

February 5, 2013

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, PRESIDENT
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2013-0205)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Aufuldish called the meeting to order at 2 pm, Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2013 were approved as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Aufuldish asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Mr. Thomas Underwood of Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust introduced himself to the Commissioners and said that he deals with prevailing wage and public entities throughout the state in regards to shale products and Road Use Maintenance Agreements to help them be prepared if and when this comes to the area.

Commissioner Troy: So far, we do not have any applications for any drilling permits, which is needed in order to enter into a Road Use Maintenance Agreement. These are agreements between the drilling interest and a governmental entity to ensure that any roads damaged by contractors during this process are restored to their initial state. There has been some leasing activity between companies and local property owners, but no permits to actually drill have been requested at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEIGH ANN HANZLIK TO THE POSITION OF SUPPORT OFFICER 1 IN THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 (20130205\JFS01) (JFS-4)

Commissioner Troy: This will be filling a vacancy.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

- 2. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 11, 2013, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,377.80 (20130205\JFS02) (JFS-14)

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

UTILITIES: None - Al Saari was present.

STORMWATER: Tim Miller, Stormwater Director: The Madison Township Trustees opened bids for the Red Bird Road Phase 1 Trunk Storm Sewer Project. This project is estimated at \$915,400. The Stormwater Department has about \$500,000 of funding involved in this project with the remainder coming from OPWC and Madison Township. The low bid was \$845,700, the high bid was \$1,070,059.44.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None - Mary Spencer was present.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: None

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None - Not present.

FINANCE: None

CLERK: None

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Troy: The Governor released his budget yesterday. We have an association meeting next Friday, February 15, 2013 where we will have to sort through all of this. There are some significant changes in tax law. One thing that our association supported and the Governor has called for is the expansion of Medicaid, which will have to travel through the legislature. The local government fund will have a slight increase over the new amount, which is reduced 50% from what it was two years ago. The forecasted increases are about 4.5% for the first year of the budget and 3.5% for the second year. We get only 11% of the county's local government fund distribution, which is the worst deal in the State of Ohio. I believe we are down to \$1 million in revenue on the local government fund. So, we are maybe looking at a \$45,000 increase the first year and \$35,000 the second year. We will really need to look into the changes in the sales tax rates. The state sales tax rate is going to be reduced from 5.5% to 5% effective September of this year if the budget goes through the legislature.

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The base is going to be broadened to include some services that are not taxable right now such as legal, lobbying services, and others. And, if the broadening of the base goes through there is a proposal that county local tax rates and transit authority tax rates will be reduced to prevent counties from receiving a windfall. There isn't much of anything in terms of tangible personal property tax replacement, which a lot of the entities have been phased out of, as we were last year. And, the state income tax is going to be reduced over a period of time. All business income tax is proposed to be reduced by 50%, all personal income tax is to be reduced by 20% over a three year phase down. There is a proposed severance tax increase on oil and gas from the shale drilling. The indigent defense reimbursement as proposed will be increased up to 40%. We are still not up to the 50/50 that we used to receive. But, it is better than 25% that we were down to a few years ago. The budget has to be passed by July the 1st. Our association will obviously be keeping an eye on this. As with all state budgets, it does have an impact on how we do business here in the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Commissioner Aufuldish: We will meet again this Thursday at 10 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy

"NAYS": None

Minutes approved this 13th day of February, 2013.

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