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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 Sept. 26. The Board has not yet issued its next schedule of meetings.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract to Morton Salt for untreated bulk rock salt for the Blackbrook Garage and Madison Garage in the amount of \$273,870.00 as required by the Lake County Engineer.

- Awarding a bid contract to Arms Trucking Co. for cinders in the amount of

\$105,700 as required by the Lake County Engineer.

The contract was for 4,000 tons of cinders delivered to the Painesville yard and 3,000 tons of cinders to the Madison yard at \$15.10 per ton.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Transferring appropriations from 174 and 84 Booster Station Upgrade 326W Contract projects to professional services-consultants.

- Increasing appropriations for LCDU Solid Waste District various accounts.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Approving vouchers date of warrant Sept. 23 in the amount of \$521,182.22.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$179,293.98; Workforce Investment, \$36,444.15; Child Support, Enforcement, \$935.20; and Child Welfare, \$304,508.89.

- Appointing Virginia A. Gorg to the position of income maintenance worker 3 in the Income Maintenance Division.

- Robin L. Suminguit to the position of income maintenance worker 3 in the Income Maintenance Division.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Hiring Jeffrey Scott

Retthberg as a part-time certified inspector in the Lake County Building Department.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$467,836.95.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$255,226.33.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

• UTILITIES

Troy asked Director Rick Martin if he had the total of solid waste related to the July flooding which was accepted without charge at the county's Solid Waste Facility.

Martin said they took in about 3,280 tons of trash for free. The average for July would be about 16,000 tons. Besides not charging the \$30 per ton, the county still had to submit \$4.50 per ton to the state EPA, which did not waive its fees.

Commissioner Judy Moran asked if there had been any more meetings with Mentor or Fairport Harbor to discuss their flooding issues.

"We, did meet last week for the second time with Fairport Harbor, Grand River and Mentor," Martin said. "Mentor, we're moving

more towards the integrated approach. We've agreed to get together and look at the Bellflower and one other area around (Route) 306 they wanted to combine to look at.

"Fairport Harbor, we discussed with them about disconnecting the footer drains, which is an issue in Fairport Harbor."

There are some other projects in Fairport, but they are just getting started on looking into issues in Grand River. Some pilot digs have been done.

Martin noted the Grand River sewer and stormwater systems are very old and there are broken laterals although the main is still okay.

Troy said there has been some discussion about the county and Mentor hiring an engineer to look at its system and do study since there have been some disagreements as to flooding causes.

Martin said, at the last meeting, they brought up several engineering firms and hope to select one at the next meeting to do such a study.

After having it confirmed that the county did not have the capacity currently to televise the laterals, Troy told Martin the county might be able to join the Utilities Department in purchasing that

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equipment in next year's budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Chuck Klco said work was commencing on the parking lot behind the County Administration Building. The contractor was trying to accommodate handicap spaces and they were making arrangements for reserved parking for early voters who go to the Board of Elections. County employees have

been asked to park elsewhere until the lot is done about mid-November.

- Troy reported NOACA approved a grant for Lake County for \$16,000 for the Department of Planning and Community Development to review regional trends of retail developers.

- Notice of receipt by the Lake County Board of Commissioners of a petition to annex parcels containing 1,442 acres of real property located

in Painesville Township to the City of Painesville, Ohio pursuant to Section 709.023 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Lake County Board of Commissioners presented a certificate of appreciation to retired Stark County Probate Court Judge R.R. Denny Clunk who has been filling in since the unexpected death of Judge Ted Klammer in March of this year.

Commissioner Dan Troy

joked that they would be presenting him with a Lake County flag to fly when he returned to Stark County.

"It's been a labor of love," Clunk said. "This is the third time I've filled in for a deceased judge since my retirement in 2003."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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