

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 Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

There were meetings Jan. 29 and Jan. 31. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

At the Jan. 24 meeting, the following were adopted:
ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing a local public agent (LPA) agreement with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio for the LAK-St. Clair Street Bridge Demolition (PID 93375) Project in the Willoughby.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said the project was going to be 80 percent funded by a federal grant of about \$330,000, with a \$66,000 local match.

"This project is actually part of the Pelton Road Project; in building that bridge we (agreed to) eliminate this bridge," said Jim Gills, county engineer, adding it was to be removed in the spring.

County Commissioner Dan Troy asked why the bridge could not be kept for pedestrian traffic, rather

than spending the money to remove it.

Gills asked said the bridge was not in very good shape and could collapse.

It would cost much more to refurbish it than to demolish it.

- Resolution finding and determining that the territory to be used by the Painesville Township Park Board of Trustees to construct armor stone revetments and to adjust leases to existing groins per ODNR specifications along the shoreline of the property at 1025 Hardy Rd. for erosion protection in Lake Erie is not required for use by Lake County and complies with regulation of permissible land use.

- Resolution authorizing temporary right-of-entry agreements for soil borings for the Vrooman Road Bridge Replacement in Perry Township.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of an engineering agreement with ARCADIS US, Inc.

- Resolution establishing a fund to be known as GLKWRF Electric Switchgear 347S with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

- Resolution reclassifying David Baum to the position of lead operator.

- Resolution reclassifying Eric Peck to the position of operator I.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving

Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant Jan. 28 in the amount of \$470,601.12.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution hiring Vernon D. Hall for the position of night foreman in the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department, effective Jan. 30.

- Resolution authorizing a federal equitable sharing agreement with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury on behalf of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to receive federally forfeited property and/or funds.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a subgrant agreement (#2011-WF-VA5-8211a) with the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Violence Against Women Act on behalf of the Lake County Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Program in the amount of \$5,300, for the period Jan. 1 through May 31.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a subgrant agreement (#2012-WF-VA5-8211) with the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Violence Against Women Act on behalf of The Lake County Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Program in the amount of \$45,694.93, for the period Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a revolving loan fund agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and All Wright Enterprises, LLC for \$38,250 of Community Development Block Grant funds.

Marty Gareau, director,

Public Finance and Small Business Development Center, said the loan will retain nine jobs in the county and add two more.

Jeff Jenkins, president of the former Fidanza Engineering Corp. in Perry Village, is purchasing the business from owner Lou Fidanza. There were others who wished to purchase the company, but wanted to integrate operations elsewhere.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a revolving loan fund agreement with RW 1208, LLC for \$40,125 of Community Development Block Grant funds.

This is for the same business, but for the real estate, whereas the other loan was for use toward the equipment purchase.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation for an increase in appropriations.

The Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation, more commonly referred to as the Lake County Land Bank, is seeking funding for current and future expenditures, Troy said.

"This resolution authorizes the chair of the Lake Bank Corporation to formally request an additional allocation from the Lake County Treasurer's delinquent tax fund, which would be reimbursed upon settlement," Troy said.

He noted the delinquent tax penalties are to serve as the source for funding for the LCRC.

- Resolution authorizing

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execution of a subgrant award agreement in the amount of \$11,033 with the Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants Program, effective Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between Joseph E. Myers, Architect, Inc. and the Lake County Board of Commissioners in an amount not to exceed \$7,850.

Aufuldish said Myers has been retained to assist in redesigning the areas that were flooded several months ago, such as the Clerk of Court's offices.

Troy said the county's insurance is paying the costs to improve the space.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Sherman Andrzejczyk Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,750.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,419,885.47.

- Resolution approving purchase orders in the amount of \$911,466.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various general and non-general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash within various general and non-general fund accounts.

- Resolution establishing a fund to be known as the additional DTAC Fund with various revenue and appropriation lines.

This resolution is related to the previous resolution concerning Land Bank funds and sets up an account for those funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Troy reported on the meeting of the Board of Directors of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in Columbus about Medicaid changes.

He also spoke about the meeting of the Joint Committee of County Commissioners and the Ohio Association of Election Officials, which discussed election changes in the proposed House Bill 194.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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