

## Lake County Commissioners in Action

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**LAKE COUNTY** Lake County Commissioners Bob Judy Moran, Dan Troy and Judy Moran met 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.

There was a meeting Dec. 18. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m.

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

### ENGINEERS' DEPARTMENT

- Accepting temporary and standard highway easements for improvements to Cashen Road in Madison Township.

- Authorizing change order No. 2 for the Vrooman Road/State Route 86 - Roundabout Project with JTO, Inc.

The initial contract prices was \$1.469 million and with the change orders is down to \$1.27 million.

"We planned on much more difficult soil conditions that turned out not to be so extensive, but they might have been, so we saved a fair amount on the contract," said county engineer Jim Gills.

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- To close a fund by increasing appropriations and transferring cash from Kirtland City Sewers 284S to LCDU Sewer District.

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tions from LCDU Solid Waste District salaries to professional services consultants.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for SR-91 & 84 Water Booster Station & Reservoir Upgrade 350W.

- Accepting the resignation of Richard Douglas from his position of superintendent.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Thomas Erkila from his position of lead operator.

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

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$183,172.59 to Hallmark Excavating, Inc. for Oakridge Drive Sanitary Relief Sewer Project 348-S.

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Kevin J. Vanatta to the position of support officer 1 in the Child Support Enforcement Division.

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- Appointing Amanda M. Laidman to the position of social services worker 3 in the Children Services Division.

- Adopting the revised compensation policies for classified and unclassified non-bargaining employees.

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Dec. 26 in the amount of \$441,882.35.

### COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Appointing various members to the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities for four-year terms commencing with the annual organizational meeting in January 2014.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement on behalf of

the Lake County Sheriff and Lake County Family Practice to provide medical services to inmates of the Lake County Jail, effective Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

- Changing the regular commissioners' meeting scheduled for Thursday Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. to Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

- Authorizing execution of a 12-month self-funded health care agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, effective Jan. 1, 2014.

- Authorizing an extension of an agreement for dental insurance coverage with Sun Life Financial, effective Jan. 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement for stop loss insurance with Reliastar Life Insurance Company for the Lake County Government Self-Insured Medical Benefit Program, effective Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

- Authorizing Lake County's participation in the County of Summit Employee Assistance Program (EAP). An EAP helps employees with counseling for different problems, whether personal, family or financial, for example.

Director of Administrative Services Bill Margalis said the county had sought a different EAP and found the one with Summit County provided a better program with a 23 percent savings.

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ous general and non-general fund accounts.

- Approving the 2014 temporary appropriation measure for the general fund in the amount of \$13,259,782.52.

This is necessary to provide funding for expenses until the final budget is passed.

"As we are all aware, the criminal justice system takes up close to two-thirds of our budget," said Board President Bob Aufeldish, adding the population being housed at the jail keeps increasing.

### NEW BUSINESS

Troy reported the Ohio House had approved Senate Bill 200, which includes an amendment to change the formula to determine how many voting machines are needed. It had been that one machine was required for every 175 registered voters.

Based on that, Lake County would have needed to spend up to \$200,000 on additional machines.

"I testified in front of the Senate last Tuesday. I testified in front of the House Committee," Troy said. He argued that purchasing more machines was unnecessary because now voters had an additional 35 days during which to vote and anyone could vote by absentee ballot.

Lake County also only had about 30 minutes' wait at most during the last presidential election.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT

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He asked about the additional work Lake County Job and Family Services would have with the Medicaid Expansion since he heard there were computer issues.

"Yes, you're right. We're still struggling because the federal government is still struggling and can't inter-face with the state of Ohio's system," LCJFS Director Matt Battato said. "Applications that come in over the Internet are being pending until that is taken care of."

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel compensation and discipline.