

## Lake County Commissioners in Action

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**LAKE COUNTY** - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufd'ish, 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 was a meeting Feb. 13. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.

At the Feb. 5 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Leigh Ann Hanzlik to the position of support officer 1 in the Child Support Enforcement Division, effective Feb. 11.
- Approving vouchers date of warrant Feb. 11, in the amount of \$86,377.80.

The breakdown of charges was: Public Assistance, \$43,099.73; Workforce Investment, \$23,928.38; Child Support, \$82.73; and Child Welfare, \$19,266.96.

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS STORMWATER

- Tim Miller, director of Lake County Stormwater Management Department, reported the Madison Township trustees had opened bids

for the Redbird Road Phase I Storm Sewer Project; that project was estimated at \$915,400. LCSWMD is contributing \$500,000 to the project, with the balance being paid for by OPWC and Madison Township.

The low bid was \$825,700 and the high bid was \$1,070,059.44.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Thomas Underwood of the fair contracting staff of the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust addressed the commissioners.

(Note: According to the LECET website at <http://ohiolect.org>, the organization's history and purpose is as follows: "In 1995 the Laborers' District Council of Ohio and the Ohio Contractors Association laid the groundwork for Ohio LECET. The concept was one of cooperation — that Laborers and Union Contractors had to find ways to promote the highway construction industry and the role played by Union contractors and Union Laborers.

Since then LECET has participated in the legislative passage of new gas taxes, project promotion with our contractors, prevailing wage enforcement, and efforts like our Work Zone Safety Campaign.")

Underwood said LECET was working with county commissioners to ensure they were prepared to have road use maintenance agreements ready to have enacted with any drilling companies that would wish to commence drilling projects which could damage roads.

"I noticed in a lot of the

southern counties, they were caught off guard and they didn't have the road use agreements in place," Underwood said.

He felt the counties should be prepared since large-scale drilling (such as for fracking) operations could damage roads. The agreement would require the drilling company to restore the roads to their original condition at the company's cost.

The agreements would be between the commissioners, county engineer, local officials and the drilling company.

The commissioners noted there had not been any requests for such drilling operations to date in the county.

At the Feb. 7 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Establishing a fund to be known as Oak Ridge Sanitary Relief Sewer 348S.
- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District easements.
- Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.
- Hiring Michael Torre to the position of water plant operator trainee, effective Feb. 25.

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of Amendment I to the IV-D service contract between the child support enforcement division and the Lake County Prosecutor for child support services.

This is a small change to

the existing contract.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE**

- Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between CT Consultants, Inc. and the Commissioners in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.

The contract is to have a section of Barton Ditch, upstream of Palmer Road in Painesville Township, analyzed due to repeated flooding.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,616,587.16.
- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$603,819.28.

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

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

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

• Commissioner Dan Troy said he has noticed people have some difficulty finding their way around the county administration building. He said there has been some discussion about how to improve the situation.

Administrator Jason Boyd said he is looking into some electronic, interactive signs, but needs to review the budget to see if funds would be available.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel.