

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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

There was a meeting Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. At the Aug. 22 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$378,548 for East 330th Street Waterline Replacement Phase 1 355-W in the city of Willowick.

The project is being funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission and being performed by Willowick and the Lake County Department of Utilities to replace 1,700 lineal feet of waterline with 8-inch ductile iron pipe.

- Establishing a fund to be known as High Street Storm & Sanitary Improvement 356-S.

Commissioner Dan Troy said this project is being done jointly with Fairport Harbor Village.

- Establishing a fund to be known as East 330th Street Waterline Replacement Phase 1 355-W.

- Increasing appropriations for Bacon Road Raw Water Pump Study 318-W Professional Services-Consultants and transferring cash from LCDU Water District.

- Increasing appropriations, transferring appropriations and transferring cash from Bellflower Area Sewer Rehab 314S; Chapel Road Sewer 285S and Routes 91 & 84 Waterline 302-W to LCDU Water & Sewer District.

- Certifying the Lake County Department of Utilities unpaid sewer service, water, and administrative charges to the Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The following are replacement hires.

- Appointing Amanda A. Hooper to the position of support officer 1 in the Child Support Enforcement Division.

- Appointing Paige N. Dimauro to the position of youth leader 1 in the Children Services Division.

- Appointing Ashley A. Gall to the position of support officer 1 in the Child Support Enforcement Division.

- Appointing Lauren E.

Zwirn to the position of social services worker 3 in the Children Services Division.

"I know we've had this discussion before, but why do we seem to have a little bit more turnover there than we have in other departments?" Troy said.

Director Matt Battiatto said there were different reasons. Some employees may decide to return to school for more education; some leave after having a baby; and some social workers need a break after working with abused children for a time.

"I think the other thing is we're always challenged with compensation, especially entry level compensation and raises ...," Battiatto said.

- Approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant Aug. 26, in the amount of \$417,016.33.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$91,797.99; Workforce Investment, \$32,553.70; Child Support Enforcement, \$350.99; and Child Welfare, \$292,313.65.

- Appointing Caroline Barborak to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board to fill the unexpired term of Edward Loftus ending Feb. 14, 2015.

- Authorizing execution of the state fiscal years 2014/2015 subgrant agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Workforce Invest-

ment Act Local Area 5 (Lake County).

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Appointing David Radachy to the position of director of the Office of Planning and Community Development.

Lake County Planning Commission Chair Geraldine Hausch and Vice Chair Randy Zondag were present for the appointment of Radachy, who had served as interim director for the past year.

Troy commended Radachy on the job he had done as the interim director of the two departments which were combined last year.

"Thank you for making me permanent director; I've been honored to work for you, have been honored to work for you for the past 16 years," Radachy said.

- Recommending appointments of 24 members to the Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee, for terms expiring Aug. 14, 2015.

- Approving the public officials bond for the Lake County Treasurer for the discharge of her duties commencing Sept. 2.

"Treasurer-elect (Lorraine) Fende will finally become the treasurer of Lake County," Board President Bob Aufuldish said.

Although elected last No-

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vember, due to state law, she could not take over the position until Sept. 2.

- Authorizing advertising for bids to renovate the Lake County Courthouse Clock Tower with a bid opening date of Sept. 11.

Troy said the county still had funds leftover from the courthouse renovations

which took place in the early 2000s.

"The clock faces themselves are cracked; some of the trim around it is starting to rot from the water getting in there," said Chuck Klco, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

While work is being done, the clock works stone work

and copper dome will also be examined to be sure there is nothing else that needs to be done.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,631,414.60.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of

\$959,622.75.

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

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

SPECIAL

RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Allison Elizabeth Noonan, Kevin Matthew Nelson and James Joseph Slansky, all named as an Outstanding Youth of the Year 2013 by the Ohio State University Extension of Lake County.

- Congratulating John S. Crocker on his retirement

from the office of Lake County Treasurer after 19 years of distinguished service and stewardship.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate sale of two properties and personnel employment.

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