

Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufulish, 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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Nov. 10. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m.

At the Nov. 3 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between O.R. Colan Associates and the Lake County Board of Commissioners for services for property acquisition on the LAK-Vrooman Road Roundabout Project in Leroy Township.

The county has plans for a roundabout at the intersection of Vrooman and Leroy Center roads and state Route 86 to improve the safety of the intersection. There are 15 property sections which need to be acquired.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution transferring appropriations from Bellflower Area Sanitary Sewer Rehab 314S professional services-consultants to Bellflower Area Sanitary Sewer Rehab 314S Professional services-legal and establishing appropriations for LSB Crossing Chagrin River Waterline Replacement 304W easements.

- Resolution transferring appropriations from LCDU Sewer District equipment to LCDU Sewer District transfer out.

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

- Resolution increasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District refunds and reimbursements.

- Resolution establishing an account to be known as customer service/ engineering facility 335w with various revenue and appropriation lines, increasing appropriations and transferring cash,

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

JOB AND FAMILY

SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant

Nov. 14, in the amount of \$422,276.66.

The amount was expended as follows: Public Assistance, \$184,541.45; Workforce Investment, \$179,202.29; Child Support Enforcement, \$951.08; and Child Welfare, \$57,581.84.

COMMISSIONERS'

OFFICE

- Resolution reappointing Keith Evans as member of the Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program Facility Governing Board for a three-year term ending Nov. 9, 2014.

The Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program (NEOCAP) Facility Governing Board was created by the common pleas court judges of Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Portage and Trumbull counties in 1997.

- Resolution establishing the Lake County employees' share of the monthly premium for medical and dental insurance coverage, effective Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2012 to reflect a change in the monthly premium.

"This resolution is one that we pass every year about this time setting the rates for the upcoming year," said Bill Margalis, director of administrative services. "I guess these rates are a result of our negotiation process with our insurance carrier."

This year, as a result of the requests for proposals (RFPs) that were sent out, after 10 years, the county has changed from United Healthcare as its healthcare program administrator to Anthem.

"Through our negotiation process, it was determined that we were going to be able to save a considerable amount of money by switching to Anthem, mainly based on their discounts that they have with the providers and hospitals," Margalis said.

There still is about a 10 percent increase in healthcare costs over 2010.

The employee contribution has also been increased from about 8 percent to about 12 percent.

Commissioner Dan Troy said the commissioners regretted having to raise the employee contribution amount.

- Resolution changing the regular commissioners' meeting time scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding by and between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the city of Willoughby Hills for a residential sanitary sewer service connection program.

"Income eligible residents in Area C will be eligible for assistance," stated a memo from Jason Boyd, county federal grants administrator.

"This program will use \$50,000 of previous years' CDBG funds. The program will be administered through the city with all financials ap-

proved by the county. All existing HUD regulations will apply."

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,012,649.48.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$241,773.29.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various general and non general fund accounts.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- "We've been asked by the National Association of Counties to send a letter to our senators," Troy said. "The 3 percent withholding provision which we've talked about was initially supposed to go into effect Jan. 1, 2012 and has been delayed until Jan. 1, 2013."

The provision would require government entities to withhold 3 percent of payments on contracts over a certain amount and forward those monies to the IRS.

The repeal had passed the House of Representatives 405-16. The Senate is due to vote on the matter soon.

- Troy said they had received a suggestion from Cathy Walsh, director of the Lake County Microloan and Small Business Development Center, to discontinue the Lake County Community Investment Corporation since the Lake County Port Authority was established and the CJC was not needed.

He asked legal counsel to determine how to sunset the CJC.

- Troy said no inspection department made money and it would be more cost effective to have a regional department. He advised the members of the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association that the county would be interested in discussing centralizing inspections.

"It's a duplication of effort in terms of the personnel, the training, the equipment necessary," he said.

Painesville and Eastlake have both expressed an interest.

Troy said if cities disbanded their departments, the county would need to expand and would hire from those inspectors who were discharged.

"We need to sell \$33,000 worth of permits to break even," Commissioner Ray Sines said, adding his support to the idea.

Troy said the county has had to let go some good due to decreased activity and suspected the same might be true of some communities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate issues.