

Forcemain replacement will benefit Fairport

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LAKE COUNTY – The Board of Commissioners passed a resolution April 9 approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$2,343,930 for Glyco I Forcemain Replacement Phase 2 Improvement Project No. 346-S and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of May 6.

This project is to replace about 5,500 linear feet of force main along Fairport Nursery Road in Painesville Township. OPWC is providing \$499,999 toward the project cost of about \$1.9 million.

Board President Dan Troy said the project should have a significant impact on issues in Fairport Harbor.

"It will. It's actually east of Fairport; from the village line about a mile going east," said Randy Rothlisberger, county sanitary engineer. "The 16-inch forcemain is going to be replaced; we've had issues with it in the past," he said.

"There is some contaminated soils in the area, so when we have to do a repair on this it becomes very expensive."

The current pipe is about 45 years old.

Troy asked if it was in the Hemisphere property area.

Rothlisberger said it was.

**Resolutions
passed April 9:
ENGINEER'S
DEPARTMENT**

- Authorizing advertising for bids for roadway materials with a bid opening date of April 29.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Awarding bid contracts to HD Waterworks & Supply, Lake Erie Winnelson Company and Ferguson Waterworks for fittings, repair parts, service equipment and tools.

- Awarding bid contracts to Osborne Concrete & Stone Company and Arms Trucking Company for limestone / sand.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant April 13 in the amount of \$224,730.78.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$69,087.99; Child Support Enforcement, \$231.36; Workforce Investment, \$71,610.62; and Child Welfare, \$83,800.81.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$3,638,707.08.

- Approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$2,316,815.26.

- Transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non-general fund accounts.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Michael A. Talaganis, Devon McFar-

land and Jonathan Carey on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy stated Lawrence County Ohio commissioners passed a resolution asking Commissioner of Baseball Rob Manfred Jr. to reinstate Pete Rose into baseball, then into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

(Rose had been banned from baseball in 1989 for betting on baseball games while manager/player of the Cincinnati Reds.)

The resolution noted Rose's impressive stats as a reason for reinstatement: hits leader (4,256), games played (3,562), at-bats (14,053), 500 games at five different positions, and 10 seasons with over 200 hits.

Lawrence County was asking the other counties to pass similar resolutions asking for Rose to be reinstated because, "Peter Edward Rose has suffered enough in the last 25 years due to the ban."

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Becky Lynch of Mentor said, while the county was purchasing the Painesville Area Senior Center Building at a great price, she felt it was taking away space for a business on the square and expanding government.

"It's not growth of government; it's more consolidation of government from outlying

areas," Commissioner Judy Moran said, adding it would be easier for residents to find government offices.

There are still plenty of vacant spaces available for commercial enterprises, she noted.

"I've spent some time meeting with the Downtown Painesville Organization and they're excited about the opportunity this can bring because it's going to bring more employees into the downtown area," Commissioner Kevin Malecek said.

Board President Dan Troy added that the county government is the largest municipal income tax payer in Painesville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - pending litigation, interview.

MEETINGS

- The Lake County Board of Commissioners meets 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 Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting April 14. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m.