

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufaldish, 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 March 28. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

At the March 19 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$329,240.50 to Barbicas Construction Co., Inc. for the Blasé-Nemeth Road Widening Project in Painesville Township.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for roadway materials for the Lake County Engineer's Road Department for the year 2013 with a bid opening date of April 10.

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for the St. Clair Street Bridge Removal over the Chagrin River Project, Willoughby with a bid opening date of April 17.

"It's been three-four months that we applied for the funds; this was fast-tracked," Engineer Jim Gills said.

There are water and gas lines on the bridge which need to be removed first.

The project will take about 30 days or more.

Commissioner Dan Troy asked why the bridge could not just be closed off at both ends to save money on removal.

Gills said the bridge was unsafe and would need to come down at some point, but if the commissioners wished to assume responsibility for the maintenance and improvements, he would

- Approving plans and specifications for the Vrooman Road - State Route 86 - Roundabout Project in Leroy Township, OPWC NO. CG04P/CG05P, and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of April 24.

"It's been about eight years in the making, but we're finally ready to go," Gills said. "This will be the first roundabout in Lake County."

The cost will be about \$1.2 million.

- Authorizing a standard easement and a temporary easement for the Vrooman Road Roundabout Project in Leroy Township.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District easements and Madison WWTP Expansion and Upgrade 289S professional services consultants and contract projects.

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

- Awarding bid contracts to Ferguson Waterworks, Trumbull Industries, Victory Waterworks Supply and HD Waterworks & Supply for fittings, repair parts, service equipment and tools for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Megan B. Mazza to the position of income maintenance worker 3 in the Income Maintenance Division.

- Appointing Leah A. Woods to the position of income maintenance worker 3 in the Income Maintenance Division.

- Approving vouchers date of warrant March 25, in the amount of \$352,029.25.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Amending the local Corrections Planning Board and defining terms.

- Appointing various members to the local Corrections Planning Board.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement on behalf of the Lake County Narcotics Agency and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, expiring March 31, 2016.

Board chair Bob

- Authorizing execution of a pharmacy diversion subgrant award agreement in the amount of \$66,384 with the Office of Criminal Justice Services, effective through Dec. 31.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with Western Reserve Community Development Corporation for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds.

Troy said there were three rounds of funding and these were the remaining funds of about \$38,000 available, which will be used to rehab a single family home in Madison Township.

- Supporting nomination of the Honorable James D. Healy to the National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC).

Troy said Healy was seeking support from county commissioners around the country for his placement on the NFAC which advises Congress on future policies.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Increasing appropriations for a non-general fund account.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS STORMWATER

Troy said, as expected, legislation left the House which stated the cost of moving county waterlines should be included in ODOT contracts, rather than being a county expense. However, ODOT was able to persuade the Senate to remove that language.

"The bill will go to Conference Committee, but it has to be enacted into law by April 1," Troy said. "The Conference Committee is supposed to settle the difference between the two Houses."

He said if utilities have lines that needed to be moved during an ODOT project those costs are included in the cost of the project. However, county governments must foot the bill to relocate their utility lines for ODOT projects, which county commissioners around the state feel is unfair.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Director Matt Battiatto

panies which participated to find out how many people were hired.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Jason Boyd said he and the IT Department were reviewing the county website to determine how it can be improved. They are talking to department heads for their input.

He has someone contacting Lakeland Community College for information on its signage so the county can improve signage in the Administration Building so people can more easily find the departments they are seeking.

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy said the County Commissioners Association of Ohio was attempting to have changes made concerning how many voting machines were required per number of registered voters. Since so many people are making use of the opportunity to vote early, not so many people are voting on election days.

For that reason, they are hoping to have it changed from one machine for every 175 registered voters per precinct to one per every 250 voters in order to keep costs down when machines need to be replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

At the March 21 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- To proceed with repair of the Waite Hill Road Bridge in Waite Hill Village and authorizing the Lake County Engineer to execute a work order with U.S. Bridge.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Establishing a fund to be known as Bacon Road WTP Traveling Screens Replacement and Upgrade 351W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

- Establishing a fund to be known as Aquarius WTP Filter Replacement 352W with various revenue and appropriation lines and

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transferring cash.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Beth A. Sahadi to the position of support officer 1 in the Child Support Enforcement Division.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with the Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio on behalf of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney to provide rape prevention services, effective through Oct. 31.

Troy said this was an existing program which was being continued.

- Authorizing purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Malibu for the Lake County Garage in an amount not to exceed \$21,098.13.

- Accepting a proposal from Media One Group for educational messages for the Lake County Stormwater Management Department in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

Director Tim Miller said this was necessary because EPA required public service

messages about the importance of preventing storm water pollution.

- Authorizing execution of a design services agreement with MBI K2M Architecture, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$48,120.

"This is part of our continuing examination of all of our county portfolio structures," said County Administrator Jason Boyd. "Obviously this one is going to look at our Lake County Jail, our Juvenile Detention Center and long-term operational costs, utility costs, trends in the populations so that the commissioners and our capital improvement planning can make informed decisions to make the best use of the resources with these facilities..."

Aufaldish commented that the jail facilities were in need of repairs.

The county had received some proposals last year.

Troy said they will be asking if it makes more sense to make repairs and improvements to the existing facilities or should the county think about building a new facility that combines a new jail and Juvenile Justice Center.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,583,404.90.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$646,963.71.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Recognizing March 2013 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UTILITIES

Troy said the Conference Committee retained the language to include having ODOT make the cost of moving county water lines and/or utilities part of the cost of

their projects. However, ODOT, which opposes the measure, is supposed to ask the governor to do a line item veto on that section of the bill.

STORMWATER DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Director Bill Margalis said CORSA required a new appraisal of all county buildings for insurance purposes. The appraisals totaled more than \$493 million.

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