

## 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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.*

*The next meetings will be Monday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. and Monday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. for the organizational meeting.*

*At the Dec. 17 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:*

### ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Accepting a construction and maintenance surety for road and site improvements for Summerwood Subdivision-Phase 4 in Concord Township.

The surety is in the amount of \$262,675.77 of which \$238,796.15 is for remaining improvements with the balance of \$23,879.62 for the maintenance surety.

- Authorizing pledge release No. 1 for Summerwood Subdivision Phase 4 in Concord Township.

The amount of the release is \$187,251.65.

- Authorizing modification No. 2 to the professional services agreement for the Hunting Lake Drive and Waterfowl Way Storm Sewer Improvements in Concord Township.

The initial agreement amount was \$64,000. Modifi-

cation 1, previously approved was \$49,800. The proposed modification No. 2 is in the amount of \$37,000 for a total contract amount of \$150,800.

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Transferring cash from LCDU Sewer District transfers out to OWDA bond retirement transfers in.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$115,753.44 for Chagrin River Walk Offsite Waterline Extension in Willoughby.

This will extend the Willoughby water main with 1,634 feet of 10-inch pipe along Mentor Avenue to some commercial parcels. It will be funded by Vintage Development Group.

The estimated cost for the project is \$115,753.40.

- Awarding a bid contract to HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. for cold water meters.

- Approving final estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$20,553.20 with Karvo Paving Company and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$153,593 for Hardy Road Waterline Improvement Project No. 323W.

- Reclassifying Kenneth Stoneman to the position of superintendent.

- Hiring David Conway for the position of operator trainee.

- Hiring Nicole Erkkila for the position of laboratory assistant.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Mark Brenkus from his position of supervisor.

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Division to enter into a IV-D service contract with the Lake County Prosecutor for child support services, effective

Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

Federal funds would be \$516,822.87 and local match would be \$226,242.08 for a total of \$783,064.95.

- Authorizing the Child Support Division to enter into a IV-D service contract with the Lake County Domestic Relations Court for child support services, effective Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

The federal share is \$221,123.76 and the local share is \$113,912.24 for a total of \$335,036.

- Authorizing Child Support Enforcement Division to enter into a IV-D service contract with the Lake County Juvenile Court for child support services effective Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

Local funds are \$115,312.89 and federal funds are \$223,842.67.

### COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Awarding a five-year bid contract in the amount of \$178,423.32 to Major Waste Disposal Services, Inc. for trash hauling for county buildings for the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department.

- Reappointing Anthony P. Debevc and Arthur Q. Lindrose to the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority Board of Directors for four-year terms commencing Jan. 1, 2014 and ending Dec. 31, 2017.

- Reappointing police chiefs Mark H. Kish and Wayne Baumgart to the Lake County Narcotics Executive Board for three-year terms commencing Jan. 1, 2014 and Dec. 31, 2016.

- Reappointing Christopher P. Tucci to the Lake County Law Library Resources Board for a new term expiring Dec. 31, 2018.

- Authorizing execution

of agreements between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and various entities and organizations for the FY-2013 Community Development Block Grant funds.

### Amounts allotted are:

- Fairport Harbor, ADA Curb Cuts - \$25,000
- Wickliffe, ADA Curb Cuts - \$24,000
- Beacon Health, Fire Safety Equipment and Generator - \$32,000
- Extended Housing, Inc., ADA Parking Lot and Fence Installation - \$36,100
- Lake County Historical Society, Repair of Cupola - \$32,700
- Lake Geauga Recovery Center, ADA Paving/Kitchen Improvements - \$10,000
- Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority, Asbestos Remediation - \$46,200
- Rabbit Run Theater, ADA Accessible Walkways and Courtyards - \$44,300
- Willoughby Hills, ADA Auto Door Opener for Community Center - \$10,000
- Lake County Buildings, Repairs - \$50,000
- Lake County Port Authority, Economic Development Loan Fund - \$300,000
- Painesville, Storefront Renovation Program - \$30,000
- Western Reserve Community Development Corp., Rehab - \$360,000
- Willowick, Hearts & Hammers Program - \$25,000
- Ecumenical Shelter Network, Project Hope-Homeless Shelter - \$67,000
- Lake County Free Medical/Dental, Social Service - \$17,000
- Lake County Free Medical/Pediatric Service, Social Service - \$10,000
- Lifeline, 211 System -

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\$15,000

-Forbes House, Social Service - \$10,000

-Beacon Health, Employment Services - \$14,400

-Lake County General Health District, Newborn Home Visits - \$10,000

-Families Moving Forward, Family Homeless Daytime Shelter - \$10,000

-Lake County Community Network, Emergency Assistance - \$15,000

-Fair Housing Resource Center, Landlord Tenant/Foreclosure Prevention, \$15,000

-Royal Family Kids Camp #271, Mentoring and Club Program - \$7,000

Communities and organizations must apply for grants, then selected recipients must be approved by HUD.

Board President Bob Aufauld said the total CDBG amount of funding this year was \$1,469,623.

The program was started by President Richard Nixon and boosted by President Ronald Reagan.

"The funding streams coming from the federal government have been diminishing; we don't have as many dollars as we used to," Commissioner Dan Troy said.

Administrator Jason Boyd noted the county began

using funds to support the economic development program for businesses, which must create jobs, overseen by the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority.

• Authorizing execution of agreements between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and various entities and organizations for the FY-2013 HOME Investment Partnership Program funds.

Funds were allotted as follows:

-Extended Housing, Inc., Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$36,000

-Lifeline, Inc., Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$37,026

-Lifeline, Inc., Placement-Security Deposits - \$126,347.80

-Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc., Retention - \$65,000

-Western Reserve Community Development Corp., CHDO Operations - \$17,610

-Western Reserve Community Development Corp., Down Payment - \$35,000

• Authorizing execution of a Workers' Compensation Management Service agreement with Compensable Benefits effective Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2014.

Compensable administrators the county's self-funded

WC program.

• Supporting expansion of the Hach-Otis Audubon Sanctuary and State Nature Preserve in Willoughby Hills by the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

Adding more land would provide "additional public access points and creating new opportunities for public fishing, birding, hiking and other outdoor activities," the resolution stated.

Negotiations are not completed but the Society hopes to apply for a Clean Ohio Fund grant Jan. 15 to help purchase the desired properties.

The support of the county commissioners was needed to apply for the grant.

• Setting meetings of the Lake County Board of Commissioners at 10 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9 for a regular meeting and 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13 for the organizational meeting.

• Establishing holidays for which the county offices are closed during 2014:

Wednesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day  
Monday, Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, Feb. 17, Washington-Lincoln Day  
Monday, May 26, Memorial Day

Friday, July 4, Independence Day

Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day

Monday, Oct. 13, Columbus Day

Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day

Friday after Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28

Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

FINANCE

• Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,168,811.61.

• Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$519,450.63.

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

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

• Establishing a fund to be known as the Microwave/Phone Projects Fund with various revenue and appropriation lines.

• Approving the 2014 temporary appropriation measure for funds outside the general fund.

Troy said this resolution was necessary so the other county departments could operate until the permanent

budget for 2014 was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

• Director Rick Martin said water main breaks do increase when cold weather hits. They have about 30 breaks in January.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A Euclid resident said more people were traveling east to work in Lake County. While there had been discussion over the past three decades of extending rail service into Lake County, it had been the consensus Lake County was too small to support a rail system. However, Lake County had 997 people per square mile while Westchester County, N.Y., was only 807 people and supported three rail lines.

He said RTA was currently doing a study but all the RTA red lines stopped at the Euclid/Lake County border. He believes logical rail terminals would be the Great Lakes Mall and Lake-Land Community College.

He thinks the difference in taxing districts could be resolved by involving NOACA.

The Euclid resident believes there is a need for more connected public transportation and presented the RTA study to the commis-

sioners for review.

Commissioner Dan Troy said Lakewood did not have the financial resources to construct a rail system and currently its buses are purchased with federal grants.

"The problem is, no one has stepped forward and said, 'I will be the lead agency,'" Troy said.

The Euclid man said traffic has changed since the studies first began years ago when downtown Cleveland had major department stores and more people shopping there. He said people in his area are looking for an easier way to commute to Lake County.

Troy said the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, with a federal grant, was looking at the issues of transportation, infrastructure and planning which make sense through 2040.

The difference between communities in the eastern states which have extended public transportation is that most of the commuters are headed for the same general destination, he added.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel discipline, economic development and pending litigation.