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Lake County Commissioners in Action

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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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting July 2. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

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

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- To advertise for bids for the Lake County Pavement Markings - 2013 Project with a bid opening date of July 17.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Amending the employee policy & procedure handbook.

Every few years the handbook is reviewed and items are clarified for employees or changed if need be, said Director Rick Martin.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$122,000 for Kirtland Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Job No. 13-20, in Kirtland.

The project is for 488 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer along Kirtland Road.

- Authorizing execution of contracts for various water and wastewater chemicals for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District contract repairs.

The increase is necessary due to an increase in the number of repairs needed,

including pumps.

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

- To delete a sewer sum certified to the Lake County Auditor.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$31,024.40 for Melrose Farms Subdivision No. 2, Job No. 13-19, in Willoughby.

This is for 186 feet of 8-inch water main for eight sublots and is being funded by Loreto Venture Group.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of a vendor agreement with Ohio Guidestone to provide a Works First Program to eligible Ohio Works First participants, in an amount not to exceed \$425,000, effective July 1 through June 30.

This contract was again awarded to Ohio Guidestone after competitive offers were received in response to requests for proposals.

- Authorizing execution of a service agreement with CGI Federal, Inc. to provide staffing services for Lake1Stop in an amount not to exceed \$264,158.05 effective July 1 through June 30, 2014.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Board of Geauga County Commissioners for access to the Lake County Motorola master site for the State-Wide Public Safety Radio System.

Board President Bob Aufuldish noted this system allows Lake and Geauga counties to communicate with each other.

"It allows for sharing of each other's radio systems; it benefits police fire and schools in Lake County and Geauga County," said Director of Communications Paul Stefanko. "It allows for backup capabilities between

the Lake County Central Dispatch Center and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office and, perhaps most importantly, it identifies and requires that Geauga County will be responsible for any expense made necessary by its presence on the Lake County system."

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,504,504.97.

- Approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$717,076.11.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Commissioner Dan Troy said the commissioners had approved placing a replacement levy on the ballot for the JFS Children Services.

"I don't know the final details, but the rules have changed on these in Columbus in terms of the budget bill," he said. "With a renewal levy, the state is going to continue to pay, for residential property owners, the 10 percent rollback and the additional 2.5 percent rollback for owner-occupied."

Troy said he understood with replacement and new levies, the state will not pay the rollbacks which would increase the tax to be paid by property owners. For that reason, he recommended JFS reconsider putting the levy on the ballot as a replacement due to the added cost to property owners. He thought a small additional levy could be an option in the future.

Director Matt Battiato said he would contact the county auditor to determine the costs to taxpayers for the

replacement levy or the renewal.

Troy said the legislature had been asked to hold off on making it effective until 2014, but he did not recall seeing that change.

NEW BUSINESS

- The following was required to be announced at the commissioners' meeting.

"Pursuant to the requirements of the grant, notice is hereby issued that the Lake County Sheriff's Office intends to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (FY 2013 Local Solicitation) in the amount of \$27,563.00 to purchase a 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility Police Vehicle. This vehicle will be fully marked and equipped for emergency service and will replace an older vehicle that is currently in use."

- Troy said the legislature had pulled the language in the budget bill which would have repealed the 2006 law requiring counties to have one voting machine per 175 voters by 2013. That requires Lake County to spend about \$200,000, which was not budgeted, to purchase another 54 machines.

He said many people believe, due to the difficulty in removing names from voter rolls, that there are many more names listed than are actually eligible to vote.

"Apparently there's supposed to be a statewide authorized purge of voter lists this year by mailing out, finding out if people still live where they are (registered)," Troy said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Lynch of Mentor said she felt JFS should take 12 percent less on levies to avoid placing the rollback the state would no longer pay on the property owners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel compensation.