

Bid awarded for Morley Stream Project

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LAKE COUNTY - The Lake County Board of Commissioners approved awarding a bid contract to Biohabitats Inc. for the Morley Stream Restoration Project in Concord Township at its June 30 meeting.

"This project is being done in coordination with the Engineer's Office and Chagrin River Partners, and a lot of this will be covered by a grant received by working with that particular agency," Board President Dan Troy said.

The county had secured ODOT FY-16 financing from the state in the amount of \$495,281 to allow the removal of the Morley Road Dam and reconstruction of a culvert at L'Alouette Plumee Lake.

Bruce Landeg, chief deputy engineer and chief surveyor with the Lake County Engineer's Office, previously described the project as follows: "Lake County is proposing to remove the Morley Road dam, and the impounded L'Alouette Plumee Lake, and restore a stream in Concord Township, Lake County. The removal of Morley Road dam will include gradual dewatering of the lake via a siphon or other mechanical means, removal of the existing vertical riser/culvert structure to eliminate impoundment, and placement of a new culvert. The County will also restore approximately 650 linear feet of stream channel and 2.24 acres of riparian corridor within the existing lake bed."

Biohabitats' bid was \$191,230, the same as the engineer's estimated cost.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

JUNE 30:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing advertising for bids for the state Route 2 Pavement Markings - 2015 Project with a bid opening date of July 22.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for the Lake County Roads Pavement Markings - 2015 Project with a bid opening date of July 22.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for Mentor Marsh Sanitary Interceptor 336-S easements.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$42,075 for Mount Royal Sanitary Sewer Extension in Concord Township.

This project includes 151 feet of 8-inch PVC and 59 feet of 8-inch DIP sanitary sewer main for one parcel.

- Revising sanitary sewer rates.

"I believe this is the result of a study that was done by Arcadis, making recommendations," Troy said. "I believe the last increase for sanitary sewer service was in 2011."

The increase, effective July 31, which is 4.829 percent, will raise the quarterly cost from \$73.92 to \$77.49. The increase is needed to cover increased costs of equipment, chemicals, power and labor.

Troy also noted expansions were paid for with tap-in fees.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of a service agreement with Laketrans to provide transportation services to eligible Medicaid clients under the

non-emergency transportation (NET) program in an amount not to exceed \$558,000, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

This is just a continuation of the program for the new fiscal year.

- Authorizing execution of a service agreement with Ohio Guidestone to provide a Workfirst Program to eligible Ohio Works First Participants, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Per Director Matt Battiatto, Ohio Guidestone's administration of the program for the first year was excellent so a new agreement was advisable.

Payment is not to exceed \$425,000.

- Authorizing execution of a service contract with United Labor Agency, Inc. (ULA) to provide staffing services at OhioMeansJobs-Lake County (OMJ-LAKE) in an amount not to exceed \$270,108.

ULA is to provide three full-time staff members and one part-time manager to provide services at OMJ-Lake.

- Authorizing execution of service agreements with various providers to offer services to eligible youths through the Workforce Investment Act, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Child Welfare Funds, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The providers and their contracts are:

Catholic Charities Corp. for \$269,883

Goodwill Industries for \$160,049

OhioGuidestone for \$150,746

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Setting the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed vaca-

tion of a portion of Seeley Road from Vrooman Road for about 1.2 miles in LeRoy Township. LeRoy would continue to maintain Seeley from the easterly Lake Metroparks property line to Paine Road.

There will be a public hearing Thursday, July 23 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 105 Main St., Painesville.

- Designating David Radachy as certifying officer and Monica Jordan and Rhea Benton as environmental officers in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rules governing the use of funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$644,919.35.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$1,352,066.41.

- 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 - discipline.

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 by calling (440) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7 at 2 p.m.