

# LCDU moves forward on nine projects

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**LAKE COUNTY** – The Lake County Board of Commissioners passed resolutions for the Lake County Department of Utilities to proceed with nine new projects as part of its Capital Improvement Plan.

Plans, specifications and estimates of cost were approved in the amount of \$168,253.40 for sanitary sewers for Orchard Springs Subdivision-Phase 2 in Concord Township.

The project involves installation of 2,184 feet of 8-inch PVC SDR 26 sanitary sewer mains for 26 sublots. It will be funded by Ralph Victor Construction, Inc.

Plans, specifications and estimates of cost for Orchard Springs Subdivision-Phase 2 in Concord Township amount to \$157,451.01.

The project involves installation of 1,255 feet of 8-inch 909 PVC water main that will provide service to 26 sublots. It will be funded by Ralph Victor Construction, Inc.

Plans, specifications and estimates of cost were approved in the amount of \$27,465.63 for Jackson Street at Heisley Sanitary Sewer Extension, in the City of Mentor.

The project includes installation of 235 feet of 8-inch VCP C-700 ES sanitary sewer main and will provide sewer service to three parcels and would be funded by Richard M. Osborne.

The commissioners authorized execution of engineering agreements for six LCDU capital projects.

Environmental Design Group will draw up plans for the Nan Linn Drive Waterline Replacement Project 373-W, since the waterline for the area was determined to be inadequate by Randy Rothlisberger, county sani-

tary engineer, for an estimated cost of \$726,000 and engineering fees of \$71,000.

Osborn Engineering was approved for the Lakeshore Boulevard Waterline Replacement Project 372-W.

The waterline is to be repaired at a cost of \$442,000 with engineering fees of \$53,000.

The Kellogg Creek Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation Project was awarded to LJB, Inc.

Assistant Sanitary Engineer Denis Yurkovich determined that, since the creek level can sometimes rise above the manhole rims, it floods the sanitary system and basements. About 42 manholes will be raised at a cost of about \$120,000. Engineering fees should be about \$20,000.

Stephen Hovancsek and Associates, Inc. will be responsible for plans for the Bacon Road to Lane Road Transmission Main Project.

This project was recommended to provide redundancy and reliability to the whole water system in the eastern area of the county.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.17 million with estimated engineering fees of \$180,000.

The agreement with Euthenics, Inc. is for the Henry and River Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project 376-S.

It was determined it was necessary to restore the water tightness of the sanitary main. The project will cost about \$325,000 with estimated engineering fees of \$50,000.

The final agreement approved was with Michael Benza and Associates, Inc. for the Oakwood Boulevard Waterline Replacement Project 374-W.

Per Rothlisberger's recommendation, the project will replace about 2,500 feet of the cement waterline from the 1950s. There will also be

nine new hydrants installed. The estimated cost will be \$529,000 with engineering fees in the amount of \$52,000.

"As all of these resolutions indicate, the Utilities Department is embarking on a lot of project work and this is entering into engineering agreements with various firms to design and come up with the bid specifications for different projects," said Board President Dan Troy.

## *Resolutions passed June 24:* **ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT**

- Approving plans and specifications for Orchard Springs Subdivision Phase 2, in Concord Township.

The estimated cost for construction is \$629,744.89.

- Removing the existing Vrooman Road Bridge SFN 4337107 from the Lake County bridge inventory.

Since the Vrooman Road Bridge had been closed since 2014 due to damage believed caused by an overloaded vehicle crossing it, Lake County Engineer Jim Gills determined the bridge should be abandoned by the county.

"Actually the bridge now belongs to the contractor; he is responsible for the maintenance of it so it's no longer our bridge," he said.

The bridge had been reinforced to be used temporarily during construction of the new Vrooman Road Bridge. The Ruhlin Company, which is the general contractor for the project now has the responsibility for it.

## **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

- Establishing accounts within Water Project Fund 595 to be known as Bacon Road WTP Process Improvements Plan 378-W increasing appropriations and transferring cash.

- Increasing appropriations and transferring cash for various fund accounts.

- To delete water sums certified to the Lake County Auditor.

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

## **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE**

- Authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$85 million hospital facilities refunding revenue bonds, series 2015 (Lake Hospital System, Inc.); authorizing the execution and delivery of agreements to provide for the sale of these bonds and the payment of bond service charges; and authorizing and approving other documents and related matters.

A public hearing was held prior to the regular commissioners meeting.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,134,802.17.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$519,437.10.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - collective bargaining.

## **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, calling Amy Elszasz at (44) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 30 at 2 p.m.