

# Commissioners in Action

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increases of 4.7 percent. Commissioner Ray Sines noted he had asked his fellow commissioners to join him in having the rates for the Lake County Storm Water Management Department reduced to help take the sting out of the sewer increases. He voted against the sanitary sewer increases, but Aufuldish and Troy voted for them.

- Resolution reclassifying William F. Davis to the position of system maintenance I in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Dec. 4.

- Resolution hiring Tim J. Murphy to the position of maintenance I in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Dec. 5.

## JOB AND FAMILY

- Resolution appointing Martin Gareau to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board to represent economic development to complete an unexpired term ending Feb. 14, 2012.
- Aufuldish noted Gareau was the new director of Public Finance and Small Business Development Center counselor handling SBA loans at the Lake County Port Authority.

## COMMISSIONERS'

### OFFICE

- Resolution authorizing payment to various Lake County police prosecutors for the second half of 2011.
- James Lyons, working for Grand River, will receive \$160 and Lisa Kammer, for Mentor, will receive \$600.
- Resolution establishing holidays for which the county offices close during the year 2012.

The holidays will be: New Year's Day, celebrated Monday, Jan. 2, 2012; Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 16; Presidents Day, Feb. 20; Memorial Day, May 28; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 3; Columbus Day, Oct. 8; Veterans Day, Nov. 12; Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22; and Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association non-deputized dispatchers, expiring March 31, 2014.

Aufuldish said the fact finder and conciliator both agreed the county did not have the money to pay increases.

"Longevity has been frozen for three years. Three personal days have been eliminated. The sick time accrual has been reduced to 10 days per year and there will be six unpaid furlough days in the year 2012 and there will be no salary increase," he said.

Sines said they did not like to be in the position to deny increases to people, and they appreciated that these are hard times.

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Narcotics Agency and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, expiring March 31, 2013.

**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 Dec. 6. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. At the Dec. 1 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:*

## RESOLUTIONS:

### ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution amending a professional services agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Engineer and BBC&M Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$4,655.19 for additional testing services due to unusual weather conditions for the Dodd Road Bridge Replacement Project - PID 85133.

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for limestone for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date of Dec. 21.
- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for the Lake County Department of Utilities.
- The contract is for inspection of the wet and dry interior of the River Road sphere old tank in Madison Township at a cost of \$9,800.

- Resolution transferring appropriations within LCDU water, sewer and solid waste districts and increasing appropriations.

- Resolution revising the Lake County Department of Utilities sanitary sewer rates.

"A lot of these dollars will be used for the rehabilitation and replacement of our aging infrastructure and, as we know, we had a lot of rain this year and that's resulted in identification of areas where we have excess infiltration," said Commissioner Bob Aufuldish.

LCDU is currently working on a \$16 million project at its Madison Waste Water Treatment Plant.

All single family residents are to be charged the minimum charge of \$73.92 per quarter. Of that charge, \$40.37 is for operational costs and \$33.55 is for debt service.

All other units will have a metered service charge of \$3.52 per 1,000 gallons, in addition to the minimum charge of \$73.92 per quarter.

Commissioner Dan Troy said the county policy is to review the finances and billings every two years and, if needed, keep increases to a maximum of 5 percent.

This year LCDU asked for

Troy explained this contract was for a separate agency which was not paid from the county general fund. The board overseeing the LCNA said it also did not have the funding to provide raises, but the conciliator felt money was available to grant 6 percent raises over three years.

He suggested maybe the levy supporting the agency could be reduced.

- Resolution recommending appointments of 23 members to the Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee, for terms expiring Aug. 15, 2013.

The members and who they represent are: Lee Bodnar, Painesville Township for local government; Joseph Busher of Mentor for fire-ret. and industry-ret.; Patricia Casella of Concord Township for hospital; John Church of Mentor for fire and emergency management; Raymond Dawson of Mentor for other; Joseph Doran of Mentor for law; Mary Jo Drcar of Mentor for industry; Tony Frazier of Mentor for emergency management, information coordinator; James Gills, Lake County Engineer for transportation; Larry Greene, emergency management director for emergency management, secretary; Robert Howerton of Cleveland for environmental; Michael Kocab of Willoughby for fire; George Malec of Mentor for law, vice chair; Kristy Milo of Painesville for industry; Ray Somich of Willoughby Hills for media; Thomas Talcott of Willoughby for fire, chair; Randall Zondag of OSU Extension for other; Jim Ruttinger of Wickliffe for industry; Bert Mechenbier of Painesville for health and environmental; James Powers of Wickliffe for fire; and Donna Tyson of Painesville, fiscal officer. A new appointment is Meghan S. Mitchell-Koeth of Mentor.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a 12-month self-funded health care agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, effective Jan. 1, 2012.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution transferring appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

- Resolution declaring that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the 10-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of Lake County, determining that it is necessary to levy a tax for senior citizens service or facilities, said levy being a renewal of 0.4 mill and an increase of 0.1 mill to constitute 0.5 mills for a period of five years, and requesting the county auditor certify the total current tax valuation of Lake County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the said 0.5-mill tax.

(For further information see "First step taken for senior levy increase to go on ballot."

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel issue.