

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

(Tape 2013-1024)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Aufuldish called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., October 24, 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 regular meeting of October 17, 2013 were approved as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: There was no public comment.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 DECREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,000.00 WITH COLD HARBOR BUILDING CO. FOR SR 174 & 84 BOOSTER STATION UPGRADE PROJECT NO. 326W (20131024U01)(UT-4)**

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 ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF MARYHELEN GULCH FROM HER POSITION AS ACCOUNT CLERK WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2013 (20131024U02)(UT-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

3. **RESOLUTION HIRING PATRICIA GRAHAM TO THE POSITION OF ACCOUNT CLERK IN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2013(20131024U03)(UT-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

4. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20131024U04)(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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT OCTOBER 28, 2013, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$472,587.26 (20131024JFS01)(JFS-13)**

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 PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2013 ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20131024JFS02)(JFS-11)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.
Mr. Matthew Battiato, Job and Family Services Director, thanked the Commissioners for supporting Adoption Awareness Month. There are times when Lake County Children's Services has custody of children when they cannot be reunited with their birth parents and they rely on adoptive parents' help to provide safety, stability and a caring environment to be brought up in. Adoptive Parents are very special people. Often times, children in the Children's Services system are older or have special needs.
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE LAKE COUNTY OHIO PORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 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 (20131024C01)(B-14)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.
Mr. Marty Gareau, Director of The Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority, explained the Board approved the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction of the Goodwill Industries facility on Mentor Avenue in Painesville, which costs approximately \$3 million. The Port Authority is also in a cooperative agreement to build a similar facility with Stark County. This resolution makes the public aware of the project because the bonds that are being purchased are tax exempt.
Commissioner Troy stated that Goodwill Industries is building the facility and the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority issues the bonds for economic development projects in Lake County. As a result, there is a revenue stream, in terms of bonding fees, that helps pay for the operating costs of the Lake County Port Authority.
Mr. Gareau replied that Goodwill Industries were able to get construction financing and now they are taking out the construction debt into a permanent bonding situation. The Authority receives a revenue stream for doing this activity and an ongoing stipend on an annual basis until the bonds are repaid.
Commissioner Troy replied that they are also generating fee income from Stark County.
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

8. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 (20131024\C02)(INS)**

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

Mr. Bill Margalis, Director of Administrative Services, explained that the County is self-insured and there is not an increase for 2014. This resolution sets the rates for Lake County employees' health care. The next resolution sets the rates for outside entities that belong to the health plan. Mr. Margalis explained that healthcare costs continue to increase, but the County has made changes to offset increased costs such as changes to which spouses are eligible for the plan and the Wellness Program. He explained that 80% of employees participate in the Wellness Program and they will receive a reduced rate.

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

9. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUB-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 (20131024\C03)(INS)**

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

Commissioner Troy explained that outside entities are other municipalities and political subdivisions. Their rate is based on the standard rate and experience ratings. The rates are adjusted every three years in addition to a surcharge if necessary to protect the County's interest. Mr. Margalis replied that each outside entity has a different rate depending on the experience rating. Most of the entities remain the same as last year. An EAP Program was added adjusting the rates by approximately \$1.50 per month increase.

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

10. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$848,313.37 (20131024\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: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

11. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413,690.68 (20131024\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: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

12. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20131024\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: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

13. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20131024\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: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

14. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND WITH VARIOUS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION LINES(20131024\BC05)(C-111)**

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

Commissioner Troy reported that this fund was created because of ongoing concerns regarding renovation or possible new construction of public safety facilities. A separate fund is created to ensure there is a source of revenue to address these issues.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - none

STORMWATER - Mr. Al Saari, Sanitary Sewer Engineer, stated that bids for wood chips and sawdust were received and the unit prices were 12 1/2% - 15% higher than the previous year with the same suppliers.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - Mr. Matt Battiato, Director of Job and Family Services, reported that the United Way Campaign Kickoff is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30 with a chili cook-off. To date, there are 28 employees making chili. The Commissioners, Judge Falkowski and Judge Lawson will be judging. All are welcome to attend! Mr. Battiato reported that the Controlling Board voted to have Medicaid expansion in Ohio effective January 1, 2014, however a lawsuit may be filed to challenge that decision. He mentioned that

Chambers of Commerce, hospital associations and Job and Family Services agree with the expansion.

Commissioner Troy explained, that years ago, the State Legislature authorized the Controlling Board to approve expenditures if it creates or matches the amount of Federal funding that comes in, which is what Medicaid does, 64% to 36%, Federal versus State. Entities need to remind local representation of what is at stake.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Mr. Bill Margalis, Director of Administrative Services, explained open enrollment for health insurance is October 28 through November 8, 2013. If employees participate in the Wellness Program by attending the Health Fair, they receive a reduced rate. There are two health fairs next week and one today. Elected officials do not get a break on their insurance because the State statute says that elected officials cannot receive an increase in compensation during their term.

FINANCE- Commissioner Aufuldish recognized Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, on his second year anniversary with Lake County.

CLERK- none

LEGAL- none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy reported that he was in Columbus the last few days attending an event called Revitalizing Ohio's Vacant Properties. It dealt with land banks, redeveloping neighborhoods, best practices and many other topics, for example, creating inter-generational parks and community gardens. There were discussions about dealing with the after-effects of the housing crisis. Commissioner Troy explained that States received a settlement from the lending companies for unsavory practices. Many Attorney Generals put the settlement money into their State's General Fund. The Ohio Attorney General, instead, directed the money toward grant programs for Counties for demolitions, improving neighborhoods and protecting property values. This is a lot more progressive than other states.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. John Muzik, Coventry Road in Painesville Township, questioned the resolutions dealing with employee health insurance. He assumes that there is a set price for other groups that are in the County's health care program and those entities decide how much their entity would pay for their employees, which is correct. Mr. Muzik stated that the County pays for a portion of health care for Lake County employees. Mr. Margalis explained that is correct. The County pays a portion and it is 10%-12% depending on what plan is selected. Employees who participate in the Wellness Program Health Fair pay 5%-6% less of the 12% premium. It is about a dollar a month. Mr. Muzik asked about the Controlling Board and stated that he thought the Board's decisions were good for two years as far as the budget is concerned? Commissioner Troy explained the decision is only good until through June 30, 2015, then something must be done legislatively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Real Estate - Property Acquisition (2)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:31 am to discuss real estate matters 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 10:31 am.
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:35 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 10:51 am, with the vote as follows:

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

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am, with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this thirty-first day of October, 2013.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 2013

ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, PRESIDENT

JUDY MORAN,
COMMISSIONER

DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK