

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.

There was a meeting Aug. 8. The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m.

At the July 30 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- To advertise for bids for salt and cinders 2013 for the Lake County Engineer's Road Department with a bid opening date of Aug. 21.

- Authorizing the Lake County Engineer to make application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for emergency funding for repairs of the Hermitage Road Culvert in Concord

Township and to execute an OPWC agreement funding emergency repairs to alleviate the threat to public safety.

Recent heavy rains caused the culvert about 500 feet south of Interstate 90 to fail requiring the road to be closed to all through traffic.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Hiring William H. Hill to the position of part-time inspector.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Re-appointing Stephen J. Adams, Richard J. Morse, and Russell D.

Schaedlich to the Lake County Planning Commission for terms expiring Aug. 14, 2016.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Kenneth A. Matty from his part-time position of training coordinator for hazardous material training to the Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), effective July 31.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,658,735.05.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$877,049.12.

- Increasing and decreasing appropriations for vari-

ous general and non-general fund accounts.

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating Scott Haggerty of Madison Boy Scout Troop 5 on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

NEW BUSINESS

- Troy said he attended the National Association of Counties Conference and the main focus was the relationship of counties with the federal government and issues such as whether municipal bond interest will remain tax deductible.

"The new president of the National Association of Counties is Commissioner Linda Langston of Linn County, Iowa in the Cedar Rapids area and her theme this year is resilient counties; how to recover from disasters and how that needs to be a central focus for counties ...," Troy said.

He noted that Lake County, since it has the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, must have regular disaster drills every two years, which involve all the communities, and various agencies and

organizations that would be involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Muzic of Painesville Township asked if there were figures for the number of county residents who were living at the poverty level.

Matt Battiato, director of Lake County Job and Family Services, said he could find that information.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said he believed Lake County ranked 11th in the state for per capita income.

Troy said he did know the number of county residents living in poverty has been increasing.

- Becky Lynch of Mentor said she had attended the Geauga County Commissioners meeting and they had been asked for funding to hire more police personnel to help deal with the heroin problems in the county.

She was advised Lake County had trouble with heroin as well and had formed a Lake County Opiate Task Force (whose website is www.lakeopiate-taskforce.org).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employment.