

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 2014-0605)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., June 5, 2014.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 27, 2014 was 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:

1. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENTS TO MAKE NECESSARY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY LINE IN MADISON TOWNSHIP (20140605\E01)(E-11)**  
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
2. **RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,936.00 WITH ABC PIPING COMPANY AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,340.00 FOR BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT TRAVELING SCREENS REPLACEMENT & UPGRADE PROJECT NO. 351W (20140605\U01)(UT-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
3. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20140605\U02)(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
4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT JUNE 9, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$227,175.52 (20140605\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
5. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2015 COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAM 407 SUBSIDY GRANT 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 (20140605\C01)(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
6. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FY 2015 COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS PROGRAM 408 SUBSIDY GRANT 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 (20140605\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
7. **RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING KENNETH R. KEENER AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, FOR A SEVEN YEAR TERM EXPIRING JULY 6, 2021 (20140605\C03)(B-52)**  
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.  
Commissioner Troy indicated that the terms of the members are set by law. The title was corrected from stating the term was expiring in 2014 to the year of 2021 and it was cited as a clerical error that we will change without objection. The body of the resolution as submitted is correct.  
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
8. **RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF LAKE COUNTY, DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX OF .9 MILLS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FOR THE FINANCING, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LAKE COUNTY BY THE LAKE COUNTY ADAMHS BOARD AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY SAID RENEWAL TAX LEVY (20140605\C04)(C-50)**

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

Commissioner Troy explained the Commissioners are the gate keepers for these levies. This is an existing levy that expires at the end of 2015 and under the law, the earliest time that the levy can be placed on the ballot is at the November 2014 election. If placed on a special election ballot next year, the agency would have to pay for that special election. This is the first of two resolutions that are required in order for this levy to be on the ballot.

Ms. Kim Fraser, Executive Director of the ADAMHS Board, explained the first time this levy was placed on the ballot was in 1976 and it has continuously been renewed. She is grateful for the taxpayers support. They have renewed or replaced the levy four times. The levy dollars make up over 60% of their funding, which is used for crisis intervention services for emergency departments, suicide prevention and depression awareness in schools, mental health services that help seniors remain in their homes and stabilized, and she asked the Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Troy reported that the ADAMHS Board does not directly provide services but administers the funds. They are collaborating more with other agencies to be more effective and efficient without compromising the effectiveness of any programs.

Commissioner Aufuldish stated that this is important funding for the ADAMHS Board and they have been successful with voters renewing the levy. He thanked them for doing a good job and providing much-needed services.

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

**9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$662,237.81(20140605\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

**10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$459,171.56(20140605\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

**11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20140605\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

**12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20140605\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

**13. RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 15, 2014 WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN LAKE COUNTY (20140605\F01)(C-126)**

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

Commissioner Troy read the resolution in its entirety and stated that as the County ages, there are more cases of elder abuse and he asked Ms. Teresa Palm, Lake County JFS Department's Administrator of Child and Adult Service Division, to further explain.

Ms. Palm thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2014 for adults ages sixty and older. This population has increased over the years. In 2001, there were 400 calls regarding elder abuse. In 2012, there were 500 calls for elder abuse and in 2013, there were 600 calls. In Lake County, the majority of the referral calls are self-neglect. These people want to live in their own homes but they tend to neglect themselves. There is a program through Beacon Health called the Senior Care Team who goes out to the home directly to assess the situation. There is also a new program through the Lake County Council on Aging with a geriatric case manager who can go into homes to assess and offer help. H.B. 43 recently passed allocating \$10 million for adult protective services for the State of Ohio. There will be an article in the newspaper about elder abuse awareness day on June 14, 2014 and they will be attending the annual consortium on aging in June and will present this resolution at the conference.

Commissioner Troy reported there was some debate in Columbus about the dollar amount for adult and child protective services. It should be settled this week. Traditionally there has not been a lot of money appropriated for adult protective services. It has been more of a requirement for local governments to come up with local resources for these protective services. We have asked to continue to leave statutory authorization for counties to deal with these issues because many counties like ours are aging. There are increased reports of financial abuse and scams that are affecting the aging population. It may be possible to use money from the senior services levy for protective services if deemed necessary.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator for the Lake County Department of Utilities, reported that the next special collection is for household hazardous waste on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Acceptable items include: Household Cleaners & Solvents, Thinners, Kerosene, Turpentine, Lighter Fluid, Strippers, Used Motor Oil, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, Coolants, Antifreeze, Grease, Oil-based Paints, Varnish, Shellacs, Stains, Aerosols, Polyurethanes, Primers, Grout, Liquid/Solid Pool Lawn & Garden Chemicals, Pesticides, Weed Killers, Spray Insecticides, Batteries - All Sizes (including lead acid & household), Fluorescent Bulbs (all sizes), Photography Chemicals, "Hobby" Chemicals, Mercury, Empty Propane Tanks, Roofing Tars, Drive Sealers. NO Water Based Paints, Radioactive (Smoke alarms), Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical Waste. The next Household Hazardous Waste collection date will be September 27, 2014.

Commissioner Afuldish asked about the chemicals being brought in for disposal.

Mr. Armand explained that it is an elaborate setup with professionals who identify the materials. This event is free and open to the public.

Commissioner Troy stated that these collections are important because we do not want this type of material to be buried in the landfill or down outside drains and contaminating our ground water.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, reported that the new County website is up and running. There is more consistency between departments and it has been streamlined. The front page offers a new county quick links sections, calendar module, legal notices and interactive GIS map. There is also a Flickr feed at the bottom of the page. It is best viewed using Google Chrome or the most recent updated Internet Explorer. The page will be continuously updated. Mr. Boyd thanked the Commissioners for their support of the project.

FINANCE - Commissioner Troy reported the County has received the proceeds from the sale of the County garage property.

CLERK - Ms. Elszasz wished Commissioner Troy a happy birthday.

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy explained that there is no better symbol of civilization across America than our county courthouses. Lake County has an impressive court building that is 107 years old and for over 100 years, the front door has been open. In the early 2000's the County made a \$15 million investment to renovate and restore the courthouse with the belief that it would not be sealed off from the public. A few years ago, there were serious budgetary constraints and in order to cut costs, the Sheriff's Department decided to close off the front door to help stabilize the budget. Today the budget has been stabilized. This is the people's building and it would cost one tenth of one percent of the county budget to open both entrances. All five judges occupying the facility requested that the entrance be reopened. It is a majestic building representing the dignity of the law. The judges sent the Commissioners a letter indicating their support of re-opening the entrance and the reasons for their support. In his tenure as a Commissioner, he has never seen a group of judges who works as well with the Commissioners as this group and their request should be looked at seriously. The job of the County government is to provide services, resources, essential personnel and facilities and, and the strength of Lake County has always been the ability to work well together. He thought that the Commissioners should move forward to open the front doors of the people's courthouse.

Commissioner Afuldish agreed but the Sheriff, as an individually elected official, looked at this budget and decided that the \$100,000 that it would take to place security at the front entrance of the courthouse, he could use to hire a patrol officer. He believes that officers on the road are more important than the front of the courthouse being open. He is in favor of looking at the allocation of dollars for next year's budget to determine if it would be feasible to re-open the front doors.

Commissioner Troy replied that it is possible to re-open the front courthouse entrance without shortchanging the Sheriff's activities. The judges have helped out over the years using their budgets to offset costs. This is something that needs to be done.

Commissioner Moran respectfully disagreed and thought there are more pressing needs in the County at this time to use the money than opening the courthouse entrance. She is not opposed to re-visiting the issue during budget hearings. She thought that this is the Sheriff's call.

Commissioner Troy stated that the County is not in a budget crisis anymore and this would be an appropriate area to invest money in because it is a beautiful building and it is the people's building. There is a letter from the judiciary making this request and it appears that two people want to respond to them in the negative and he respectfully asked that they proceed with the communication indicating to them the direction they want to go on re-opening the front door of the courthouse.

Commissioner Moran replied that no one is denying people access to the courthouse.

Commissioner Troy stated it is the job of the County government to provide services and facilities and opening the front door to the courthouse is long overdue and he respectfully agrees with all five of the elected common pleas judges who operate out of that facility.

Commissioner Moran asked for an update on the County Line Road issue?

Mr. Bruce Landeg replied that the drainage ditch was cleaned out but he would have to find out more information and get back to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS: - none

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 Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Legal - Pending Litigation (2)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. to discuss two legal matters relating to 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 10:47 a.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board returned to open session at 11:35 a.m., with the vote as follows:

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

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this tenth day of June, 2014.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT

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AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK