

Commissioners declare May as Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity Month

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LAKE COUNTY - Board of Commissioners President Dan Troy read a proclamation at the May 5 meeting which proclaimed May as Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity Month and acknowledged the return of Habitat for Humanity projects to Lake County.

"The organization anticipates the ability to complete four more houses a year after realizing its first home, and whereas Lake County's income challenges affect three times the number of citizens witnessed in Geauga County, and therefore the need and potential outreach is significant, and the opportunities to secure properties at favorable costs for partner families in Lake County allows funding to go further in the community," Troy read from the proclamation.

The proclamation was presented to Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Betty Kimbrew.

Habitat is having its kickoff event Saturday, May 16 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at LaMalfa. Tickets may be purchased online by going to <http://lake-geaughabitat.org/>.

"We're also going to start building a home on Chester Street in Painesville in July," Kimbrew said.

Habitat is seeking eligible families to house in new or rehabbed homes, as well as volunteers to do the construction or repairs.

Normally Habitat has a family to move into the home which is being built, but in this case, since it is just starting in Lake County, it is building a home first.

Kimbrew said she lived in Lake County for about three decades so she was familiar with it.

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity is located at 12180 Kinsman Rd. in Newbury. The number is (440) 226-3000.

Resolutions passed May 5: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Approving plans and specifications for the Morley Road Culvert Replacement Project in Concord Township and authorizing advertising for bids of the same.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Accepting a three-year combined maintenance surety in the amount of \$17,300.64 for Stoneridge Estates-Phase 1A in Concord Township.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant May 11 in the amount of \$110,402.06.

COMMISSIONERS'

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- Accepting the FY 2016 Subsidy Grant and authorizing execution of the grant agreement for the 407 Community-Based Corrections Non-Residential Felony Program between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Adult Probation Department and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

- Accepting the FY 2016 Subsidy Grant and authorizing execution of the grant agreement for the 408 Community-Based Non-Residential Misdemeanor Corrections Program between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Adult Probation Department and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.
- Re-Appointing Matthew C. Armand to The Laketrans Board of Trustees for a three-year term expiring May 15, 2018.

- Re-Appointing Paul E. Miller to the Laketrans Board of Trustees for a three-year term expiring May 15, 2018.

- Appointing James Branch as director of the Geographic Information System Department in unclassified service.

- Appointing David Phares as senior GIS applications specialist of the

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Geographic Information System Department would be willing to support online voter registration. He asked commissioners Judy Moran and Kevin Malecek for their opinions and they support it.

• Rejecting the proposals received on Feb. 25 for the Lake County Court of Common Pleas Courtroom Audio/Visual Systems Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate acquisition and personnel termination.

MEETINGS

- The Lake County Board of Commissioners meets in the amount of \$665,435.95.

- Increasing appropriate fund accounts for various non-general fund accounts.

- Transferring appropriate amounts within various general and non-general fund accounts.

All requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be the State's Office asking if the Board of Commissioners May 28 at 10 a.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy said he was contacted by the Ohio Secretary of State's Office asking if the Board of Commissioners