

## Lake County Commissioners in Action

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*LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines 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 Oct. 4. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.*

*At the Sept. 27 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:*

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Establishing various capital projects appropriation lines and increasing appropriations.

The increases are for bond counsel fees of \$6,530, \$6,205 and \$2,2128 for a note issued for \$5.520 mil-

lion to finance Lost Nation at Route 2 Transmission Main, Gardenside Drive Waterline Replacement and Chapel Road Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Phase I projects.

- Awarding a bid contract to Worldwide Industries Corp. for Bacon Road Water Treatment Plant Wash Water Tank Project 342W in the amount of \$119,640.

The bids ranged up to \$312,370. The engineer's estimate was \$150,000 for refurbishing and painting the wash water tank.

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

- Awarding a bid contract to Longo Sewer Construction Company for Gardenside Drive Waterline Replacement Project 317W in the amount of \$591,099.10.

Bids ranged up to \$676,978.02 compared to the engineer's estimate of \$634,775 for the replacement of 6-inch cast iron waterline.

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of a professional service agreement on behalf of the Lake County Department of

Job and Family Services and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Ohio for support of community-based mentoring programs in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, effective Oct. 1 through June 30, 2013. COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Lake County Auditor.

"This is the resolution that sets the tax levy amounts for 2013," said Budget Director Joel DiMare, Jr. "Just going over the changes, the General Fund will be dropping from 2.1 inside mills to 1.0 inside mill for 2013. This will affect collections from \$11.6 million in 2012 down to an estimate of \$4.8 million in 2013."

He added the Senior Citizens Levy is increasing from 0.4 mills to 0.5 mills.

"I want to emphasize that when we passed the sales tax increase, at the time we said we were going to lower the property tax," Sines said, referring to the reduction of the General Fund inside

millage.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said the real estate tax reduction by the commissioners would be especially helpful to those on fixed incomes.

"We'll be relying more on users' fees (sales tax)," he added.

Commissioner Dan Troy noted much of the sales tax being collected will be paid by consumers who live outside of Lake County. He added the real estate tax savings might be offset by any new levies the voters approve.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$2,329,682.68.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$1,442,265.10.

- Increasing appropriations for a non general fund account.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel appointments.