

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Afuldish, 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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Nov. 14. The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m.

At the Nov. 8 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

• Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$65,000 to Mirk, Inc. for a used high-lift bucket truck (1999 or newer) as required by the Lake County Engineer.

"We had a problem with state Route 2 because we originally thought (our) truck was big enough to handle the 30-footers (new light poles on freeway) that were supposed to be all the way down, but somehow, some way, we ended up with 40-footers on the last two sections and we had to find a new truck," said Jim Gills, Lake County engineer.

• Approving contract modification No. 4 to the professional services agreement with Michael Baker Jr., Inc. for ODOT's minor development process for the replacement of the Vrooman Road Bridge over the Grand River in Perry Township.

The cost for the final design plans and specifications is \$1,647,473 with the greatest amount of \$1,119,176 for environmental engineering. The county share, to be paid from the county engineer's budget is \$329,494.60, with the 80 percent balance coming from federal funds.

After questioning bidding procedures and costs, Commissioner Ray Sines voted against the resolution.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

• Increasing appropriations for East 332nd St., Alva, Barbara, Louis Waterline Replacement contract projects and LCDU Water District transfer out and transferring cash.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Amending the identification of classification titles and pay ranges established by compensation policies for staff.

Director Matt Battiato explained this was to reduce classification of some titles and the related pay scales since they were vacated and the work would be done by new personnel. The changes would result in a reduction to payroll costs.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

• Establishing the Lake County employees' share of the monthly premium for medical and dental insurance coverage, effective Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013 to reflect a change in the monthly premium.

• Establishing the monthly premiums for medical and dental insurance coverage for sub-government entities participating in the county employee health plans, effective Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013.

• Changing the regular commissioners' meeting scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 13 to Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

• Authorizing execution of agreements for various Lake County Departments for snowplow services, effective Nov. 1 through April 1, 2013.

The Dog Shelter contract of \$6,875 was awarded to D.B. Bentley, Inc. Lake County Landscape & Supply, Inc. was awarded the following contracts: Crime Laboratory, \$4,000; Job and Fam-

ily Services, \$7,625 and Juvenile Justice Center, \$12,770.

• Accepting a proposal from Ram Jack for foundation installation for the transformer project at the Nolan Building in an amount not to exceed \$24,309.

This is for a concrete foundation 42 inches deep to support the transformer's weight of 6 to 7,000 pounds.

• Accepting a proposal from V.I.P. Electric Company for electrical services for the transformer project at the Nolan Building in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

• Reappointing Cynthia Brooks as a member of the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a five-year term expiring Nov. 12, 2017.

• Appointing Bradley Hall as a member of the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for an unexpired term ending Nov. 14, 2013.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

• Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$2,615,706.

• Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$1,054,237.25.

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

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

• Congratulating Alexander "Mountain Owl" Miller on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

• The commissioners presented a watch to Lake County Dog Warden Rodney Shelton for his 25 years of service to the county.

Also commended for 25 years of service, but not present, were Paul Stefanko, director of the Telecommunications Department and Tom Hilshire, another county employee.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

• Chuck Klco, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds reported on the flooding in the Lake County Clerk's Offices (in the old Post Office building on the square) the previous week-end.

The City of Painesville had been doing some waterline repair work which required workers to shut off the line which serviced the building.

Sines asked if the leaks were caused when the city workers reopened the water line and allowed too much water pressure to enter too quickly.

"It helped it; let's put it that way; probably a weak seal took that hit, opened up and we didn't have anyone in that building at the time," Klco said.

The lines were recharged Saturday night.

The custodian who lives next door to the building heard the alarms, but not until the water had been running in for about 20 hours.

The entire Clerk of Courts area was damaged and will need to be redone.

"The Probate Court and the marriage license area took quite a bit of damage too; we're going to be replacing carpeting in there redoing some drywall and painting," Klco said.

The city said the workers do try to turn the water back on gradually, but sometimes problems happen, he said.

Klco said he told the city he would have preferred to have been notified about the work and water shutdown which would affect the building prior to the work being done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

• The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate.