

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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 (Tape 2014-0227)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m., February 27, 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 18, 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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM HARDY ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 323W TO LCDU WATER DISTRICT (20140227\U01)(UT-2)**

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR GLKWRF ELECTRIC SWITCH GEAR 347S AND TRANSFERRING CASH (20140227\U02)(UT-2)**

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20140227\U03)(UT-7)**

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 LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 10, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,949.87(20140227\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 RE-APPOINTING KIP MOLENAAR TO THE LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM, COMMENCING MARCH 7, 2014 AND ENDING MARCH 6, 2019(20140227\C01)(B-51)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.  
 Commissioner Aufuldish stated that Mr. Molenaar has done an outstanding job and the Commissioners are pleased that he requested to be re-appointed. He is one of the longest-serving members.  
 The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

- RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SUBSIDY GRANT FOR SMART OHIO PILOT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION (20140227\C02)(CT-3)**

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 ACCEPTING A FY2013 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT TOTALING \$402,500.00, EFFECTIVE THROUGH MAY 30, 2015 (20140227\C03)(695)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.  
 Mr. Larry Greene, Emergency Management Agency Director, explained this is the second time this grant has been awarded to Lake County. It is a regional competitive grant with Ashtabula and Geauga counties under sustainment for things such as mass casualties and HAZMAT that allows for repair, replacement and upgrades of previous assets procured from previous grants such as tactical body armor replacement for the regional SWAT Team and upgrades to the robot for the regional bomb squad.  
 Commissioner Troy stated this is a State Homeland Security Program and he asked if these were State dollars or Federal dollars passed through the State?  
 Mr. Greene stated that is United States Department of Homeland Security money passed through to the local level and the State administers the program.  
 Commissioner Troy asked if there was expected to be a change in the continuation of annual funding?  
 Mr. Greene replied that there have been drastic cutbacks in funding and counties should be making preparations to determine the most prudent ways to use funds and to encourage collaboration. These are sustainment funds for regional collaboration. Lake County collaborates with Cuyahoga and Lorain County as well and they have all received funding through this collaboration making all agencies more efficient.  
 The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH WELLS FARGO INSURANCE SERVICES OF USA, INC., AGENT FOR MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2015 (20140227\C04)(Workers' Comp.)**

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

Mr. William Margalis, County Director of Administrative Services, explained this resolution is for the County's annual excess loss insurance. This is the eleventh year we have self-funded the worker's compensation program and it has been successful. Lake was the first county, back in 2004, to get into the self-insured business and we have saved over \$1 million annually versus being in the State retro plan. The County is responsible for the first million dollars. In 2004, the County had a \$500,000 limit and at that time the County paid 20 cents per thousand dollars of payroll dollars. This contract is .0826 per thousand dollars and costs \$64,000 a year for coverage and to date, there has not been a breach and the County has not had to use this insurance. The cost has continued to decrease over the years.

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

9. **RESOLUTION TERMINATING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY ORIGINALLY EXECUTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2001 (20140227\C05)(C-192)**

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

Mr. Marty Gareau, Director of Public Finance for the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority, explained that this agreement has been in place with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority since 2001 and was originally entered into because the County needed their services. Since that time the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority was created and has successfully done a number of bond issues and can deal directly with the State their assistance is no longer necessary. The Port Authority Board is in agreement with this decision.

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

10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND LIFELINE, INC. FOR THE HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM (HCRP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,473.00 (20140227\C06)(C-46)**

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

Ms. Marian Norman, Program Manager for the Planning and Community Development Office, explained this resolution and the next one are funding for the Homeless Crisis Response Program. The County receives funding through the State for Region 5. As funds begin dwindling the State is becoming more stringent on the literal definition of homelessness and limiting funds allocated per household. Project Hope will be able to assist 15 households and Lifeline will be able to assist 25 households. There is a small amount of additional funds for case management, administration, and data collection to track the outcomes.

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

11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE ECUMENICAL SHELTER NETWORK OF LAKE COUNTY, INC. (DBA PROJECT HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS) FOR THE HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM (HCRP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,178.00 (20140227\C07)(C-46)**

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

12. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,289,667.91 (20140227\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

13. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$703,077.51(20140227\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

14. **RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20140227\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

15. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20140227\BC04)(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

16. **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LUKE R. GRGIC ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20140227\F01)(C-126)**

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Al Saari, Sanitary Engineer, reported that recently there were bid openings for limestone and asphalt. The price for limestone increased from 25 to 50 cents per ton depending on delivery method, which is a very minor increase. The cost for cold patch asphalt is the same as last year.

Mr. Rick Martin, Executive Director of the Department of Utilities, conveyed that during the month of February there were 60 water main breaks, which is the highest ever in a month since record keeping. This is the amount that is usual after two months. There were seven just last week. The crews are out working on repairs. Mr. Martin stated there were 38 sewer issues and only two of them were related to grease. Most were related to tree roots, which is common with an aging system.

Commissioner Moran stated that utility crews are doing a good job keeping up with repairing the breaks and she asked if contractors have been hired to assist with repairs?

Mr. Martin replied that contractors are not called in often, but so far crews have been staying on top of the water main break and there is no lag time.

Commissioner Troy suggested that in the spring or early summer private contractors be utilized with our crews for road repairs in water main break areas.

Mr. Martin explained that a water breaks cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 to repair.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, reported a marketing company through NACo is interested in doing a spotlight on the County. There is no cost for the project and he will provide the Commissioners with more information as it becomes available.

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Moran reported on March 29, 2014 the Lake County Council on Aging is hosting its annual March for Meals at the Great Lakes Mall near the Macy's concourse with Lake Health and she is a co-chair with Cynthia Moore-Hardy and she encouraged the everyone to attend. Deepwood Idol will also be held at the Mall at 2:00 p.m. on the same day and she will be a judge. Commissioner Moran acknowledged the second anniversary of the Chardon School shooting and reported that the father of one of the children killed during the shooting was found dead this morning.

Commissioner Troy reported that on Tuesday he testified on behalf of the proposed H.B. 240 in Columbus as requested by the Ohio Association of Elections Officials, a bi-partisan group of all election officials in the state and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. The proposed bill eliminates special elections in February and August. The turnouts on these specials are dismal and there are two other elections held each year. There is a cost for all elections and all processes have to be gone through each time. Whenever a levy is passed, it is not collectable until the next tax year. There is no advantage to going to the ballot early. Elections are important and the core of democracy. Commissioner Troy stated that, unfortunately, through re-districting, elected officials picked their voters and the same could be said for picking voters in special elections. Special Elections should be for unusual circumstances and not routine. The compromise may not be to eliminate both election dates, but possibly one of the special elections dates in an effort to save money for counties. He stated that the Lake County Commissioners will not place anything on the ballot for a special election.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Troy asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board?

Ms. Becky Lynch, King Memorial in Mentor, asked about resolution #9, terminating a memorandum of understanding with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority and she asked if the termination of the memorandum of understanding affects foreign trade zone expansion request by the Cuyahoga County Port Authority?

Commissioner Troy asked that Mr. Gareau provide an answer to the question.

Mr. Gareau replied that it just addresses the fact that the Port Authority in Cleveland was Lake County's agent for dealing with the State of Ohio for development services and finance. Lake County has its own internal capacity and resources and can now go directly to the State of Ohio for any development services.

Mr. John Muzik, 485 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, stated that Project Hope is trying to increase in size and he agrees that it is needed. He asked what is the County’s involvement in this expansion?

Commissioner Troy replied that he recently met with Ms. Judy Burr and Father Bednar of Project Hope. They would like to use a piece of donated property on Madison Avenue to fix up and market for the proceeds. They are also working on applying for tax exemption on the property for 2014. There has been discussion about possible waived fees for utility hookups, but they need to speak to the City of Painesville, and the County, on rare occasions, have waived fees for a worthy cause.

Ms. Norman reported they receive CDBG funds for support staff. Historically, they have received money and rehabilitation funding through the State of Ohio Continuum of Care. The goal is to get people through the shelter quickly and there is little funding for expanding capacity. They are focused more on raising private resources.

Mr. Muzik replied that Project Hope is a good cause and he was not sure how Lake County was involved in its expansion.

Commissioner Troy stated there is an opportunity for them to apply for capital improvement funding from CDBG even though they are trying not to be as dependent on public money. It will be a combination of private and public monies.

Commissioner Troy reported the next Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Real Estate - Property Acquisition (2)
- Real Estate -Property Disposition
- Personnel - Compensation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:40 a.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 11:47 a.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 11:48 a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 1:05 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 1:06 p.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this eleventh day of March, 2014.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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