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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, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m.

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

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing acceptance of a combined construction and maintenance surety in the amount of \$314,541.70 for Mountainside Farms Phase 4 Subdivision in Concord Township.

The engineer recommended acceptance for "site preparation, storm sewers and drainage, pavement and related miscellaneous improvements" to the subdivision.

- Awarding a bid contract to Aero-Mark, Inc. for Lake County Roads Pavement Markings - 2013 in the amount of \$115,127.35.

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

- Establishing a fund to be known as Victor and Sylvia Drives Waterline Replacement 354-W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Sewer District refunds and reimbursements.

- Increasing appropriations for White Road Water Tank Painting 341-w professional services-consultants.

- Rejecting the bid received on July 10 for Ridge Road State Route 84 Waterline Replacement Project 276-W in Willoughby.

The bid exceeded 10 per-

\$430,078.05 with Terrace Construction Co., Inc. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$200,576.68 for Lost Nation Road and Route 2 Transmission Main Project No. 321-W.

- Approving final estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$16,945.20 with Longo Sewer Construction Co. and accepting a three-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$30,245.51 for Campers Drive Waterline Replacement Project No. 322-W.

- Accepting a three-year maintenance surety in the amount of \$1,095.88 for Mountainside Farms, Phase 4 Sanitary Sewers and Waterlines in Concord Township.

- Amending the sanitary sewerage, solid waste, and water supply rules and regulations of the Lake County Department of Utilities.

"This is an update that we regularly go through with the Utilities Department," Commissioner Dan Troy said.

He said the regulations were codified about 12 years ago so they could easily be shown to those using the services.

There is an Appeals Board which hears objections about interpretations. Troy said the county does not always win.

"Most of our changes we have done here have come up through the appeals process because the customer maybe didn't understand ... so we tried to change some of the text," LCDU Director Rick Martin said.

Some consultants have also provided input after viewing the regulations online.

Board President Bob Aufuldish said codifying the regulations reduced the number of calls LCDU received for information.

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

JOB AND FAMILY

SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

- Appointing Kali H. Urwin to the position of youth leader in the Children Services Division.

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Aug. 12, in

\$42,909.78; Child Support Enforcement, \$193; and Child Welfare, \$76,332.29.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Approving the final dedication plat for Mountainside Farms Subdivision Phase 4 in Concord Township.

- Authorizing advertising for proposals for a 3D scanning and documentation system for the Lake County Crime Laboratory with a bid opening date of Aug. 28.

"When we go to crime scenes now, the laser measurements will be used in a computer program with 360-degree photographs of the crime scene which we can then, in the computer, make virtual crime scenes in the courtroom for the jury," said Lake County Prosecutor Chuck Coulson. "It's really a step forward in documenting crime scenes."

- Fixing the dog registration fees in Lake County, commencing Dec. 1.

Due to a change in state law, besides the annual fee of \$15, people can also opt to purchase a three-year license for \$45 or a permanent license for \$150.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$32,606,832.42.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$1,063,950.11.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

DEPARTMENTAL

REPORTS

UTILITIES

- Commissioner Judy Moran asked if it would be possible for owners of vacant property who needed to have the water turned on temporarily so they could clean up after flooding to be given a pass on sewer charges or reduced water fees.

Martin said the county's flat water rate was generally cheaper for customers.

Troy said he did not think it would be fair to exempt those property owners since people whose properties were occupied had to pay water

were received for the county website and were being reviewed by the county's IT Department.

The county has chosen three companies from which to make a final choice for an analysis of 11 county facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy said representatives of county commissioners and election boards met concerning Substitute Senate Bill 109 which makes changes to election law.

It has passed the Senate and is now in the House.

Troy said some changes are beneficial such as reducing the number of poll workers for special elections which are generally nonpartisan and the use of electronic poll books.

He noted the county is still required to purchase more than 50 new voting machines as of now. He said counties are asking if the requirement can be changed from one machine per 170 registered voters to one per 250 since even in presidential elections the percentage of actual voters rarely exceeds 80 percent. Another possibility would be to have the effective date of the legislation delayed since the next presidential election is not until 2016.

- Boyd reported the landfill was now back to regular hours after having expanded them to accommodate the tremendous amount of trash generated by flooding which was mostly in the western communities.

The EMA and other officials are still seeking to find at least 25 properties with sufficient damage to qualify the area for federal disaster assistance.

Currently there are about 15 properties that meet the requirements.

Communities need to have spent one-half of one percent of their total operating budget in order to qualify for assistance.

Troy said they continue to work with U.S. Rep. David Joyce to try to obtain assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss county facilities.