

Mentor Marsh project receives commissioners' support

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LAKE COUNTY — The Lake County Board of Commissioners showed its support for a project in the Mentor Marsh Preserve by passing a resolution at the July 7 commissioners meeting.

The resolution supports the Mentor Marsh Protection Project in Mentor proposed for submission to OPWC NRAC District 7 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator Dan Donaldson said his agency was working with the Museum of Natural History in the western part of the Marsh.

"What we're looking for is kind of a consolidation of management, either through purchase of property, conservation easements, right of entry agreements, and doing kind of a holistic approach to restoration in that quadrant of the Marsh," he said.

Dan Troy, president of the Board of Lake County Commissioners, stated the Ohio Public Works Program included funding for natural resources projects, which is the funding being sought.

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History is responsible for the 691-acre Mentor Marsh Preserve which is a designated National Natural

which is not only an invasive exotic species, but highly flammable as well. The program includes reintroducing native species to the Marsh, which is being done with the City of Mentor and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

As part of its program, the Museum is seeking to purchase properties within the Marsh area which are privately owned on Headlands Road, Lakeview Drive, Forest Road and Heisley Road.

Resolutions passed July

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract to Arms Trucking Co. for cinders in 2015 in the amount of \$117,250.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations and transferring cash for Bacon to Lane Water Transmission Main 371-W and Glyco li Forecmain Replacement 364-S.

- Increasing appropriations and transferring cash for Lakeshore Boulevard Waterline Replacement 332-W.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$832,025.16 for Raw Water Pump Building & Water Treatment Building Roofing Project 368-W and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of July 29.

Spheroid Tank Painting Project 357-W and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of July 29.

The tank still has the original paint on it. Once repainted, it will have the Lake County logo on it.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$934,100.00 for Forest Drive Waterline Replacement Project No. 331-W and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Aug. 5.

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$2,019,546 to Trax Construction Company for Glyco I Forecmain Replacement Project Phase II Project 346-S.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of the PY 2016 subgrant agreement with Local Workforce Area 5 (Lake County) for the receipt of funds from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other federal workforce related funds.

"This is the annual allocation we receive to operate the various programs overseen by the Workforce Investment Board and regardless of any change in configurations, these are the funds we'll have available for fiscal year 2016," Troy said.

A new agreement is required each year. Last year's funding was \$1,050,024; this year's is \$1,359,632.

- Approving vouchers

Investment, \$14,249.37; Child Support Enforcement, \$1,055.80; and Child Welfare, \$19,742.80.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Rejecting the bids received on June 24, approving the revised estimate of costs in the amount of \$250,000 and authorizing re-advertising for bids for improvements to the Title Division - Central for the Lake County Clerk of Courts with a bid opening date of July 29.

The bids had to be rejected because they exceeded the initial engineer's estimate of \$125,000 by more than 10 percent.

The new engineer's estimate is \$250,000.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for the boiler and fluid cooler addition at the Lake County Dog Shelter with a bid opening date of July 29.

The estimate of cost is \$127,740.

- Appointing Lake County Commissioners Daniel P. Troy and Kevin D. Malecek to serve on the Ohio Public Works Commission District 7 integrating committee and designating alternates to serve on their behalf for three-year terms expiring May 22, 2018.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$941,213.49.

- Approving purchase

the county before that will be put on the ballot."

- Troy announced the commissioners' clerk, Amy Elaszcz, had resigned after 15 years because she was moving out of state with her husband.

He read a light-hearted resolution about her many years of service, including things she had to tolerate and how many people she had to work with over the years—two administrators, six commissioners, four assistant clerks and countless county employees. The resolution noted how her uncommon clerk's "reports," would be missed and "she will long be remembered for her astute wit and animated discussions about why she was right and almost endless occasional, maybe extremely rare patience."

Elsaszcz said it had been an honor and a privilege to work in the commissioners' office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - employment interview.

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) 250-9753.