

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

(Tape 2014-0501)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., May 1, 2014.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called Commissioner Troy and Moran were present and Commissioner Aufuldish was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2014 was approved as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Troy welcomed Ms. Gail Yost from Grainger. Ms. Yost explained that she is the Market Manager for the local Grainger Industrial Supply Company. In attendance with her were Account Managers Ms. Lisa Duke and Mr. Dan Unites representing the Grainger Foundation. She explained that every year the Grainger Foundation presents funds to give back to the local community. On behalf of Grainger, Ms. Yost presented a \$10,000 check to Mr. Larry Greene, Director of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency, and said she is proud to partner with the EMA again this year and looks forward to partnering with them more in the future. Mr. Greene stated that these funds go directly back into the Lake County community and support American Red Cross, 211 and Citizens Corps. Most of these agencies people do not see until there is an emergency. They have purchased cots, generators and equipment for amateur radio operations. On behalf of the EMA, citizens of Lake County and the Commissioners he thanked Grainger and stated that the funds will be put to good use. Commissioner Troy stated that the County appreciates the generosity of Grainger Industrial Supply Company and commented that this is what makes Lake County so great, that it is home to corporations with a conscience. The EMA will use \$4,000 of the funds to purchase mass care and sheltering supplies for the Lake County Chapter of the American Red Cross, such as cell phone chargers, and \$6,000 will be used to conduct education and public outreach activities in Lake County. Commissioner Troy stated that the funds will also be used to purchase promotional materials and visual displays designed to advance public awareness in the areas of crime prevention and individual/family emergency preparedness in disasters and large-scale emergencies.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,947.00 OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR MOUNTAINSIDE FARMS PHASE 4 AND AUTHORIZING RETAINING OF \$28,594.70 OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SURETY ACCEPTED BY RESOLUTION ON AUGUST 8, 2013 AS MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR MOUNTAINSIDE FARMS PHASE 4 (20140501\E01)(SD-406)
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

2. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20140501\U01)(UT-7)
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

3. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICY GOVERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE LAKE COUNTY LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO LAKE COUNTY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (20140501\C01)(INS)
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Mr. Bill Margalis, Director of Administrative Services, explained that this resolution is a policy or guidelines for employees and outside entities that participate in the County healthcare plan. With the implementation of the Affordable Healthcare Act, there have been some changes of conditions and the proper language was inserted that covers the County such as the spousal waiver. These are some housekeeping issues for the guidelines. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20140501\BC01)(C-111)
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

5. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20140501\BC02)(C-111)
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

6. RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2014 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20140501\F01)(C-126)
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy. Mr. Matt Battiato, Department of Job and Family Services Director, explained that often public assistance is the ultimate safety net for helping people meet their basic needs. A vast majority of people are honest but there are some who are not so honest and JFS has a responsibility to be diligent with investigating these situations. This is an opportunity to publicize the Department's diligence. Ms. Michelle Herron, the Entitlement Administrator, was also present. Mr. Robert Dawson, Administrator over the Public Assistance and Workforce Divisions, stated that they received a small amount of money and purchased time on the Giant Eagle digital sign, which is the most heavily used location for food assistance in the County, and purchased bags promoting awareness to public assistance fraud.

Mr. Dawson despises fraud because it sheds a bad light on the safety net programs that are very important to the quality of life in our community. In a recent press release about Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month introduces a new State website that anyone can easily go to and report suspicious activities. Mr. Dawson is proud that Lake County is 13th in the State in the volume for collecting over payments for food stamps. He appreciates the Commissioners' support.

Commissioner Troy stated that the month of May is not only Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month but also Clean and Green Lake County Month, so the recycled bags promoting this fraud awareness month are certainly in order. He understands that they have an obligation to weed out those who try to defraud the system and stated that from the periodic report card from the State, Lake County does a good job and please keep up the good work.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator for the Lake County Department of Utilities, reported that April 26th is a National Take-Back Initiative to keep prescription drugs out of Ohio's waters. There are seven locations throughout Lake County where pharmaceuticals can safely be disposed and in the State of Ohio, 14.2 tons of unused prescriptions were collected so it was a successful program. Citizen participation is essential for the success of the special collections programs in keeping hazardous materials out of the landfill. Mr. Armand reported that the Utilities Department is collaborating with the OSU extension for special collections. The computer collection was Saturday, April 26 and this year 603 vehicles came through, which is the more than at any other collection in the past five years. The next special collection is for tires on May 10, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and up to six tires without rims will be taken for free. Tires with rims will cost \$4.00 per tire, oversize tires cost \$10.00 per tire and if there are over six tires, the cost is \$2.00 for each additional tire. He announced that the Lake County Department of Utilities is now on Twitter. Please let your friends, family, and neighbors know they can follow them at LCDU_Ohio for informational updates impacting customers and residents of Lake County.

Commissioner Troy stated that the tire collection was moved to the spring because that is before the standing water begins to help breed mosquitoes. These special collection dates prevent hazardous materials from ending up in a landfill. The collected material is taken by companies to recycle or reuse them and he appreciates the participation of the citizens. He was happy to hear that it was the largest turnout yet for computer collection day.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - Commissioner Troy asked about the status of Medicaid expansion and increased eligibility.

Ms. Michelle Herron, stated that they are working with the State and she is very proud of the staff for the way they are handling the volume of applications and working with the new system. Currently they are beginning to process applications that came through the online portal as opposed to those who applied on paper or over the phone. To date, the new application approval process is averaging about 37 days, which is above the State average. Applications from people who applied online through the Federal Marketplace are beginning to trickle in and they are working on processing those applications.

Commissioner Troy reported that under the Affordable Healthcare Act, people have applied through the Federal Exchange for healthcare and those identified for Medicaid instead of medical coverage are sent to the State and it works the other way as well, so if the person is over the eligibility threshold for Medicaid then they are sent to the Federal Marketplace.

Commissioner Troy replied that Medicaid expansion was done through the Controlling Board and not through the General Assembly by act and he asked if there was an expiration date?

Mr. Battiato replied that he was not sure. It may have to be re-authorized. He mentioned that the applications that went through the Federal portal were delayed but not because of the Job and Family Services Department. They just were not sent.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, stated that the new County website will be up in a week and the Streetscape Project along Main Street is moving forward. The back parking lot will soon be seal coated and striped and there will be "visitors only" parking signs installed and he asked the employees to please respect these spaces.

FINANCE - none

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy mentioned the notification of a tax dispute regarding the Eastlake coal fired plant. State Issue 1 will be on the ballot next Tuesday, May 6, 2014. It is responsible for bringing \$105 million in State aid to Lake County over the lifetime of the program for water, sewer, bridge infrastructure and road and culvert projects. An authorized constitutional extension of the program must be adopted by the voters. He would appreciate citizens voting for Issue 1.

Commissioner Moran reported that the Board of Elections is looking for precinct election workers for Tuesday, Democrats and Independents, to work the polls on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. People can receive up to \$175 for the day. Training for workers will be held on Saturday.

Commissioner Troy explained that the law requires a certain amount of staffing for each polling place regardless of the turnout. There must be at least four people at all 160 precincts in Lake County.

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, May 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Personnel-Compensation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss a legal relating to pending litigation, with the vote as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:45a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 11:25 a.m., with the vote as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

The County Administrator advised the Board of Lake County Commissioners about various ongoing projects.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m., with the vote as follows:
"AYES": Commissioners: Troy and Moran "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this eighth day of May, 2014.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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