

# Lake County Commissioners in Action

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## LAKE COUNTY - Lake

County Commissioners Bob Aufauldsh, 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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

The next regular meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, March 13 at 10 a.m.

At the Feb. 27 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

### RESOLUTIONS:

#### UTILITIES

#### DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from Hardy Road Waterline Replacement 323W to LCDU Water District.

- Increasing appropriations for GLKWRF electric switch-gear 347S and transferring cash.

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

#### JOB AND FAMILY

#### SERVICES

#### DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant March 10, in the amount of \$169,949.87.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$52,797.78; Child Support Enforcement, \$787.76; Workforce Invest-

ment, \$88,693.87; and Child Welfare, \$27,670.46.

### COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Re-Appointing Kip Molenaar to the Lakeland Community College Board of Trustees for a five-year term.
- Accepting the subsidy grant for Smart Ohio Pilot Funding and authorizing execution of the grant agreement on behalf of the Lake County Adult Probation Department and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

- Accepting a FY2013 State Homeland Security Program Grant totaling \$402,500.00, effective through May 30, 2015.

"This is the second time Lake County's been awarded under the competitive grant program," said Larry Greene, director of Lake County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). "It's a regional application that includes Ashtabula and Geauga counties. It's been awarded under the sustain-

ment category. It supports regional capabilities in a number of areas including mass casualty, HazMat, explosive ordnance and tactical law enforcement response just to name a few."

The funding is to allow the tri-state area to repair, replace or upgrade equipment which previous funding had helped purchase.

Greene said they plan to replace body armor this year for the regional SWAT team and bomb squad.

Greene said this type of funding was being restricted for regional use and not individual counties any longer.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement for excess workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance with Wells Fargo Insur-

ance Services of USA, Inc., agent for Midwest Employers Casualty Company, effective March 1 through Feb. 28, 2015.

Director of Administrative Services Bill Margalis said the county was in its 11th year of being self-funded for workers' compensation.

"It's certainly proven to be a success for us; we continue to save over a million dollars annually versus being in the state retro plan, which we were before," he said.

The county's loss limit is \$1 million and this policy is for excess loss over and above that limit. However, since the county has not had to use the insurance since inception, the annual cost keeps decreasing and is now just about \$64,000 per year.

- Terminating a memorandum of understanding with the Cleveland Cuyahoga County Port Authority originally executed on Nov. 20, 2001.

Marty Gareau from the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority stated at the time the MOU was initiated, Lake County only had an economic development center which was limited in what it could do, so the MOU was entered into with CCCPA. Since the county created its own port authority, the agreement was no longer needed.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with Lifeline, Inc. for the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) in the amount of \$102,473.

Marian Norman from the Federal Grants Office addressed this and the following resolution.

She said the funding has been reduced so the require-

ments have become more stringent and the amounts distributed to household recipients have been less than allowed in previous years.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. (DBA Project Hope for the Homeless) for the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) in the amount of \$55,178.

### FINANCE

#### DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,289,667.91.

- Resolution approving purchase orders in the amount of \$703,077.51.

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

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

### SPECIAL

- Congratulating Luke R. Grgic on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

### DEPARTMENTAL

#### REPORT

#### UTILITIES

- Al Saari, sanitary engineer, reported there were increases in bid prices for limestone, gravel and sand of about 25 to 50 cents per ton.

The asphalt bids remained the same as last year.

- Director Rick Martin reported there were 60 water line breaks in February which was the most in a month since records have been kept in the past 12 years or so. On the plus side, while nearly 40 sewers

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which needed to be cleared this year, recently there were only two sewer jettings required due to grease clogs. Last month, most of the sewer blockages were due to grease clogs.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Judy Moran reported she was co-chairing the Council on Aging March for Meals March 29 at the Great Lakes Mall and invited everyone to participate. Also on March 29 would be Deepwood Idol in the Great Lakes Mall.

She noted it was the second anniversary of the school shooting in Chardon and that one of the victims father was found dead that morning - cause unknown.

- Board President Dan Troy reported he had testified in Columbus about special elections held in February or August, stating he felt they should not be allowed because of the high cost and low voter turnout.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate property acquisition and property disposition and personnel compensation.