

funding from Housing and Urban Development and HOME Investment Partnership Program, \$200,000 of the former, \$254,107 of the latter, going towards acquisition costs of River Isle Apartments," said Merian Norman, HOME program manager. "These funds were well-supported within the community."

There will be 40 new units available for public housing at River Isle.

Mike Cody, interim director of the LMEA, said the department received \$1.2 million in 1989 for the 100-unit project. "Before the units were acquired, Congress, in 1988, changed the rules and stated no new public housing could be added. Finally, after lobbying with the support of Congressman Steve LaTourette and the support of county mayors, it was decided LMEA could have the funding since it was granted before the change."

The vast majority of our clients are elderly and/or disabled residents within our county, and we're also providing special preferences for veterans that would be able to use that housing for moderate to low-income families, Cody said.

They will likely take about a year to move out the current residents and complete renovations before leasing out the units.

Awarding a bid contract for \$108,800 to Apex Construction and Management Company, Inc. for Lake County buildings accessibility entrance improvements.

Project is being funded with CDBG funds.

Authorizing execution of Amendment II to the agreement between the Commissioner and Claydon County for the #708 State Homeland Security Program Grant, effective through July 31.

Providing for the purchase and sale of not to exceed \$3 million of surplus principal amounts of stock, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the county service garage property.

This is for the garage property previously purchased in North Perry, La with the other resolutions concerning notes, this is to keep the low interest rate on the notes rather than switching to bonds at a higher rate.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approving payment of bills as listed on the commission's approval journal in the amount of \$1,551,489.49.

Approving payment of bills as listed on the commission's approval journal in the amount of \$720,000.32.

Increasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts:

Transferring appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts:

Resolution adopting the annual tax budget for the year ending Dec. 31, 2013.

General Fund

Income estimates:

2012 2013

Property Taxes \$11,250,000 \$1,681,439

(Real/Personal)

Homestead & Railroad \$1,400,000 \$1,500,000

Local Gov't/Star Aet \$1,120,000 \$1,360,000

State Reimbursements \$0 \$0

Other Revenues \$4,554,650 \$52,297,360

Total Revenues \$16,854,650 \$18,498,779

Note: The main change for the year is the commission reducing the countywide millage for the various taxes from 2.1 mill to 2.13 mill and increasing the sales tax.

NEWSPAPERS

The commissioners asked about water usage. Director Rick Martin said, following Memorial Day, water usage went up about 25 percent over average, most likely because of the nurseries. The county was still able to meet the need. They mentioned how the arena went off in the county July 3 or 5.

He was advised it was an electronic malfunction. It had happened around Memorial Day as well and was thought to be due to a lightning strike.

FD-1 Madison Township resident asked the commissioner for help in getting connected to the Madison Village sewer system. (See story: Homeowners caught in the middle of sewer issue.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to

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## Lake County Commissioners in Action

BY MARIAN MCMAHON

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake

County Commissioners Bob

Aufidish, Dan Troy and

Roy Sines met at 10 a.m.

most Thursdays, with some

meetings at 2 p.m. on Tues-

days, in the Commissioners'

Chambers on the fourth floor

of the Lake County Admin-

istration Building, 105 Main

St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to

the public. Requests to ad-

dress the government board

may be made at any board

meeting or presented to the

Commissioners' Office by

calling Amy Elszasz at (440)

330-2753.

The next meeting will be

Thursday, July 19 at 10 a.m.

At the July 10 meeting,

the following resolutions

were adopted:

ENGINEERS

DEPARTMENT

Authorizing an agree-

ment not to exceed \$8,006.20

with Geo-Sol, Inc. for mate-

rials testing services for the

Leroy Thompson Road

Bridge Replacement over

Phelps Creek in Leroy Town-

ship.

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

Approving plans, speci-

fications and estimates of

cost for \$194,600 for Bacon

Road Wash Water Tank

Painting Project 342W and

advertising for bids with a

bid opening date of Aug. 8.

Amending the sanitary

sewerage, solid waste, and

Commissioner Dan Troy said some years ago the county decided to codify the rules. If a contractor disagrees with a rule, there is an appeals process which the county has sometimes lost.

The rules are available on the county website.

Concerning the following resolutions, providing for notes, these are renewals.

Providing for \$720,000 in notes for Chapel Road Interceptor Sewer Project 285-S and Belthover Area Sanitary Sewer Project 314-S.

Providing for \$2.9 million in notes for the Lake County Department of Utilities projects 302W - routes 91 and 84 Transmission Waterline Replacement Project - \$250,000; 317W - Gardenside Drive Project - \$650,000; and 321W - Lost Nation Road Project - \$2 million.

It's pretty interesting that, by noting \$2.9 million, we get a 1 percent interest rate, which is \$29,000 and we get \$2.9 million to use," said Commissioner Bob Aufidish.

If the notes were converted to bonds, the rates would be higher, Troy said, adding they do need to be converted to bonds within five years of issuance.

Sines said, as long as the interest rates continued to remain low, there was no reason to change to bonds.

Providing for \$1.9 million in notes for the Lake County Department of Utili-

Painesville Township.

Increasing appropri-

ations for Gardenside Drive

Waterline Replacement

317W and transferring cash

from LODU water district

transfers out.

Establishing funds as:

AWTP Laboratory Upgrade

338W, Beidler Road Water-

line Replacement (north of

railroad to Euclid Ave.)

339W and Maple, Grand,

Elm, Forest, Edgewood,

Lakeshore Waterline Rein-

ing 340W.

Certifying unpaid

sewer and water sums to the

Lake County Auditor.

Hiring Ariann M.

Richner to the position of

secretary I in the Lake

County Department of Utili-

ties, effective July 30.

JOB AND FAMILY

SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

Appointing Jennifer A.

Smith to the position of sup-

port officer I in the Child

Support Enforcement Divi-

sion of the Lake County De-

partment of Job and Family

Services, effective JULY 16.

Approving Lake County

Department of Job and Fam-

ily Services vouchers date of

warrant July 10, in the

amount of \$103,251.56.

The breakdown is: Public

Assistance, \$31,997.24;

Workforce Investment,

\$37,128.02; Child Support

Enforcement, \$875.69; and

Child Welfare, \$34,050.61.

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE

Authorizing an agree-

ment between the Commis-

sioners and the Madison Fire

Department for Central Dis-

patch and Communication Ser-

vices.

The three-year costs for

Madison Township are: first

year, \$60,651.89; second,

\$61,258.40 and third, \$63,096.15.

Three-year costs for

Madison Village are: first

year, \$8,911.89; second,

\$9,001 and third, \$9,271.03.

Authorizing execution

of an agreement between the

Commissioners on behalf of

the Lake County Sheriff's

Central Communications

Department and the Village

of Kirtland Hills for central

dispatch and communica-

tion services for Kirtland

Hills Village and its police

department.

Three-year costs are:

\$46,359, \$46,827 and

\$48,227.24.

Authorizing agree-

ments between the Commis-

sioners and the Lake Metro-

politan Housing Authority

for the River Isle Apartment

Project.

There are Community

Development Block Grant