

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufdush, 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 April 11. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

At the April 4 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving change order No. 2 Increasing the contract in the amount of \$26,041.55 with Cold Harbor Building Co. for SR 174 & 84 Booster Station Upgrade (general and electrical) Project No. 326W.

The change order is needed to replace a failed BGR valve assembly and exterior lighting fixture. It includes a reduction to non-perform painting of the interior, tuck pointing and exterior masonry sealing.

- Resolution approving change order No. 1 with Longo Sewer Construction Co. for Gardenside Drive Waterline Replacement Project No. 317W, increasing the total contract amount by \$4,374.48.

The change is for quantity adjustments of 8" DIP waterline, meter box replacement and deduction for

directional drill for 8" DIP waterline.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant April 8 in the amount of \$98,346.16.

The breakdown is Public Assistance, \$24,929.02; Workforce Investment, \$52,769.50; Child Support Enforcement, \$255.60; and Child Welfare, \$20,392.04.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of a drug law enforcement fund sub-grant award agreement (#2012-DL-LF-5809) in the amount of \$97,860.27 with the Office of Criminal Justice Services, effective through Jan. 31, 2014.

The money is to be used for investigations, officer training, equipment purchases, addressing health and safety issues for law enforcement and community education.

This was a 75/25 match.

- Authorizing disbursement to and use of the Lake County Community Investment Corporation's Community Development Block Grant funds by the Lake County Port Authority, in the amount of \$46,244.62 for CDBG purposes, effective April 4.

The Lake County Community Investment Corporation was dissolved several years ago when the Lake County Port Authority was formed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$2,514,928.91.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of

\$1,540,604.91.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- Proclaiming the week of April 14 to 20 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The telecommunicators being recognized include the persons who answer calls to police, fire and emergency medical services and those who dispatch police, fire and medical personnel.

The commissioners' proclamation states, "Whereas, each year, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), an organization of nearly 10,000 members engaged in the design, installation and operations of emergency response communications, sets aside a week in April to recognize telecommunicators countywide for their role in protection of life and property; and Whereas, this Board wishes to recognize and commend the Lake County Telecommunicators for the highly qualified and technical service they provide for the citizens of Lake County..."

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT
UTILITIES
Troy said the amendment which required ODOT to include the cost of moving county utility lines as part of the cost of their projects (which the Ohio House put in and the Senate took out), was reinstated by the Conference Committee and remained in the bill which was signed by the governor, so it was now law.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT UTILITIES

Previously the counties had to pay the costs to move

their water and sewer lines during ODOT projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Karen Goryance of Girdled Road in Concord Township addressed the commissioners about efforts to extend waterlines on Girdled Road East of Route 608.

"These homes are in dire straits," she said. "We, for about the last five years have noticed a decrease in the water table."

Goryance said she contacted a driller about drilling another well and was told there was no water to get. The amount of water she is able to draw per minute is not sufficient to do laundry and other things. The iron content is also so high the water cannot be used for consumption and it ruins appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines, hot water tanks and even faucets.

Right now they are at 63 percent of owner approval on the road, which is short the required 75 percent. She was asking the commissioners to waive the 75 percent rule.

Goryance said she understood there were some issues, but the waterline was needed by the homeowners who lived there.

Board Chair Bob Aufdush asked if the county was responsible.

He was advised that because of an agreement with Concord Township, the city of Painesville is the entity which is to provide water to that area.

However, since the city cannot assess the township residents, the county would need to front about \$70,000 in engineering fees and the cost to construct the water-

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lines to be assessed to the properties. When completed, the city would provide and charge for the water.

It was also stated if the county proceeded with the engineering, if the project was rejected at the public hearing, the county would be out those costs.

Commissioner Dan Troy explained the engineering was to determine the cost of the project, which is estimated at \$600,000 to \$700,000, and the costs to each individual property owner. He said the commissioners established the 75 percent rule because they had been stuck with engineering fees in the past when property owners decided the cost was too high.

He further noted it was

estimated the one large property owner, whom Goryance said would neither support nor oppose the project, would be assessed about \$170,000 because of her extensive frontage. The Natural History Museum, which also owns property along the road would be assessed about \$95,000.

The city of Painesville was contacted and was not interested in funding the extension of the infrastructure.

Troy said if Goryance could get a commitment from the major property owner that she would not oppose the assessment, it could help move the project along.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners ad-

joined to executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel compensation.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Commissioners approved a resolution approving a collateral assignment agreement with Extrusion Acquisition LLC.

The company is purchasing the secured interest he by the Board of Commissioners in loans for \$100,000. Core Systems LLC which has closed.

This allows the funds be reinvested into the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Loan program. The agreement is to be executed by Extrusion and the Lake County Port Authority.