

November 3, 2011

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET
DIRECTOR
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AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

(Tape 2011-1103)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Sines called the meeting to order at 10:04 am, Thursday, November 3, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Sines asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present addressed the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN O.R. COLAN ASSOCIATES AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR SERVICES FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION ON THE LAK-VROOMAN ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT IN LEROY TOWNSHIP, OHIO (20111103\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 TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM BELLFLOWER AREA SANITARY SEWER REHAB 314S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS TO BELLFLOWER AREA SANITARY SEWER REHAB 314S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-LEGAL AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LSB CROSSING CHAGRIN RIVER WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 304W EASEMENTS (20111103\U01) (UT-2)

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 TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM LCDU SEWER DISTRICT EQUIPMENT TO LCDU SEWER DISTRICT TRANSFER OUT (20111103\U02) (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

4. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LCDU SEWER DISTRICT TRANSFER OUT TO VARIOUS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RETIREMENT FUNDS TRANSFER IN (20111103\U03) (UT-2)

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 LCDU SEWER DISTRICT REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS (20111103\U04) (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

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6. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO BE KNOWN AS CUSTOMER SERVICE/ENGINEERING FACILITY 335W WITH VARIOUS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION LINES, INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH (20111103\U05) (UT-2)

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20111103\U06) (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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT NOVEMBER 14, 2011, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$422,276.66 (20111103\JFS01) (JFS-14)

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 REAPPOINTING KEITH EVANS AS MEMBER OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2014 (20111103\C01) (B-14)

Commissioner Troy: Mr. Evans is the Trumbull County Chief Probation Officer.

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 ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE MONTHLY PREMIUM (20111103\C02) (INS)

Bill Margalis, Administrative Director: This resolution is one that we pass every year setting the rates for the upcoming year. These rates will be effective for our county employees on January 1, 2012 and are a result of our negotiation process. Every three years, we request proposals and have made the decision to switch carriers this year. We have been with UnitedHealthcare for 10 years and will now go with Anthem. Being self-insured, we pay an administrative fee to manage and pay the bills of our medical expenses. We will use the discounts that Anthem has negotiated with the various hospitals and providers where a considerable amount of money will be saved for 2012. These rates reflect a 10% increase in our healthcare costs over last year. The employees portion in the past were anywhere from 7.5% - 8% and now will reflect an increase of 11.5% - 12%.

Commissioner Aufuldish: I would like to thank Bill for all his hard work in these negotiations. I feel despite the fact that we had to increase the employees' portion that this is still a very, very fine program health wise. Anthem has increased our wellness funds to \$50,000 annually, which is currently \$25,000. If an employee participates in the Wellness Program, a family premium will cost \$188 versus \$200, which is a savings of \$12 per month. We are very pleased with these negotiation results.

Commissioner Troy: It is unfortunate that we do have to raise the employees portion of the health insurance premiums, which is the primary benefit that most receive on top of their salaries. The cost of insurance has gone up 10% from this year to last year. The overall premium that the county will be paying will go up considerably more than the individual employee contribution. The highest priced plan to include health, dental, prescription, etc... for a family of three or more will go up to \$60 more per month to about \$200 a month, and the county's portion will be \$1,600. I know that the employees have not seen raises for a while, but the value of health insurance is critical for them and their families. The co-pays and deductibles have not been changed. We had a good experience with UnitedHealthcare, but we are going with Anthem who offered the best numbers. We certainly appreciate the fact that our employees continue to serve the public during these trying times. I think that the fact that we are self-

insured has really kept our rates down.

Commissioner Sines: We have been with the same carrier for 10 years, and obviously it is always a little bit uncomfortable to make a change. But, in this environment we continue to look at the rates and continue to look at saving every dollar that we can, which the difference between carriers is \$500,000. If we stayed with the same carrier we would have to look at higher premiums that the employee would have to pay. We have been at 7%-8% and now we are at 12%. To the average person a 12% cost is a pretty good deal. There are other governmental agencies who pay 100% of the healthcare. And, the average person working for a private employer or self-employed are paying 25%-50% of premiums, and paying co-pays and deductibles. We try to make the best decisions for the county and our employees and hopefully the efforts are appreciated. Even with this increase, it is still a pretty good deal for the employees. Employees will get the same care and can use the same doctors.

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 CHANGING THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING TIME SCHEDULED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. (20111103\C03) (C-107)

Commissioner Aufuldish: This is due to the fact that NOACA normally meets on the 2nd Friday of each month, which this month will be Veterans Day. Therefore, the meeting has been changed to Thursday, November 10th at 10 am. Commissioner Troy and myself attend these meetings and now need to change our meeting to 2 pm.

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 A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO FOR A RESIDENTIAL SANITARY SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION PROGRAM (20111103\C04) (C-46)

Commissioner Troy: This is use of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) to basically assist income eligible recipients to tie into the City of Willoughby Hills new sanitary sewer system. The county does not provide sewer service in the City of Willoughby Hills anymore and this has been recommended by Mr. Boyd our Federal Grants Administrator. Commissioner Sines: Willoughby Hills asked if their residents could tap into some CDBG Funds for folks that can't afford to pay the fee and installation. They are Lake County residents and it just makes sense.

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,012,649.48 (20111103\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

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,773.29 (20111103\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

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20111103\BC03) (C-111)

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution

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was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy
"NAYS": None

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS
GENERAL AND NON GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20111103\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: Al Saari, Sanitary Engineer: I would like to remind the Commissioners that next Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6 pm there will be a Solid Waste District Plan Update Public Hearing.

Commissioner Troy: The state requires that there be a public hearing and an update on the solid waste plan every five years for solid waste districts reflecting a plan 15 years out. Lake County is its own solid waste district. The Solid Waste Policy Board will be meeting on Wednesday, November 16th.

STORMWATER: None

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES: None

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None

FINANCE: None

CLERK: None

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Troy briefly discussed a letter from the National Association of Counties(NACO) asking the Commissioners to send a letter of repeal to our senators regarding the 3% withholding provision that has now been delayed until January 1, 2013. Otherwise it will require us to withhold 3% of all contracts over a certain amount, thus basically acting as a tax collector for the IRS.

- Commissioner Troy briefly discussed with Mr. O'Donnell of the Prosecutor's Office a letter from Cathy Walsh of the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) who advises that all CIC originated loans have been reconciled and are no longer active and inquired if it is time to disband this entity and transfer these funds to the Lake County Port Authority.

- Commissioner Troy briefly discussed at the recent Mayors and Managers Meeting that there are a number of communities that contract with Lake County for building inspection services. No money is made on building inspections and the department is always struggling to make sure it isn't being subsidized with the general fund. Lake County would be interested in serious discussion with the communities about centralizing building inspection as much as possible. There is some strong interest from Painesville City and Eastlake.

Commissioner Sines: You are right, building inspection is a break even operation and if we can help out in these communities it makes sense.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:29 am to discuss a real estate matter, with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:29 am.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:40 am.

On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board terminated

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the Executive Session at 11:00 am, with the vote as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

OPEN:
- Brief discussion that the Commissioners would like to bring in representatives from the senior centers and have a mini budget hearing. This would be to further analyze where the centers spend the money in relation to a request for a levy to be placed on next year’s ballot.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Troy, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am, with the vote as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Sines and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this 15th day of November, 2011.

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