

PRC renewal plan ups annual assistance

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LAKE COUNTY – The Lake County Board of Commissioners approved the Lake County Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan biennial renewal for the period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2017 at its Sept. 10 meeting. The plan, and its renewal every two years, is required by Ohio law.

"This particular plan is for adults who are currently employed, have a minor child living at home and meet income guidelines for this particular program," said LCJFS Director Matt Battiato. "They may, or may not be, receiving any other assistance through us. Basically, it's in place to help people maintain their jobs."

According to the Ohio Job and Family Services website, services to help people keep their jobs may include: clothing and shelter, domestic violence housing relocation assistance, disaster assistance and transportation (including auto repair expenses or a down payment on an automobile).

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COMMISSIONERS

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The main change in Lake County JFS' new plan is that the amount of annual assistance allowed was increased from \$750 to \$1,000 due to greater availability of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds which are state and federal dollars.

For more information about the program and eligibility, contact Lake County Job and Family Services at (440) 350-4000.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

SEPT. 10:

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

- Establishing accounts within Water Project Fund 595 to be known as Hawthorne Woods Waterline Improvement Project 380-W.

The project is for installation of 1,500 feet of waterline along Oakhurst Avenue and Ashford Street in Concord Township.

- Increasing and transferring appropriations for Bacon Road Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Pump Station Roof Replacement Project 368-W and transferring cash.

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from GLK Water Reclamation Facility UV Treatment 311-S to LCDU Sewer District.

- Increasing appropriations for GLYCO II Lift Station Rehab 324-S Professional Services Consultants.

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$429,000 to D & M Painting Corporation for State Route 91 & 84, 500,000-Gallon Water Spheroid Tank Painting Project 357-W, Alternate A.

The high bid was \$441,000 and the low one \$429,000 which was within 10 percent of the engineer's \$400,000 estimate.

The contract calls for a three-coat paint system with epoxy primer.

The tank needs to be painted every 15 to 20 years.

"It takes about six weeks or so, by the time they actually put up the tarp... then they have to strip it, prime it, let each coat dry," said Randy Rothlisberger, county sanitary engineer.

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$655,928 to

Trax Construction Company for Forest Drive Waterline Replacement Project 331-W.

The lowest bid was 14 percent less than the estimate of \$764,000. The bids ranged to a high of \$790,125.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Sept. 14, in the amount of \$144,314.51.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$84,436.01; Workforce Investment, \$42,344.40; Child Support Enforcement, \$253.14; and Child Welfare, \$17,280.96.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Setting the date and time for viewing and the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of Dock Road in Madison Township. (Viewing: Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9 a.m. - Hearing: Thursday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chamber.)

The request was made by 12 area residents.

- Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Lake County Auditor.

- Authorizing execution of two warranty deeds conveying the real properties located at 164 East Jackson St. and 168 East Jackson St. in Painesville to the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.10(B).

The two homes will be demolished with LCLRC funds.

- Authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation to transfer two parcels of land for public purposes.

The MOU sets forth responsibility for maintenance of the lots following demolition and allows for the properties to be deeded back to the county in the future

when needed for development.

- Appointing Leslie Beck to the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for a four-year term expiring June 30, 2019.

- Appointing Karen Bates Sippola to the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board to complete an unexpired term, ending June 30, 2017.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of in the amount of \$1,757,914.48.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$1,027,529.32.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

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UTILITIES

- Gary Fedak, director of Wastewater Operations, reported on a project at the Gary L. Kron Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"It's an electrical project where the switch gear is being replaced. It's about a \$700,000 project," he said. "And basically, the purpose of a switch gear is to take the incoming power that's coming from the utility and

distribute that to the plant."

The first phase, getting the power off the existing equipment onto a temporary one, has been completed.

It will take a few months to complete installation of the new equipment and switch the power to it, Fedak said.

- The last special collection will be a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds at 1301 Mentor Ave. in Painesville Township.

The following items will not be accepted: water-based paints, radioactive (smoke alarms), ammunition, explosives, or medical waste.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - termination.

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.

There was a meeting Sept. 15. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.