

County News

Commissioners in Action May 27

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, 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 Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting June 5. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 2 p.m.

At the May 27 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- To advertise for bids for the McMackin Road Culvert Replacement & Safety Improvements Project, Madison Township with a bid opening date of June 18.

Estimated cost of the project is \$300,000 to \$340,000.

- Approving plans and specifications for Mountainside Farms Subdivision Phase 5 in Concord Township.

The total cost for the project is \$189,257.86.

- Authorizing temporary right-of-entry agreements for the Vrooman Road Bridge Replacement Project in Leroy Township.

- Authorizing execution of a purchase agreement for property located in Perry Township for the Vrooman

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- Awarding a bid contract to Karvo Paving Company in the amount of \$1,120,394.05 for the Hubbard Road Resurfacing Project and Safety Upgrades in Madison Township.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Establishing an appropriation line item to be known as Aquarius Water Treatment Filter Replacement Contract Projects 352W and increasing appropriations.

The cost is \$1.94 million.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with Environmental Enterprises, Inc. for household hazardous waste collections.

There will be two household hazardous waste collection events: the first will be Saturday, June 7 and the second Saturday, Sept. 27. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$38,369.10 for sanitary sewers for Mountainside Farms Subdivision-Phase 5 in Concord Township.

There will be 464 feet of 8-inch PVC SDR 26 sewer main for 10 sublots.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$43,144.97 for waterlines for Mountainside Farms Subdivision-Phase 5 in Concord Township.

This is for 388 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main

for the 10 sublots.

- Approving revised plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$1,975,200 for Ridge Road (state Route 84) Waterline Replacement Project 276-W in the city of Willoughby and advertising for bids for the same with a bid opening date of June 25.

The estimated cost is \$1.612 million for about 5,800 feet of 12-inch waterline and 415 feet of 24-inch bored casting which will go under the Chagrin River.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of warranty deeds conveying the real property located at 4485 North Ridge Rd., Perry Township to the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.09.

This is the former county vehicle maintenance location, which the Port Authority will lease to South Shore Controls.

- Authorizing the lease of the Lake County Courthouse cafeteria to Daboros LLC.

Administrator Jason Boyd said the kiosk in the Courthouse had been closed for a couple years. Daboros LLC expressed an interest in reopening it and offering items like salads and wraps.

"Under Ohio law, these type of services have to first be offered to, I guess, the visually impaired, and in order for this to take place we had to get a waiver from (the Ohio Rehabilitation Services)," Board Chair Dan Troy said.

The waiver was granted because there was no interest from anyone who was impaired at this time.

The lease will be for just three months at this time.

- Authorizing the Lake County Board of Commissioners to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Painesville Township on behalf of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency to delineate duties undertaken by the township as a condition of acquiring the title to a mobile command center purchased with Homeland Security funds.

Lake County Emergency Management Agency Director Larry Greene advised the vehicle was purchased with Homeland Security funds.

"We took delivery of it two weeks ago and in order to enhance response it will be based out of Fire Station 3 on Hardy Road in Painesville Township, which will make it a 24/7 immediate response, as opposed to having it where it is now," Greene said.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,304,083.48.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$855,755.02.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Jesse Stinson on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Director Matt Battiatto noted how he once had advised the commissioners of how people receiving cash assistance needed to be working a certain number of hours each week. Due to non-compliance in the state, Ohio was facing federal sanctions which could have cost the state many millions of dollars.

He asked Bob Dawson, income maintenance administrator, to explain the progress made with the program by the county and the state.

NEW BUSINESS:

Troy said the county received notice the James A. Garfield home on Route 20 in Mentor, which is part of the U.S. National Park Service, will be closed from Sept. 2 through March 31, 2015. The heating and air conditioning system is being replaced during that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and compensation.