

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER	JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK	NEWS MEDIA

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(Tape 2014-0218)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., February 18, 2014.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2014 and the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2014 were approved as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 24, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,331.07 (20140218\JFS01)(JFS-14)**

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

- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO OBTAIN A DEPARTMENT CREDIT CARD OR CARDS FOR CERTAIN LIMITED USES PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTION 301.27 (20140218\JFS02)(JFS-11)**

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

Mr. Matt Battiato, Job & Family Services Director, explained that this resolution will make the department more effective and efficient, especially with the children placed at Caley Home for purchasing clothing and, on a rare occasion, purchasing airline tickets for children in the County's custody who are accompanied by a social worker. Airlines require credit cards for reservations. There are controls in place and only certain positions are approved to use a credit card.

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

- RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DANIEL P. TROY TO SERVE ON THE CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DESIGNATING ALTERNATES TO SERVE ON HIS BEHALF (20140218\C01)(C-101A)**

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

Commissioner Troy explained that the County is part of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners Inc. Board along with many communities in Lake, Geauga and Cuyahoga County that meet four times a year. If he cannot attend, then Mr. Jason Boyd and Mr. David Radachy are the alternates and will attend on his behalf.

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

- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PHARMACY DIVERSION SUB-GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT (#2013-JG-A01-6447) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,152.25 WITH THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 (20140218\C02)(CT-17a)**

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

- RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,672.49(20140218\BC01)(C-4)**

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

- RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$271,828.58(20140218\BC02)(C-17)**

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

- RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20140218\BC03)(C-111)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Rick Martin, Executive Director of the Department of Utilities, reported that he recently spoke with the Mr. Kermit Johnson, Sanitary Collections Systems Manager, who assured him that they are ready for the snow melt and rain. Crews are spending the week on clearing some of the snow and ice for access. They also have private haulers on notice for the event.

Commissioner Troy stated that it sounds like it will be a gradual thaw unlike the quick thaw that occurred in December.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd reported that during the December weather event Mr. Matt Armand, did an excellent job communicating to him what was happening out in the field with the Utilities Department and expects the same this week.

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Aufuldish presented an update on LEEDCO's application to the Department of Energy for wind turbines, which were due February 14, 2014. The application consisted of 7,500 pages of supporting documentation, a submerged land lease signed by Governor Kasich, letter of commitment from Third Frontier for \$1.7 million for 2014 supported by the Governor, nine letters of intent from banks, a letter of intent from Siemens to provide \$7.5 million in equity for the project and a patent application was submitted for an icebreaker foundation system since the turbines will be built in a fresh water lake. The application is for \$46 million.

Commissioner Troy asked when a decision will be made?

Commissioner Aufuldish replied that the Board will be giving a presentation in Washington D.C. on April 9, 2014 but he anticipates that a decision will take longer than originally thought. Commissioner Troy reported the Board of Lake County Commissioners recognizes the fact that our system of free and open elections is an integral part of democracy. Ground zero takes place at the Board of Elections and they take their responsibility seriously. The Board of County Commissioners is aware that the primary responsibility for funding the process rests with the Commissioners and understands the importance of the folks that work the 14 to 15 hours at our local polling places on the front line, the precinct election officials, previously referred to as poll workers. Their service is vital to the process. At one point in the last decade, the amount of pay in Lake County was increased from \$85 a day to the statutory maximum of \$107.91 per day. The current maximum is \$133 per day. Unfortunately, budgetary strains of other mandated needs have kept Lake County precinct election officials at \$107.91 for some time. At this morning's Board of Elections meeting, he announced that the Commissioners have unanimously agreed to increase the current daily rate to \$125 and have committed to increase the General Fund appropriation to the Board of Elections to support the increased cost. The reasons are threefold. First, these folks are overdue for an increase, especially in light of the ever-changing responsibilities of their positions. Second, Boards of Elections always have a difficult time recruiting enough workers to staff all of the precincts in the County; and finally, these workers are an integral and invaluable component of our democracy. The increase will begin with the May 6, 2014 election.

Commissioner Aufuldish stated that the precinct election officials are dedicated and they work a long day and they are always very helpful. This is a step in the right direction to help folks with due diligence.

Commissioner Troy replied that the Commissioners will continue to work with the Board of Elections to ensure that dollars are available to do their job.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board? No one present wished to address the Board.

Commissioner Troy reported the next Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Legal - Pending Litigation

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter relating to property disposition and pending litigation, with the vote as follows:  
 "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran      "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 2:25 p.m.  
 The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 3:28 p.m., with the vote as follows:  
 "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy      "NAYS": None

**ADJOURN:** On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m., with the vote as follows:  
 "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran      "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-seventh day of February, 2014.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT

JUDY MORAN,  
 COMMISSIONER

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