

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines 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.

There was a meeting Sept. 13. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

At the Sept. 6 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for construction of the Madison Wastewater Project.

The estimated cost is \$23 million. The funds are being borrowed at 2.8 percent over 25 years.

- Certifying to the Lake County Auditor the unpaid revised assessments for McMackin Road Water Improvement Project.

The final assessment is \$22.28 per front foot and the totals unpaid will go on the

real estate taxes for 20 years.

- To delete a water sum certified to the Lake County Auditor.

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

- Hiring Eric Peck for the position of water plant operator trainee.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Sept. 10 in the amount of \$80,890.85.

The individual charges are Public Assistance, \$55,827.77; Workforce Investment, \$6,302.72; Child Support Enforcement, \$508.24; and Child Welfare, \$18,252.12.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Authorizing advertising for bids for a bomb truck on behalf of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency for the Lake County Regional Bomb Squad with a bid opening date of Sept. 26.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said this vehicle would be used as the command center and have space where the squad members can get into their gear.

"This is all being paid for out of a Homeland Security grant," he said.

- Authorizing execution of a microloan fund agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Koolbeanz Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, LLC. in

the amount of \$10,500.

The business is to be located in Perry Village on Center Road.

- Accepting the resignation of Janet A. Merrick from the position of part-time secretary I for the Lake County Dog Shelter, effective Sept. 9.

- Awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$714,396 to Mr. Excavator, Inc. for the Overlook Road Improvement Project in Painesville Township.

"This is a storm sewer renewal and replacement project... It's approximately 2,500 feet," said Tim Miller, director of the Lake County Storm Water Management Department.

The sewer was initially installed in the 1920s.

Commissioner Ray Sines asked if they did not normally require some matching funds from communities for such projects and noted he did not recall ever hearing of complaints from residents in the area.

Miller said the problems with the sewer have been causing road failures with about three or four sinkholes and the township had reported some basement flooding problems.

Commissioner Dan Troy asked if the township considered this a priority.

Miller said they had been working on getting this project underway for several years.

Troy then asked if the township had paid in enough

money over the years to cover the cost of the project and Miller said they had.

Sines said he felt the township had more pressing projects which should be done first and they should contribute so he voted no.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$754,409.57.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$672,533.55.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

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Budget Director Joel DiMare, Jr. said there had been one distribution of funds from the casinos for \$200,000. The funds are distributed quarterly.

Troy said he heard someone was saying the county was receiving \$300,000 a month, but that was not true.

"The facts are we've received \$200,000 so far and we've earmarked that for economic development to be specified later; for instance the revolving loan fund..."

Troy said, adding business at the casinos was down 10 percent so the county share should go down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss real estate