

Commissioners in action

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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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Nov. 3. The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m.

At the Oct. 27 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

The following four resolutions are required to allow the county to receive OPWC funding for the specific projects.

- Resolution authorizing the Lake County Engineer to prepare and submit an application for the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s), and to execute an OPWC agreement for the Hoose Road Resurfacing Project in Concord Township.

- Resolution authorizing the Lake County Engineer to prepare and submit an application for the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s), and to execute an OPWC Agreement for Vrooman Road-State Route 86 Roundabout Project in Leroy Township.

- Resolution authorizing the Lake County Engineer to prepare and submit an application for the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s), and to execute an OPWC Agreement for the Blase-Nemeth Widening Project in Painesville Township.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$552,000 for the State Routes 174 and 84 Booster Station upgrade and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Nov. 23.

- Resolution awarding a contract to Martin Pallet, Inc. for 20,000 cubic yards of sawdust in the amount of \$152,000 for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Resolution awarding a contract to Van Curen Services, Inc. for 15,000 cubic yards of wood chips in the amount of \$119,100 for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for asphalt cold patch for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date

of Nov. 16.

- Resolution authorizing the Board of Lake County Commissioners to enter into a sanitary sewer capacity agreement with the city of Kirtland for the allocation of sewer capacity for the Kirtland Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project No. 284S.

- Resolution approving change order No. 1 with George Kountoupes Painting Co. for Orton Road Tank Painting Project No. 325-W in Painesville Township, for the Lake County Department of Utilities, increasing the total contract amount by \$19,305.

The increase is to cover replacing the steel tank roof area, welding steel cover plates, ladder replacement, replacement of steel condensate drain line and other miscellaneous work.

- Resolution to delete a water sum certified to the Lake County Auditor.

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

- Resolution increasing appropriations for Kirtland City sewers 284S easements.

- Resolution accepting the retirement resignation of Frank Zalek from his position of project engineer III, Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Oct. 31.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution appointing Michael Cody to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council, representing local public housing authorities, to complete an unexpired term ending Feb. 14, 2013.

- Resolution proclaiming November 2011 Adoption Awareness Month in Lake County.

"We're going to be focusing on the children we have in custody, in permanent custody, who will be up for adoption," said Shawn Douglas, human resources administrator for LCJFS. "We have 11 children who are available for adoption in the county."

The available children range in ages from 3 to 17.

The county will be arranging for information on the children to be given out to the public.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution accepting an Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$120,395, effective through June 30, 2012.

This is a 50 percent grant from the Department of Homeland Security which helps support emergency management activities. Reimbursement can be for salaries and benefits and day to day operations.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding by and between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Lakeline for stormwater services.

- Resolution authorizing execution of an amended agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Cuyahoga County for the FY09 Interoperable Emergency

Communication Grant Program.

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for an elevator maintenance contract for Lake County buildings for the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department with a bid opening date of Nov. 16.

- Resolution authorizing execution of the FY 2011 CDBG and HOME grant agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Our funding for CDBG is about \$1.3 million; HOME funds are about \$467,000, give or take a 16 to 18 percent reduction from fiscal year 2010," said Jason Boyd, the county's federal grants administrator.

Once the paperwork is completed from the screening process, the money will become available.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal \$1,838,442.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal \$439,021.03.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

UTILITIES

Commissioner Dan Troy asked LCDU Director Rick Martin to explain why the county charges a flat rate for sewer charges whether it is a single-person household or a family of five, rather than tying it in with water consumption.

"Our outcome, either way, is we maintain one of the lower rates, and that's the message across the board to everybody," Martin said.

STORMWATER

The Lake County Stormwater Management Department co-hosted a special training session for about 60 road department personnel from Lake and Geauga counties. The session was funded by the Lake Erie Protection Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

The GOP has, so far, been able to agree on new congressional districts, so currently there are to be two primaries in 2012, one in March and one in June, plus the general election in November.

Troy said "The state has indicated it would set aside \$15 million to pay for the June primary, but he questioned whether those funds would be disbursed before the elections or held for reimbursement.

"We'd be hard-pressed, as would all counties, to advance the cost of three full elections next year, and then wait for reimbursement," Troy said.

He suggested the election officials be called before the commissioners to discuss the matter.

However, Commissioner Ray Sines expressed the opin-

ion that the Ohio Legislature would work it out and have just one primary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Muzic of Painesville Township mentioned a news article from a daily paper which covered a group of people that was going to different Job and Family Service offices around the state and asking questions about procedures.

The group allegedly found some departments had no intake policies and JFS personnel who would give information to unqualified applicants on how to get around requirements.

Troy said LCJFS followed "strict regulations."

"We don't operate in the same fashion as some of those counties," Douglas said. "When people come in to apply for public assistance, they actually have to submit an application."

Once the application is submitted, LCJFS personnel verify the information to determine if the person is eligible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel discipline.
