

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 Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Sept. 18. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

At the Sept. 13 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract to Terrace Construction Company, Inc. for Lost Nation Road and Route 2 Transmission Main Im-

provements Project 321?W for \$1,729,698.74.

The project consists of replacing a 30-inch ductile iron waterline between Reeves Road and St. Clair Street which crosses Route 2 by Lost Nation Road.

The bids for this project ranged from \$1,729,698 to \$2,857,400. The engineer's estimate was \$1,897,500.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Barry Cvetko from his position of supervisor II with the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Sept. 28.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Establishing Christmas Eve (2012 only) as a paid holiday for all employees under the hiring authority of the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

"The commissioners had discussion and, in looking at our schedule and the fact that Christmas Eve was on a Monday this year, have decided that for this year, 2012, folks under the commissioners' authority will have Christmas Eve as a paid holiday," said Jason

Boyd, county administrator. Sines said elected officials (like the judges) would decide whether to follow suit.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said they believed most employees would wish for the Monday off anyway, so it would make sense to just give the day off, but just for this year.

- Amending the county policy for Lake County employees for accrued unused sick hours leave payments upon death, retirement or resignation from a county department.

Boyd said the commissioners also reviewed this policy and decided changes should be made.

"Folks who have less than 10 years of service in the county will not be eligible to have their sick time bought out," he said. "Those who have over 10 years of service with the county can have 50 percent of their unused sick time paid out, up to 480 hours."

He noted Geauga County only pays up to 240 hours.

Sines said state law mandates the counties must pay

a percentage of unused sick time. Employees are allowed about 15 sick days per year. The change cuts in half the number of hours previously allowed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$2,654,299.47.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$397,942.49.

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

- Transferring appropriations within various general fund accounts.

- Establishing a fund to be known as the Economic Development Fund.

Aufuldish said the commissioners believed the income the county receives from the casinos should be used for economic development, so the fund was being created to receive those funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss litigation.