

## 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 Nov. 7. The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.

At the Oct. 31 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

### ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Vrooman Road - state Route 86 - Roundabout Project with JTO, Inc. in the amount of \$10,253.60.

It was reported motorists were handling the new roundabout just fine.

"What we're hoping for in the spring (is) we're going to talk with Mr. (Jim) Gills (Lake County Engineer) and the state and see what we can put in there as far as a flagpole and whatever else ..." said Chuck Klco, county buildings and grounds superintendent and Leroy Township trustee.

He noted some people

have tried to make left hand turns in the roundabout.

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Sewer District fuel, oil and lubricants to vehicle repairs & supplies.

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU sewer district transfer out and transferring cash.

- Approving final estimate No. 8 in the amount of \$41,893.76 with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company, Inc. and accepting a two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$111,169 for 332nd St./Barbara Avenue/Louis Drive/Alva Street Waterline Replacement Project No. 330-W.

- To terminate the employment of Thomas King as maintenance I.

### COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Hiring Lyndsey Formica as a staff accountant for the Finance Department.

- Hiring Lawrence Brown as a certified building inspector in the Lake County Building Department, effective Nov. 4.

- Amending the agreement between on behalf of the Lake County Stormwater Management Division and Madison Township for regional waterways maintenance to increase the total amount of the agreement to \$125,000.

- Adopting the responsible contractor checklist for all Lake County Infrastructure Projects with cost estimates exceeding \$1 million for use during the bid review process, effective OCT. 31.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$520,564.52.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$560,694.16.

- Increasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

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

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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Jason Boyd reported some funding from the State Disaster Relief Program was coming to Lake County related to the July 21 flooding. Leroy Township received about \$14,800.

The county did not qualify for disaster relief, but some communities are qualifying for reimbursement for their additional labor expenses in dealing with flooding issues.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Becky Lynch of Mentor asked how the mailings for Issue 2 - Laketrans were being funded and questioned that it did not state the length of the levy.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish said there is a PAC which raises money to promote Issue 2.

"It's not a levy," Commissioner Dan Troy said. "It's a sales tax authorized by Ohio Revised Code; that transit systems in Ohio, with approval of the code and the people can levy up to 1.5 per-

cent in additional sales taxation."

He said it goes on the ballot for renewal every 10 years. He said Friends of Laketrans is an ongoing PAC to support the renewals.

Lynch also asked about how the notices promoting Issue 1 - The Children's Services levy were funding.

LCJFS Director Matt Battiatto said state law prohibited spending any public funds to promote levies and all monies used came from fundraisers.

- Jan Clair, former director of the Lake County Board of Elections, thanked Troy for his testimony in Columbus concerning the law which would require Lake County to purchase many more voting machines needlessly.

"Your testimony, hopefully, is not only going to save Lake County almost \$100,000, but across the state a huge amount of money," she said.

Troy said he had testified before a state Senate committee, but now he needs to testify before a state House committee about why all the additional voting machines are not needed.

He has noted in the past that no one in Lake County has had to wait longer than 30 minutes and many people now vote early at the Board of Elections or by no fault absentee ballot.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel employee compensation and legal imminent litigation.