

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 Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Oct. 17. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.

At the Oct. 10 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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

- Authorizing execution of an amendment to an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Cuyahoga County for the FY2009 Port Security Grant, effective through Nov. 30.

The agreement is for the closed-circuit video camera and water quality monitoring equipment which is in operation around the county in 15 places.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Oct. 15, in the amount of \$193,764.61.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$107,246.85; Workforce Investment, \$36,309.71; Child support Enforcement, \$294.66; and Child Welfare, \$49,918.39.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Accepting an emergency management performance grant in the amount of \$118,890, effective through June 30, 2014.

- Reappointing Bradley Hall as a member of the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a five-year term ending Nov. 14, 2018.

- Approving plans and specifications for trash hauling for county buildings for the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Oct. 30.

- Authorizing a purchase agreement for the property located at 135 East Erie St., Painesville.

The cost of the property is \$185,000.

- To annex 1.4442 acres of property in Painesville Township to the city of Painesville.

"This is actually an amiable annexation," Board President Bob Aufuldish said. "All parties are on board with this."

- Authorizing acceptance of a VOCA Grant in the amount of \$130,250 and a SVAA Grant in the amount of \$13,823 from the office of the Ohio Attorney General

under the Ohio Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program for the Lake County Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Program, effective Oct. 1, through Sept. 30, 2014.

- Fixing the amount of bond for the Lake County Probate Court judge for the discharge of his duties as required by the Ohio Revised Code, commencing in 2013.

The amount of the bond is \$5,000.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$1,615,481.97.

- Approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$626,105.15.

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

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

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Congratulating David Edward Gabor of Troop 55 of Madison on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout awarded by the National Boy Scouts of America.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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"Just a reminder, we're doing our flushing program

that we do this time of year and in the spring of cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets just to bring fresher water in from the main and also operate our hydrants," Director Rick Martin said. "Might cause a little bit of discolored water, but because we do this program, it's been less and less."

Signs are posted on streets when they are to be done.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Dan Troy said they have been following what might happen concerning the need to purchase additional voting machines.

"I notice that Ross County is in the same situation; that's where Chillicothe is," Troy said. "It says Ross County officials are taking a stand against the law that would require the county to spend more than \$70,000 on what they think are unnecessary voting machines."

Ross County had 40 machines that were not even needed during its last election.

Troy said Lake County's longest wait to vote in the last elections was just 30 minutes, so the commissioners believe purchasing more machines was not necessary.

Lake County could be required to spend about \$200,000 on 50 new machines.

"Fight about voter IDs and fight about what hours the polls are open, but let's use some common sense on whether expenditure on

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these additional voting machines is even necessary, because as we've indicated before, when this was passed in 2006 there was not no fault absentee voting; there was not early voting to the degree we have right now and it's just an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer

funds," Troy said.

He said the commissioners hope the state legislature will repeal that law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employment and discipline and real estate property acquisition.