

# Commissioners seeking statements of qualifications for county project

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**LAKE COUNTY** - The Lake County Board of Commissioners took another step forward in expanding county facilities at its May 14 meeting. It passed a resolution authorizing advertising for statements of qualifications by June 19 for professional design services for the renovation of the Lake County Administration Building.

"The Board of Commissioners intends to contract for architectural and engineering services to prepare architectural and engineering plans and project budget for the Lake County Administration Center expansion and renovation," Board President Troy said.

He said the project concerns demolition of the current Painesville Area Senior Center at 85 North Park Place, an addition being put on the Administration Building and renovations.

The departments involved include the County Engineer's administrative offices, expansion and consolidation of the Utilities Department's operations, the administrative operations and other departments, Troy said, calling the expansion much-needed.

## RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Approving plans and specifications for the Morley Road Dam Removal and

Stream Restoration in Concord Township and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of June 10. Estimated cost of the project is \$191,230.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for salt and cinders for 2015 with a bid opening date of June 10.

- Awarding a bid contract to Osborne Concrete & Stone Co. for roadway materials as required in the amount of \$86,087.50 for limestone and \$57,300 for plant mix pavements.

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Transferring cash from LCDU Sewer District transfer out to various general obligation bond retirement funds transfer in.

- Establishing an appropriation line item to be known as Eaglewood Drive Waterline Replacement 361-W contract projects and increasing appropriations and transferring cash from LCDU Water District.

- Rejecting all bids received on April 22, approving the revised estimate of costs in the amount of \$2,119,754.32 and authorizing re-advertising for bids for Lake Shore Boulevard Waterline Replacement Project No. 332-W with a bid opening date of June 17.

Dan Troy said the reason for rejecting the bids was that they all came in at more than 10 percent of the engineer's estimate. Since the bids have been coming in lower than estimates, he

asked what happened. "It's a little later in the year so we're getting fewer bids on the project; for whatever reason there's only two bidders," said Randy Rothlisberger, county sanitary engineer.

He added the contractors who did bid had some confusion with some of the specs that were cleared up for the rebid.

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$479,086.75 to CIR, Inc. for Madison Township Waterline Replacement (Maple Ave. and Lakeshore Blvd.) Project 340-W.

The bids ranged from \$479,086.75 to \$573,929.39. CIR's bid is 9 percent below the engineer's estimate of \$255,000.

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

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$26,939.46 for Keystone Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension in Concord Township (JOB NO. 14-78) and authorizing construction.

The project, which is for 293 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main for five sublots in a new subdivision, is funded by Mentor Farms, LLC.

## JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers for date of warrant May 22, in the amount of \$446,037.30.

The breakdown of charges

es is Public Assistance, \$113,868.58; Workforce Investment, \$25,664.83; Child Support Enforcement, \$2,753.29; and Child Welfare, \$303,760.60.

- Approving and authorizing execution of a subgrant agreement to establish the terms and conditions for receipt of funding by JFS.

LCJFS Director Matt Battiato said this needs to be done every two years.

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,816,354.37.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$554,117.58.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Supporting the "Step-Up" initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

(See story: Commissioners support efforts to reduce number of mentally ill jailed)

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

## UTILITIES

- The improving weather has also made for better conditions for the formation of algal blooms on Lake Erie. "The blooms aren't made

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up of true algae, they're actually a type of bacteria that can be toxic to humans, that's why they're such a concern," Director Rick Martin said.

The blooms can also have a detrimental effect on filters and other equipment at the water treatment plants and require the use of more activated carbon for water purification.

For the first time ever, the U.S. EPA issued a health advisory value (on much algal toxin is safe in tap water) last week.

Martin said the values Lake County water treatment plants follow is much less than what is recommended by the World Health Organization as safe.

He further outlined other practices the local plants were following to ensure local drinking water remained safe to drink.

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
Director Matt Battiato reported a number of advocacy groups had filed a lawsuit for reinstatement on behalf

**MEETINGS**  
• The Lake County Board of Commissioners meets 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 Amy Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be May 28 at 10 a.m.