

Commissioners in Action July 8

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Judy Moran met 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 17. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 24 at 10 a.m.

At the July 8 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Sewer District hospitalization to LCDU Sewer District vehicle repairs & supplies and fuel, oil & lubricants.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$41,591.55 for sanitary sewers for Fioritto Dental Utility Extension in Concord Township.

The project is for 446 linear feet of VCP and 133 DIP sanitary sewer to provide service to two parcels on Auburn Road. HJF Investments, LLC is paying the costs.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of

\$27,398.80 for a waterline for Fioritto Dental Utility Extension in Concord Township.

The project is for 528 linear feet of water main to provide service to two parcels on Auburn Road. HJF Investments, LLC is paying the costs.

- Authorizing execution of a cooperative agreement with the city of Mentor for an integrated storm and sanitary sewer study in Mentor.

This is for a study in the Bellflower and Reynolds roads areas due to basement flooding during large storms.

LCDU and Mentor will share the URS engineering costs for the study.

"At the last meeting we approved an agreement with URS Corporation; this is now authorizing execution of the cooperative agreement between us and the City of Mentor on this integrated storm and sanitary sewer study in Mentor," said Board President Dan Troy.

He said they are hoping the results, which are expected by the end of the year, will allow them to determine how to eliminate the problems in those areas.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant July 14 in the amount of \$115,051.61.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$43,296.01; Child Support Enforcement, \$40; Workforce Investment, \$15,560.33; Child Welfare, \$6,155.27.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Lake County Stormwater

Management Division and the City of Painesville for regional waterways maintenance.

The MOU is to allow the city to upgrade its participation in the Lake County Stormwater Management Department to Level 2 which would increase the services and financial assistance the city receives.

"We started these discussions probably about three or four months ago with the City of Painesville about the possibility of them upgrading to Level 2 and about a month ago they passed legislation to do that," said Tim Miller, director of LCSWMD.

Troy asked how this will

impact the city's own stormwater program.

Miller said his understanding was the city would retain its program, and use the services of his department, purchased with user fees, for larger capital projects.

Troy noted the county would still be paying user fees to the city since its program was continuing, as well as fees to the county program.

Troy asked if there might be a duplication of services, but Miller said no. The city's program would deal with local issues and the county program deals with issues that affect a regional areas.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,247,365.97.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$225,260.84.

- Increasing and decreasing appropriations for various general and non-general fund accounts.

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

- Adopting the annual tax budget for the year ending Dec. 31, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Judy Moran stated the Salute to

Veterans presented by Fairport Harbor on July 4 was the best she had ever attended and thanked them for it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Becky Lynch of Mentor questioned why the contract with URS Corporation, which is headquartered in California, was not given to a local company.

Troy said URS has a significant presence in Northeast Ohio and it was the choice of both Mentor and the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel - discipline and real estate.