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Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, 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 Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m.

At the Nov. 26 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving final estimate No. 12 in the amount of \$92,550.60 with Mr. Excavator, Inc. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$220,000 for Kirtland Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project No. 284-S, Contract 1 for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Approving change order No. 2 with Karvo Paving Co. for Hardy Road Waterline Improvement Project No. 323W decreasing the total contract amount by \$53,687.

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Solid Waste District materials & supplies to equipment.

- Transferring appropriations within LCDU Water District and LCDU Sewer District.

- Transferring appropriations from Johnnycake Ridge Waterline 276W contract projects to Johnnycake

Ridge Waterline 276W professional services-consultants.

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from East 332nd Street, Alva, Barbara, Louis Waterline Replacement 330W to LCDU Water District.

- Hiring Donald Chapman for the position of maintenance I.

Board President Bob Aufuldish stated this, and the next two resolutions, were for replacement hires.

- Hiring William Frank for the position of maintenance I.

- Hiring William Joyce for the position of water plant operator trainee.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Dec. 9 in the amount of \$77,387.95.

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- Certifying to the Lake County Auditor the 2014 drainage charges for the Lake County Regional Sewer, Water, and Drainage District.

"This continues the current rates for stormwater user fees for our regional stormwater management agency," Commissioner Dan Troy said. "Recall when the county made an adjustment in their revenues with the drop in the property taxes and the increase in the piggyback sales tax, as part of the package there was a reduction in the Stormwater Management user fees; they were reduced to 50 percent of their level for calendar year 2013. This resolution will keep them at that current rate for calendar year 2014."

Troy said, with the serious rain events the county has suffered in past years, Stormwater Management has become more important in helping to manage the counties waterways and drainage.

Discussion is taking place with the Stormwater Board to determine what projects need to be done in the future and what funding will be necessary.

At the present time, there are just two member communities at Level 1 participation, one being Painesville. Tim Miller, director of LCSWMD said they were having discussions with the city to try to move it to Level 2 participation.

It is anticipated the LCSWMD will take in a little over \$1 million next year.

Troy said the \$4 million balance the agency had several years ago was down to about \$2 million at this time.

- Declaring the intention of Lake County to accept payments for county expenses by financial transaction devices and designating the Lake County Treasurer as the administrative agent to solicit and receive proposals for financial transaction device services and to make recommendations on the proposals to the board.

"This is a request from the County Treasurer (Lorraine Fende) to essentially request for proposals to vendors out there that will allow the county to accept various payments and financial transactions (debit/credit cards) throughout the county..." County Administrator Jason Boyd said.

- Authorizing the consolidation of contiguous parcels 11b0350000230 and 11b0340000010 into one permanent parcel on the Lake

County General Tax List and duplicate of real and public utility property.

"A few years ago the county had an east end service center; it's where the dog shelter is located now," Troy said. "In the meantime the county has been leasing property and has indicated it leaves a little bit to be desired."

LCDU has proposed building a new east end service center for the water and sewer departments on property adjacent to the county landfill.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$852,324.28.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$236,815.71.

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

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

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Director Matt Battiato said people can begin signing up for Medicaid expansion, which will begin Jan. 1, on Dec. 9 online at a website being created by the state.

LCJFS would be notified of local applicants and determine eligibility. If there are questions, the applicant would need to come in for an interview.

The Ohio Supreme Court was to rule on the lawsuit to stop Medicaid expansion during the first week of December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employment.