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Paper drop-off bins to stay

■ Private company's paper recycling bins to remain available in Lake

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Lake County officials were pleased to learn that a private company's drop-off bins that residents have used to deposit paper for recycling in various locations across the

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Lake County officials discuss the advantages of paper recycling bins.

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county will continue to be available for the foreseeable future.

Matt Armand, Lake County Util-

ities Department's public service coordinator, told county commissioners Nov. 13 during a meeting that Abitibi Consolidated based in Quebec went out of business last month.

The company had about 40 green and yellow bins in the county at places such as parking lots for churches, community centers and libraries, Armand said.

However, Royal Oak Recycling of Cleveland has taken over han-

dling the bins and if they hadn't there would have been no one to dispose of the contents.

The Utilities Department doesn't maintain the bins as they are owned and managed by the private company.

However, these bins have become an important resource for residents, plus they save the county money and avoids using landfill space, Armand said.

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"It provides an environmentally sound way for residents to dispose of paper," Armand said.

"The recycling statistics are used by the (Utilities Department's) annual report to the Ohio EPA. The paper collected by the bins would

have otherwise ended up in the landfill, so they are important."

He said the bins already in place will continue to be used and some of them are undergoing service updates.

"Residents can still take advantage of those services," Armand said.

Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said the bins help the county save money on recy-

cling costs and reduce waste at the county landfill.

"It takes a voluminous part of our waste out of the landfill or government-sponsored recycling efforts and really reduces our tonnage," Troy said.

"There is a lot of weight and tonnage from newspaper and magazines."

The commissioner urged residents to use the drop-off

bins for their paper recycling.

"We would encourage people if you have newspaper, junk mail, and phone books that's the place to bring them because it's much more environmentally safe and much more cost-effective for the county," he said.

"It's year-round recycling. It's a special collection observed 365 days a year."