

September 26, 2013

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

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(Tape 2013-0926)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Aufuldish called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., September 26, 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 special meeting of August 27, 2013 and the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2013 and September 17, 2013 were approved as follows:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Joe Tomsick, Executive Director of the Lake County Council on Aging, thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to make a presentation. He was in attendance at the meeting with members of the Council on Aging Board and Staff. He appreciates and is proud of the partnership between the LCCOA and the Commissioners since its creation in 1972. The Council receives a majority of its revenue sources, 83% from levy funds and state and federal dollars. The largest amount is from the Senior Service levy. In 2012, approximately 199,000 meals were distributed through the Meals on Wheels and nutrition programs. They also provide outreach services for home safety, assessments and recommendations, installing grab bars and handrails and making minor repairs to homes for Lake County Seniors. Last year they serviced over 11,000 clients and 5,000 of those were direct intake and walk-ins. Mr. Tomsick reported there has been a 26% increase of clients served from five years ago and there is 16% loss of \$60,000 from 2009.

Mr. Tomsick stated that federal dollars have declined the last few years and the levy dollars decreased 19% from 2009. Last year the Senior Levy passed to allow for an increase from .4 to .5 millage. The 10% contingency holdback fund has impacted them with a decrease in funding of \$270,000 since last year. The audited total expenses for 2012 and estimated expenses for 2013 were discussed. Five task forces were established to come up with ways to do more with less and every expense that could be decreased was decreased. The cost of meals continue to increase.

The senior population is projected to surge by 2030 and LCCOA is trying to keep their costs or expenses the same or lower as they go going forward. Assuming a \$220,000 loss for the next four years, by 2016 they project a deficit of approximately \$1 million. This leaves two options, according to Mr. Tomsick, either to increase revenues or decrease services. He would like to have open dialog with the Commissioners to determine potential solutions. Eliminating services is not an approach they would like to pursue. The best avenue is increased revenue permanently and he asked if revenue could be restored from the levy to the anticipated numbers. Mr. Tomsick explained that the figures that were presented at this meeting are realistic.

Commissioner Aufuldish thanked Mr. Tomsick for the information and explained that the mission of the Lake Council Senior Services Coalition is to discuss options and present recommendations.

Commissioner Troy stated that figures presented indicate that revenue from the Senior Service Levy from 2009 to 2013 declined. He explained when the levy renewal was to be on the ballot the Commissioners thought they should ask for a little more through a replacement levy. One of the reasons why the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee was created was to develop a formula and disperse funds accordingly. Currently and historically the Lake County Council on Aging receives 53%, the 10 senior citizen centers receive 42% and RSVP receives 5%. The 12 entities have received the same percentage of total revenue every year regardless of fluctuating needs. The Senior Citizen Advisory Panel was also created to address senior citizen's changing needs, and determine funding necessities accordingly.

Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, explained that the 10% contingency funds is capped at \$500,000 and the County has been withholding 10% of the total receipts funds, which is capped at \$500,000 and we are almost there, which means there will be increased revenues.

Mr. Tomsick replied that the concern is that the money is not permanent or will always be there. He would like to see the formula updated.

Mr. Boyd replied that he has met with all the recipients. It is important that all the entities try to look down the road to determine what are the real needs. The need to focus financial decisions based on need and long-term sustainability. It is a learning process. They are also looking for a reduction in the duplication of services to streamline programs. This is for accountability and transparency on these funds.

Dr. Lori Stevic-Rust, Council on Aging Board Member, stated there may be some needs that we are not aware of and the 85 plus senior population is ever-growing. With this comes increased medical, social and cognitive needs. There is a significant rise in dementia. These people are vulnerable, have medical and safety concerns and require more care. This will be a huge concern if it is not addressed. Dr. Stevic-Rust explained that she wanted to be sure the Commissioners' understand the needs of seniors ages 85 and over. These are the most costly cases and they are increasing. We are all challenged to come up with a new model for operations.

Mr. Boyd explained that the need is very complex and there needs to be honest dialog between all 12 recipients. The money should be disbursed based on need and not want. He is researching third-party analysis of the state of the Lake County senior population for direction and focus.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION 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 (20130926E01)(E-3)**

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 AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR WOOD CHIPS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: October 16, 2013)(20130926U01)(UT-8)**

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

3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAWDUST FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: October 16, 2013)(20130926U02)(UT-8)**

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

4. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20130926U03)(UT-7)**

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

5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIOGUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR A WORKSFIRST PROGRAM SERVING ELIGIBLE OHIO WORKSFIRST PARTICIPANTS (20130926JFS01)(JFS-2)**

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

6. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20130926C01)(C-9)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, explained that this is an annual resolution that sets the tax rates for the next year, 2014. There are no changes from the last year. There is one item pending and that is a Children's Service Levy in November.

Commissioner Troy indicated that it is a renewal levy so if it is approved then nothing changes. Commissioner Troy also stated that the County continues its commitment in 2014 to only levying 1.0 of the 2.1 inside mills. Therefore, the 10 inside mills in Lake County is only 8.9 mills.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

7. **RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2013 (20130926C02)(C-107)**

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

8. **RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO GRUNWELL-CASHERO COMPANY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE CLOCK TOWER (20130926C03)(C-7)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. Chuck Klco, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, explained that bids came in good from \$150,100 to \$265,000. Work on the clock tower will begin next week and consist of replacing the glass in the clock faces, sandblasting the steel, repainting, re-wiring electrical work, checking the dome and eagle and some tuck pointing and caulking. Work should be completed by Christmas, weather permitting, and the bell will ring again on the hour. Commissioner Troy stated that this project is being done using the funds remaining from the courthouse renovation project. He thought that they should also look into what it would take to re-open the front entrance of the courthouse. This is the people's building.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

9. **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, TO REFUND A PORTION OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY IN ADVANCE OF THEIR FINAL STATED MATURITY AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS (20130926C04)(CT-9)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. DiMare explained that this will save the County about \$50,000 to \$60,000 by refinancing the debt on the courthouse. The County owes \$12 million in principal and we estimate, with a decrease in the interest rate, it would be a decrease of \$50,000 to \$60,000 in interest payments each year.

Commissioner Troy stated that we are selling the bonds before maturity and issuing new bonds at a lower interest rate therefore saving money in interest.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

10. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REDUCTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LAKE COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (ADAMHS) BOARD TO FOURTEEN MEMBERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 AS RECOMMENDED**

**BY THE ADAMHS BOARD (20130926\C05)(B-50)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mrs. Amy Elszasz, Clerk explained that members of the Board will serve until their term expires. No one will lose their seat. The Board recommended the reduction in numbers.

Commissioner Troy replied that the present makeup is 18 members, the County appointed ten of them, four are appointed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and four of them are appointed by The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. When the number is decreased to fourteen, the Commissioners will appoint eight members and the other two entities will appoint three members each. It will be easier to get a quorum. By law, this change must be approved by the Commissioners.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Afuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

**11. RESOLUTION AWARDED A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,750.00 TO THERMO-EBERLINE, LLC TO SUPPLY 10 TRANSPORTABLE RADIATION PORTAL MONITORS FOR LAKE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY FORCES (20130926\C06)(504a)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Mr. Larry Greene, EMA Director, reported that seven bids were received for this project and that this is the second half of a FY2012 Homeland Security Grant that Lake County received. It is a regional grant. This will enhance radiological monitoring and decontamination in the northern part of the State. It was determined that the County has the expertise to deliver these in the event there were anything to happen in this part of the State. It can be used for things like dirty bombs or a radiological emergency.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Afuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,340,497.37(20130926\BC01)(C-4)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$588,493.59 (20130926\BC02)(C-17)**

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

**14. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20130926\BC03)(C-111)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20130926\BC04) ( C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES-

Mr. Rick Martin, Utilities Department Executive Director, stated that the second Household Hazardous Waste collection is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

STORMWATER-

Mr. Chuck Klco, Building and Grounds Director, reported that the County Parking Lot Project began this week and they are working on drainage this weekend. Crews also plan to conduct grinding work on the weekends. There is still about four more weeks of work to complete. Handicap and public parking are available.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES-none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES- none

FINANCE- none

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CLERK- none

LEGAL- none

OLD BUSINESS: no old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Aufuldish announced the Lake County Records Commission next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. Commissioner Troy reported that there is a change in the budget bill relating to the Sunshine Law. Anything dealing with economic development is not subject to the Sunshine Law and can be discussed in executive session. The language of the bill does goes into effect on September 30, until 90 days after the bill was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Personnel- Collective Bargaining and Employment
- Real Estate - Land Acquisition

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:07 am to discuss personnel matters relating to collective bargaining and employment and a real estate matter relating to property acquisition, with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 11:07 am.  
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 11:10 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 11:35 pm, with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Commissioners went into an Open Session to review the County's 2014 options regarding dental, life and vision coverage with Jim Dustin of EBI, Inc.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:17 pm, with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this third day of October, 2013.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, PRESIDENT

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