

Commissioners in Action

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program?" Sines said.

Troy asked for clarification that the resolution did not state who would have to pay for the correction of the system.

Miller said that was correct.

It was noted there were supposed to be some additional phases to be built in the subdivision.

Troy noted he felt the township needed to take more responsibility for proper construction so these problems did not keep occurring.

Concord Township Administrator Jack Nettis said a previous study of the area had been done since there had been flooding which sometimes caused problems for emergency vehicles. The township has looked at riparian setbacks and not allowing construction in natural drainage areas.

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving final estimate no. 3 (release of retainer) in the amount of \$12,034,200 with George Kountoupes Painting Co. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$276,550 for Orton Road Tank Painting Project No. 325-W for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Resolution decreasing appropriations for LCDU Water District various accounts.
- Resolution decreasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District various accounts.

- Resolution decreasing appropriations for LCDU Solid Waste/Recycling District various accounts.

- Resolution decreasing appropriations for LCDU Capital Project funds.

COMMISSIONERS'

OFFICE

- Resolution authorizing execution of a renewal agreement between Business Storage Company and the Lake County Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$11,250, effective Jan. 16, 2012 through Jan. 15, 2013.

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff and Neighboring Mental Health Services, Inc. to provide psychiatric and medical services to inmates of the Lake County Jail, effective Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

- Resolution re-appointing Mayor David Anderson as a member of the Lake County Narcotics Executive Board for a three-year term commencing Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31, 2014.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of

\$1,919,107.78.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$200,032.72.

- Resolution increasing and decreasing appropriations for various general and non general fund accounts.
- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

- Resolution approving the 2012 temporary appropriation measure for the general fund.

Troy said the budget for 2012 reflects the revenue reductions the county has seen in the past few years and anticipates for the coming year.

"As Mr. Troy said, we are probably looking at one of the lowest budgets in the past 10 years," Sines said. "To give folks an idea of what we've done to try to meet the budget constraints that we've had to deal with over the last several years; the employment levels of the county have been reduced since 2007 by 20 percent (in the general fund). Going forward, we know with this new budget we will have to make additional cuts. That could be as many as 100 additional employees going forward. It's not a very bright picture..."

He added the county's investment income used to be \$8 million per year and now it is just about \$1 million, which was a major reduction to the general fund.

Troy said the commissioners will continue to ask for changes in state law and seek to make the county government operate more efficiently.

"We are going to shortly ask the County Budget Commission to revisit the alternative Local Government Fund formula that exists in Lake County that was agreed upon back in 1982 because under the statutory non-alternative formula, the county general fund automatically receives 30 percent of the undivided Local Government Fund, before it's divided between the political subdivisions," Troy said.

He noted the commissioners in 1982 agreed to take only 11 percent rather than the permissible 30 percent. He said that action will be reviewed because the county has certain statutory funding responsibilities, such as the local courts, Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Office and other county agencies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel compensation and real estate matters.

LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines 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 Elaszczak at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. The annual organizational meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. At the Dec. 29 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between Burgess & Niple, Inc. and the Lake County Board of Commissioners in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.

This is for the preparation of plans and specifications for the Hunting Trail Drive, Waterfowl Way Storm Relief Sewer Study in the area of the Quail Hollow Subdivision in Concord Township.

Commissioner Ray Sines asked why this was necessary.

"Waterfowl Way is a street in Concord Township; it's on a cul de sac," said Stormwater Management Director Tim Miller. "The street is essentially a bowl. The existing storm sewer system runs through back yards; through common areas. The roadway is experiencing substantial flooding to the point of being three-four feet deep."

The plan is to determine why the current system does not work and develop a means to properly drain the street and area.

Commissioner Dan Troy asked if this was a case where the subdivision was built where it should not have been because the whole area there drains so poorly.

Miller said he thought, because the subdivision was built in phases that perhaps they tried to "retrofit everything to Waterfowl Way." It was hoped the sewer system could be moved to public right-of-way.

Troy and Sines questioned how plans could be drawn which affect private property.

"Are we going to be paying for everyone's screw-up in the county through this