal justice services, effective through Jan. 31, 2015.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

- Declaring April 2014 Fair Housing Month in Lake County.

"It's the 46th anniversary of the passage of Title 8 of the Civil Rights Act, which established the Fair Housing Act," said Marian Norman, HOME Program Manager. "HUD has required, since the Clinton administration, that we act in a manner to affirm that people get fair housing."

She said there still is discrimination in the county, but it is not as obvious as it used to be. The Fair Housing Resource Center does test the market to uncover such discrimination.

Besides federal laws, the state also has laws, Norman said, noting people could file complaints with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission or the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

- Proclaiming the week of APRIL 21 to 26 National Community Development Week.

Rhea Benton, Community Development Block Grants manager, presented a report on the 2013 allocations of funds.

CDBG has a mandatory pre-application recently and they are due May 16 to apply for 2014 funds.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- Jason Boyd said the new

county website was almost ready to go.

OLD BUSINESS

- Troy again reiterated the importance of passing Issue 1 which provides funds from bonds, not tax monies, for public infrastructure projects, noting the county had received a lot of funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation declaring April 15 through May 31st, 2014 Clean and Green Lake County, which includes Earth Day on April 22nd, to encourage the youth and adults in the community, schools, businesses, agencies and civic organizations to identify areas of their neighborhoods in need of attention and to undertake cleanup activities.

The Clean and Green program is supported by the Board of Commissioners, Ohio University Extension Lake County, Lake County Solid Waste District, Lubrizol Corporation and McDonald's restaurants which provides trash bags, gloves and refreshment coupons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation.