

# Commissioners in Action July 17

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**LAKE COUNTY** - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufaldish, Dan Troy and Judy Moran meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor 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 Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting July 24. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 31 at 10 a.m.

At the July 17 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

## ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing the Lake County Engineer to enter into a local public agent (LPA) agreement with the director of transportation of the state of Ohio for the LAK-Cashen Road Bridge Improvement Project.

Inspections have shown a need to replace the bridge. CEAO and LBR funding, acquired by the Lake County Engineer, was secured by the Lake County Engineer's Office for 80 percent of the funding. The balance of the \$1.206 million project will come from local funding.

- Awarding a bid contract to Hallmark Excavating, Inc. in the amount of

\$368,886.23 for the McMackin Road Culvert Replacement and Safety Improvements Project in Madison Township.

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Establishing accounts within Water Project Fund 595 to be known as Sandgate, Stirling and Falkirk Waterline Replacement 367W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

- Establishing an account within Water Project Fund 595 to be known as Bacon Road Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pump Station Replacement 368W and transferring cash.

- Establishing accounts within Sewer Project Fund 596 to be known as Glyco II Forcemain Replacement 364s, Heidi Park Sanitary Sewer 365S and Deerfield Relief Sewer 366S with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

- Increasing appropriations for Sandgate & Stirling Sewer 320s and Glyco II Lift Station 324S and transferring cash.

- Approving final estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$16,042.66 with Hallmark Excavating Inc. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$20,409 for Oakridge Drive Sanitary Relief Sewer Project No. 348S.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$55,951.50 for sanitary sewers for North Ridge Road Sanitary Extension in Perry

Township.

- Authorizing execution of a sanitary sewer administrative order on consent with the U.S. EPA.

(See story "Two main utilities resolutions passed.")

- Amending the sanitary sewerage, solid waste, and water supply rules and regulations of the Lake County Department of Utilities.

(See story "Resolutions passed concerning utility operations.")

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- To place a renewal of a five-year, 1-mill tax levy on real estate within the Lake County Library District for necessary requirements of the Lake County Library District, on the ballot at the Nov. 4 election in accordance with Section 5705.23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Morley Library Director Mary Frances Burns said the Library District includes Painesville City, Painesville Township, LeRoy Township, and about 70 percent of Concord Township. She said another way to view it would be residents of the Painesville City and Riverside School districts.

Board President Dan Troy asked, since Fairport Public Library seemed to be struggling, if there was a possibility of a merger with Morley Library.

Burns said it would be allowed by law—although Fairport has never asked Morley about such a

merger—and other libraries in the county could also join the Lake County Library District.

"They are more than welcome to approach us," she said.

- Authorizing advertising for a bomb robot for the Lake County Regional Bomb Squad with a bid opening date of Aug. 6.

When Lake County received a State Homeland Security Grant Program for Sustainment of Specialized Core Capabilities (SHSGP) for fiscal year 2013, it called for purchase of a second bomb robot for the regional bomb squad.

(See story "County seeks bomb robot bids.")

- Authorizing advertising for bids for leasing of office space, for the Lake County Clerk of Courts Title Bureau with a bid opening date or Aug. 6.

This is not for leases of the Perry and Wickliffe locations but for a new location in Mentor.

(See story "County seeks space for new title bureau location.")

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,103,775.01.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$712,267.60.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

- Transferring cash and

appropriations within various general and non-general fund accounts.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Declaring July 31 World Ranger Day in Lake County, which "commemorates rangers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty, and celebrates the work rangers do to protect the world's natural and cultural treasures."

There will be a special commemoration at the James A. Garfield Historic Site at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 31.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Troy said a major topic of discussion at the National Association of Counties Conference was the expiration of the Federal Highway Trust Fund Bill at the end of September.

"So, after Sept. 30th there's no more authorization for federal funds that are obviously a very important component of a lot of the projects we do," Troy said.

However, there is a bipartisan effort to pass a bill to fund the program another six years. (A bill was passed in the House July 15 for a temporary fix through May 2015.)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - collective bargaining.

Following the executive session, the commissioners passed a resolution rejecting the fact finding report and recommendation in case No. 2014-MED-01-0042 relative to the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association-Corrections Officers.