

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 Elszasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Oct. 31. The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

At the Oct. 24 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Approving change order No. 3 decreasing the contract in the amount of \$23,000 with Cold Harbor Building Co. for state Route 174 and 84 Booster Station Upgrade Project No. 326W.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of MaryHelen Gilkey from her

position as account clerk with the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Oct. 31.

- Hiring Patricia Graham to the position of account clerk in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Nov. 4.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Oct. 28, in the amount of \$472,587.26.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$141,430.75; Workforce Investment, \$74,532.06; Child Support Enforcement, \$635.47; and Child Welfare, \$255,988.98.

- Proclaiming November 2013 Adoption Awareness Month in Lake County.

"As you know, at times Lake County Children Services has permanent custody of children who may not be reunited with their birth parents," said Matt Battiatto, director of LCJFS. "So, we rely on adoptive families to adopt those children and give them permanency and stability and a caring environment to live in and grow up in; not only here in Lake County but in the state, the

country and throughout the world, literally."

He said adoptive parents were special people for being willing to take in those children as their own.

Board President Bob Aufuldish said older children were generally harder to get placed.

Battiatto said, in Children Services, the children were often not only older, but special needs as well.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Approving the issuance by the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority of not to exceed \$6 million Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority Development revenue bonds, series 2013 (Goodwill Industries Of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. Project) solely for the purpose of section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Marty Gareau, director, Public Finance, Small Business Development Center counselor with the Lake County Port and Economic Development Authority, said \$3 million of the funds were issued for construction of the Goodwill in Painesville Township and the other half were for another Goodwill in

Stark County.

Troy commented LCPEDA makes money on the issuance of such bonds through the fees it charges and an annual stipend it receives until the bonds are repaid.

- Establishing the Lake County employees' share of the monthly premium for medical and dental insurance coverage, effective Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

- Establishing the monthly premiums for medical and dental insurance coverage for subgovernment entities participating in the county employee health plans, effective Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2014.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$848,313.37.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$413,690.68.

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

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

- Establishing a fund to be known as the public

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safety capital projects fund with various revenue and appropriation lines.

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Director Matt Battiatto said the Ohio Controlling Board approved Medicaid expansion Oct. 21 by a vote

of 5-2, but a lawsuit had been filed in opposition to the vote. (See story: "Lawsuit filed to block Medicaid expansion in Ohio.")

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss acquisition of two properties.