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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

RAYMOND E. SINES, PRESIDENT
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER

ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER

LEGAL COUNSEL

MIKE MATAS, BUDGET
DIRECTOR

AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2011-00)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Sines called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, Thursday, September 22, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the minutes of the meetings of September 1, September 8, and September 13, 2011, were approved as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy

"NAYS": None

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

- Arzela Melnyk, 10506 Hobart Road, Kirtland addressed the Board regarding a September 13, 2011 News-Herald article that Lake County was seeking input regarding the Community Development Block Grant Funding. Ms. Melnyk inquired if the following could be added to the application: "Immigration status must be verified for people to benefit from funding."

- Commissioner Sines explained that this can not be added because it is a federal funding application.

- Commissioner Troy explained that the Commissioners comply and follow all the federal and state guidelines regarding the administration of the Community Development Block Grant Funds.

- Ms. Melnyk claimed that CDBG funds are benefitting illegal aliens.

- Commissioner Troy requested that if she has any specific information concerning any agencies receiving funds that are being used to serve illegal aliens, well, then please bring that information to the Commissioners' attention.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$339,133.35 TO HUFFMAN EQUIPMENT RENTAL, INC. FOR THE LEROY THOMPSON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP, OH (LPA PID #85132) (20110922\E01) (E-3)

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

2. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERMANENT HIGHWAY EASEMENT FOR THE RIVER AND WEBB ROADS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN PERRY TOWNSHIP (20110922\E02) (E-11)

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

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20110922\U01) (UT-7)

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

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4. RESOLUTION TO DELETE WATER SUMS CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20110922\U02) (UT-7)

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

5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MADISON WWTP EXPANSION 289S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS (20110922\U03) (UT-2)

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

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH GPD ASSOCIATES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20110922\U04) (UT-4)

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

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$403,882.19 (20110922\JFS01) (JFS-14)

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

8. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FY2010 BORDER INTEROPERABILITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,998,200.00 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE THROUGH MAY 31, 2014 (20110922\C01) (504)

Larry Greene, EMA Director: This program has allocated \$25.6 million in grant funding under the Border Interoperability Demonstration Project. This is a one time program focusing on developing innovative solutions to strengthen security along the U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico. Lake County is one of seven counties out of 72 applications filed nationwide that will receive funding.

Paul Stefanko, Telecommunications Director: This is just one more piece of the puzzle as far as paying for Lake County’s radio system. The original cost to pay for our backbone system was \$10.6 million and this grant gets us one step closer with a remaining balance of \$881,000 to be shared by all of the communities in Lake County that use this radio system.

Commissioner Sines: This is not only for the county’s security, but the country’s. We appreciate Mr. Stefanko’s efforts, Mr. Greene’s efforts, and those involved, everyone involved are to be commended.

Commissioner Troy: I also want to thank Paul and Larry for their efforts in getting this grant and all the others. The communities that will be using this telecommunications system will be paying significantly less under this partnership. **On a motion** of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy “NAYS”: None

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT (NORTHERN BORDER INITIATIVE GRANT) WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. (20110922\C02) (404a2)

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

10. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF GEORGE ANN GEPHART FROM THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT,

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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (20110922\C03) (P-35)

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

11. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN F. KERTESZ FROM THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 (20110922\C04) (P-7)

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

12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT III TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND BARBARA M. PIZZI FOR RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING (20110922\C05) (504)

Commissioner Sines: This planner is on loan to us from First Energy and this resolution will extend the contract to the end of the year.

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

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND PROGRAM FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS OF LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS (20110922\C06) (C-46)

Commissioner Troy: This will utilize funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund and assist folks who income qualify, should they have to repair or replace their household wastewater treatment system or septic tanks as we call them. The Lake County Board of Commissioners must enter into this memorandum of understanding to allow the Lake County Health District to administer the funds.

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

14. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY2010-2011 FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN FOR LAKE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SAID PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) (20110922\C07) (C-46)

Marian Norman, HOME Program: Thank you, Commissioners, for considering and hopefully adopting this resolution. This is one of the several plans that we submit to HUD, and it is a direct implementation action to address some impediments that were identified in the impediments analysis completed last year.

- Brief discussion took place regarding the process of ensuring fair housing in Lake County and that the analysis was done by an agency out of Cuyahoga County. HUD encourages an outside perspective and this was the best bidder.

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

15. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND

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CERTIFYING THEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20110922\C08) (C-9)

Mike Matas, Budget Director: This must be done prior to October 1st, and it details all of the levies that are under the county's authority.

Commissioner Troy: These are the levies that go through the Commissioners for placement on the ballot. We have already adopted a tax budget for these levies and in order for these to be collected next year certification must be complete by October the 1st. There is a 1.50 mill and a 3.40 mill Mental Retardation Levy, a combined 1.60 Mental Health Levy, .30 Narcotics Levy, .30 Crime Lab Levy, .40 Senior Citizens Levy, and a .70 Child Welfare Levy.

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

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A VOCA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$144,723.00 AND A SVAA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,823.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THE OHIO CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 (20110922\C09) (CT-8a)

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish and Troy
"ABSTAIN": Commissioner Sines

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$974,238.72 (20110922\BC01) (C-4)

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

18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,016.06 (20110922\BC02) (C-17)

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

19. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20110922\BC03) (C-111)

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

20. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20110922\BC04) (C-111)

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

UTILITIES: Chris Hodges, Public Services Coordinator: There will be a phone book collection now through October 21st at Wickliffe Coulby Park, Mentor Walmart, and Madison Township Giant Eagle.

- Brief discussion that a lot of the Abitibi bins now accept phone books.

- A Household Hazardous Waste Collection will take place on October 1st at the Lake County Fairgrounds from 9 am - 3 pm.

STORMWATER: None

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Bill Margalis, Administrative Director: Later this morning we will

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be meeting with our healthcare consultant to discuss the county's employee healthcare contract options for 2012.

FINANCE: None

CLERK: Amy Elszasz, Clerk: Today, is Pat Nocero's last meeting and I would like to extend my gratitude for all of her patience and support over the years.

Commissioner Sines: Pat is retiring and this is her last Commissioners' Meeting. You have been patient with us for a lot of years and we appreciate not only all of your expertise, but your professionalism. We will miss you and certainly hope that you will enjoy your retirement!

Commissioner Aufuldish: Happy retirement! Thank you!

Commissioner Troy: Thank you for your professionalism and insight. Best of luck on your retirement!

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Troy: Tim Keen, Director of the Office of Budget and Management and a representative from the Governor's Office spent time with us at the recent CCAO Board of Directors meeting in Columbus. Mr. Keen indicated that even though the state has a two year biennial budget the Kasich administration is suggesting something short of an annual budget with a considerable review done in the spring and probably significant changes in the budget for the second half of the biennium (fiscal year 2013), which starts on July 1, 2012. Discussion took place that the tools given in the recent budget for county governments are not much of a help and that county government, unlike other local governments, is more a branch of state government instructed to pay to run the courts, elections, jails, public defenders, capital murder trials, etc...

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Murphy of Wickliffe requested a copy of resolution 18, and a list of the purchase order approvals in the amount of \$479, 016.06.

Ricky Beamer of Painesville City inquired if the Commissioners have anything to do with election of the Painesville City School Board because he has a concern that the schools are in need of more qualified math, science, and English teachers.

Commissioner Troy: The Commissioners do not have any real jurisdiction in terms of public education. The Painesville School Board is an elected board of directors, and they are the individuals making the decisions in terms of policy, instruction, and management of the school district. I would suggest that you make these individuals aware of your concerns. You might also want to talk to your State Representative, Ron Young. Also, the Board of Elections can give you names of the school board members and upcoming candidates.

Commissioner Aufuldish: There will probably be some upcoming board candidates school review programs that you may want to attend.

Commissioner Sines: You should also have conversations with the superintendent and principal at the school.

Commissioner Sines: Following Executive Session, the Commissioners will go into Open Session to discuss employee health insurance for 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:44 am to discuss pending litigation, personnel interview and real estate matters, with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy
"NAYS": None

- The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:58 am.
- The Lake County Board of Commissioners went into Open Session at 11:22 am to discuss the 2012 employee healthcare options with the county healthcare consultant.

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- The Lake County Board of Commissioners terminated Open Session at 12:30 pm.
- The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 2:03 pm.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 2:56 pm, with the vote as follows:

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

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm, with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this 6th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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