

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufd'lish, 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.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.

At the Nov. 29 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving final estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$9,176.80 with Inland Water Pollution Control, Inc. and accepting a maintenance bond in the amount of \$225,044 for Cedar Glen/Park Estates/Eastern Woodlands Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project 333-S in Painesville Township.

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Sewer District workers compensation, equipment, utilities, electric and gas and salaries to fuel, oil and lubricants, refunds and reimbursements, hospitalization and utilities telephone.

- Transfers were needed to make up for the generators which were required to run continuously during the rains caused by Hurricane Sandy.

- Increasing appropriations for Madison Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion 289-S professional services-legal. These were for bond counsel services.

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Solid Waste District salaries and workers compensation recycling to state remit (fees and permits) and hospitalization recycling.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Thomas Hanes from his position of plant superintendent effective Dec. 29.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Marie Millonzi from her position of secretary effective Dec. 31.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Authorizing execution of a vendor agreement between Catholic Charities Community Services of Lake County and the Lake County Board of Commissioners for

the Home Visitation program in Lake County in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 effective Dec. 1 through June 30, 2013.

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Dec. 10 in the amount of \$223,532.18. The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$111,584.96; Workforce Investment, \$34,831.95; Child Support Enforcement, \$513.21; and Child Welfare, \$76,602.06.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Russell A. Ziskai from the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department, effective Dec. 4.

- Accepting the resignation of Karen A. Orris from the Lake County Telecommunications Department, effective Nov. 30.

- Authorizing payment to various Lake County police prosecutors for the second half of 2012. The amount to be paid is \$760.

- Establishing holidays for which the county offices close during the year 2013.

2013 Holidays for which county offices are closed

Jan. 1, New Year's Day
Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Day

Feb. 18, Presidents Day
May 27, Memorial Day
July 4, Independence Day

Sept. 2, Labor Day
Oct. 14, Columbus Day
Nov. 11, Veterans Day

Nov. 21, Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 22, Day after Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 25, Christmas Day

- Authorizing execution of a 12-month self-funded health care agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

- Authorizing execution of a 12-month agreement for dental insurance coverage with Sun Life Financial, effective Jan. 1.

- Authorizing execution of a 48-month agreement with Eyemed Vision Care for Lake County officials and employees, effective Jan. 1.

- Authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Perry Joint Fire District for the East End Fire Departments Fire Station Alerting systems, and accepting ownership of Mach Fire Station Alerting Equipment.

The resolution needed to be amended by removing an indemnification clause.

Perry Joint Fire District applied for the FEMA grant which requires a 20 percent local match. The fire departments which will benefit from the updated alerting system, besides Perry, are: Lake County Central Communications, Leroy Town-

ship, Madison Joint Fire District, Painesville Township, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Painesville City and Concord Township.

The resolution agrees to have the county reimburse \$45,103.60 of the \$102,131 matching portion of the system, payable to Motorola Systems, Inc., for the Central Communications System and accepts ownership of the MACG Fire Station Alerting Package which is to be located in the Central Communications building.

- Authorizing the appointment of special legal counsel under Section 305.14 of the Ohio Revised Code to represent the Lake County of Job and Family Services in legal matters.

- Authorizing execution of agreements with various entities and organizations for the FY-2012 and prior FYs Community Development Block Grant Funds.

- Authorizing execution of agreements with various entities and organizations for the FY-2012 and prior FYs Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

- Fixing the amount of bonds in varying amounts and approving the surety companies for public officials for the discharge of their duties commencing in 2013.

The bonded officials and bond amounts are:

Sheriff, \$50,000 from Jan. 7, 2013 through Jan. 1, 2017

Treasurer, \$200,000 from Sept. 9, 2013 through Sept. 3, 2017

Recorder, \$25,000 from Jan. 7, 2013 through Jan. 1, 2017

Engineer, \$10,000 from Jan. 7, 2013 through Jan. 1, 2017

Dog Warden, \$2,000 from March 6, 2013 through March 6, 2014

Coroner, \$5,000 from Jan. 7, 2013 through Jan. 1, 2017

Clerk of Courts, \$40,000 from Jan. 7, 2013 through Jan. 1, 2017

- Authorizing execution of a renewal agreement for stop loss insurance with Sun Life Financial for the Lake County government self-insured medical program, effective Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013.

- Certifying to the Lake County Auditor the 2013 drainage charges for the Lake County Regional Sewer, Water and Drainage District.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills as listed in the amount of \$2,549,633.44.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$776,074.60.

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

- Transferring cash and

appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

- Establishing a fund to be known as the budget stabilization fund with various revenue and appropriation lines.

This resolution and the next approve setting up accounts into which amounts can be accrued each year to cover anticipated expenditures which do not occur every year, such as increased expenses for presidential elections or a 27th payroll.

- Establishing a fund to be known as the payroll liability fund with various revenue and appropriation lines.

Funds deposited to this account will be used to cover the costs of the 27th payroll of a year, whenever it occurs.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS'

- Honoring Chief Daniel W. Llewellyn upon his retirement from the City of Mentor Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Troy said the County Commissioners Association of Ohio is concerned because the 28-cent a month 911 surcharge will be eliminated at the end of this year unless the Ohio State Legislature takes action. He said he has never seen an issue have so much trouble being passed when it was supported by all law enforcement agencies and others.

He said the legislature does not feel the state needs to have 350 locations in the state which take 911 calls. It does not believe so many dispatch centers are necessary.

However, Troy said, law enforcement feels the money is necessary to keep funding technical upgrades to the systems.

"They're serious about reducing the number of public service answering points and we have quite a few of them in Lake County, though a lot of us have preached consolidation of dispatch services," Troy said.

He said he would rather see Lake County reduce dispatch centers the way it wants to rather than waiting for orders from the state.

The amount might at least be reduced to about 20 cents per month, if not completely eliminated.

CCAO is also in favor of eliminating Internet cafes because currently they may actually be considered gambling and because the state does not know how much revenue is being taken in or paid out to winners.

Troy said bingo games have more regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel compensation