

Commissioners in Action

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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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting April 3. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 10 a.m.

At the March 27 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with the city of Kirtland for the temporary operation and maintenance of the Temple View Area Sanitary Sewer System.

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from Gardenside Drive Waterline Replacement 317W, 174 & 84 Booster Station Upgrade 326w and Bacon Road Wash Water Tank Painting 342w to LCDU Water District.

- Approving change order No. 1 with Hallmark Excavating Inc. for Oakridge Drive Sanitary Relief Sewer Improvement Project No. 348-S for the increasing the total contract amount by \$13,026.83.

The change is due to the need to relocate some laterals which are not aligned with the new sewer.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Canceling the regular com-

missioners' meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 1.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for Lake County general fleet vehicle repairs and maintenance with a bid opening date of April 30.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for Lake County Sheriff's Office fleet vehicle repairs and maintenance with a bid opening date of April 30.

- Authorizing amendment of a lease agreement with Donaldson Properties, Ltd. for a five-year period commencing April 1 and ending March 31, 2019 for the Lake County Clerk of Court West-End Title Bureau.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement for dental insurance coverage with Sun Life Financial, effective April 1 through Dec. 31.

- Accepting a rape crisis fund grant award in the amount of \$36,789 from the office of the Ohio Attorney General on behalf of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Victim Assistance Program to provide rape crisis services for the grant period through June 30.

"The prosecutor has indicated to us that this is a new grant program through the Ohio Attorney General's Office," said Board President Dan Troy. "Apparently the legislature earmarked about \$1 million for this and there were 23 different grants."

The grant is for Lake and Cuyahoga counties and will be split equally.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,013,408.85.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$456,627.72.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Proclaiming April 2014 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lake

County.

- Recognizing April as National County Government Month and celebrating its 2014 theme "Ready and Resilient Counties; Prepare. Respond. Thrive."

- Proclaiming the week of April 13 to 19 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT UTILITIES

- Director Rick Martin advised the commissioners LCDU had been working with Grand River Village during the past three years concerning the issues with the sanitary sewer system there.

He and others addressed Grand River Council, advising some of the fixes which were completed.

"Some of that includes putting in new manholes or repairing manholes; we have smoke-tested most of the village; we have videoed most of the village and we have cleaned the sanitary sewers in the majority of the village—I'd say 90 percent of the village," Martin said.

Now, LCDU has proposed finding 30 homeowners to volunteer to have LCDU examine their lateral connections, noting private laterals are half of the system and can contribute a lot of inflow and infiltration (I&I) of rain water into the sanitary system.

Martin said a new state regulation now would allow LCDU to oversee work on the laterals.

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy said FirstEnergy Solutions would be charging a surcharge to its customers due to the much higher use of power during the past winter and additional costs incurred.

"But everyone who is served through NOPEC, which all the communities in this county have voted to belong to; because of the agreement we had reached with FirstEnergy Solutions, they are prohibited from passing on that type of increase to the people within our contract," Troy said.

The surcharge could be \$5 to \$25 he believed.

- Troy said he had been asked to serve as the Lake County chair for passage of state Issue 1 which will be on the May ballot. Passage would have the Ohio Public Works Commission program (formerly Issue 2 program) to continue for another 10 years. He said the program provides state assistance with many road and infrastructure projects communities could not afford on their own.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate pending litigation, personnel compensation (2) and imminent litigation.