

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 2014-1125)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., November 25, 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 November 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:

1. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CASHEN ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (PID #90557) OVER ARCOLA CREEK IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME (BID OPENING: January 7, 2015)(20141125\E01)(E-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish. County Engineer Gills explained that this is a bridge near Dock Road that goes out toward the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Madison and it is in bad condition. The Engineer's Office secured 80/20 funding for this project that will take 6-9 months to complete.

Commissioner Aufuldish asked why there was such a broad range in the engineer's estimate?

Mr. Gills replied the range is to prevent contractors from targeting a specific amount and it gives the Engineer's Office some latitude if they go over the estimate.

Commissioner Moran stated that the news program "60 Minutes" recently aired a story about the deterioration of the nation's bridges and she asked about the condition of the County's bridges.

Mr. Gills replied that it is a legal requirement to annually inspect all of the County's 101 bridges. The bridges are rated and when funds are available they are repaired, especially the bridges rated below four. At a low rating they can qualify for funds and lower the load weight limit. Bridges last 35-50 years.

Commissioner Troy asked of the County's 101 bridges how many are approaching a critical stage?

Mr. Gills responded that 5-6 bridges are repaired a year and we are one of the better counties relative to our bridges. There are 4-5 bridges that are approaching that point. CEO is funding two bridge repairs in the future. We are lucky to be able to keep up with the bridges.

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

2. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON AUBURN ROAD (CR 409) BETWEEN GIRDLED ROAD (CR 202) AND CONCORD-HAMBDEN ROAD (CR 412) AND CRILE ROAD (CR 400) BETWEEN GIRDLED ROAD (CR 202) AND AUBURN ROAD (CR 409) IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OH (20141125\E02)(E-9)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that the Lake County Engineer's Office requests that the speed limit be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph on Auburn Road (CR 409) between Girdled Road (CR 202) and SR 44 and from 40 mph to 35 mph on Auburn Road (CR 409) between SR 44 and Concord-Hambden Road (CR 412) and from 55 mph to 35 mph on Crile Road (CR 400) between Girdled Road (CR 202) and Auburn Road (CR 409). This is the recommendation of the Concord Trustees, the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Lake County Engineer's Office. A study on this was filed with ODOT and it comes about because of the pending construction of the intersection. This is a high volume area for traffic and the traffic pattern will be changed. The County is following ODOT's recommendation with construction to begin in th the spring.

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

3. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU SEWER DISTRICT TRANSFER OUT AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LCDU SEWER DISTRICT TRANSFERS-OUT TO GLK SWITCHGEAR REPLACEMENT 347-S TRANSFERS-IN (20141125\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

4. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS LCDU ACCOUNTS (20141125\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

5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR COLD WATER METERS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: December 17, 2014)(20141125\U03)(UT-8)**

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20141125\U04)(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
7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT DECEMBER 8, 2014, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,009.75 (20141125\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
8. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR THE 2015 DRAINAGE CHARGES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER, WATER, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (20141125\C01)(UT-46)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.
Commissioner Troy reported that the Stormwater Management Department was formed about 12 years ago and the assessed user fees on tax bills of the County are used for projects that are recommended by the Stormwater Department and Advisory Committee.
Mr. Tim Miller, Stormwater Management Director, stated that the Department is funded by the user fees of participating member communities. An estimated \$112 million worth of improvements are needed over the next 20-25 years and in looking at the ERU's they calculated that \$3.50 per month for the stormwater fee. This amount will generate the necessary revenue to identify the infrastructure improvements identified by the member communities. This rate has been agreed upon by the Stormwater Advisory Board. The national average rate is \$4.57 per month. The Northeast Regional Sewer District is being created and their rate structure was 3-tiered system charging between \$3 and \$9 per month.
Commissioner Troy stated that the rates were reduced for a few years and now after a thorough analysis they found that there are a significant number of future projects that need to be addressed to protect property.
Commissioner Moran stated that on behalf of a former Willowick Councilwoman, these are much-needed dollars for the communities that pay into the program and the way the money is distributed is fair.
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE PROSECUTORS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2014 (20141125\C02)(CT-8)**
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 REVISING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS (20141125\C03)(C-107)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.
County Administrator Jason Boyd stated that this resolution is about the internal logistics allowing the Administrator, with written approval from the Commissioners, to authorize change orders under \$50,000, to apply for grants without a monetary commitment and to amend various County policies.
Commissioner Troy stated that Section 305 of the ORC allows this to happen with limits set by the Board.
Commissioner Aufuldish stated that this is a great example of how the Board works with the Administrator to streamline the processes.
The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None
11. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM EL REALTY CO., LLC FOR THE LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS CENTRAL TITLE BUREAU, IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$351,000.00 FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2014 (20141125\C04)(209-z-15)**
On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.
Clerk of Courts Maureen Kelly stated that there are title bureaus located in Wickliffe and Perry. Since 2003, the State has allowed people to acquire titles in any bureau in the State. The Wickliffe title bureau is seeing more business from Cuyahoga and Summit counties and the Perry office is patronized by a majority of Mentor and Concord customers. It was determined that a centrally located title bureau was needed and a location was found in the Mentor Town Commons where Heinen's is located. The BMV will move behind them. The goal is to have the new office open in February or March of 2015. It is more space with reasonable rent that will not increase for 5 years.
Commissioner Troy stated that all the funding for this building is from the Certificate of Title Fund, and not from the County General Revenue Fund.
Commissioner Moran asked if the Clerk's Office will be renting out any of the new space and Ms. Kelly replied that it is a possibility. There will be utility drop boxes installed and there is no option to purchase the property.
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 \$2,234,965.11(20141125\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 \$876,995.51(20141125\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 GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20141125\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(20141125\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 BENJAMIN J. JENSON ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20141125\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. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Utilities, reported that there are 800 miles of sanitary main underground infrastructure in Lake County and as the holidays approach, it is important to be mindful of this and dispose of grease responsibly. In order to avoid any major problems please pour grease into a heat resistant container where it can cool and then dispose of it in the normal trash. Tips on the proper disposal of fats, oils and grease is available to all customers.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - none

FINANCE - Budget Director Joel DiMare reported that a resolution for the temporary General Fund budget and possibly a resolution for the budget outside of the General Fund that will be presented at the December 11, 2014 Commissioners Meeting. The resolutions will authorize spending for the first three months of 2015.

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Moran reported the next Opiate Task Force forum on heroin is scheduled for December 3, 2014 at the Perry High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Aufuldish stated that he recently attended a LEEDCO meeting and they announced they are in conversation with a company in Norway, Fred Olsen Windcarrier, as an installer of Lake Erie offshore wind projects. They will help develop the installation strategy for Lake Erie and the Great Lakes and they are setting up a company in the United States. Commissioner Aufuldish hopes the project will continue to move forward. Commissioner Troy stated the CCAO Board of Director's met last week in Columbus and the recommendation is that Commissioner Mike Halleck of Columbiana County will be the CCAO Board President and the First Vice President will be Mr. Doug Corcoran from Ross County. At their annual conference next week, CCAO will consider the 2015/2016 platform and priorities in terms of the State Legislature. Included are requests for no further cuts to the Local Government Fund and an understanding of how tax cuts affect the Local Government Fund. They will also recommend the ability for Counties to impose additional \$5.00 charges up to \$15.00 on the license plate fee. There will also be discussion on fracking, what rate to tax gas and oil exploration, and the question of where this money should go.

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

Ms. Becky Lynch, 8040 King Memorial Road in Mentor, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked about Resolution #8 regarding the 2015 drainage charge of \$3.50 for the Lake County regional sewer, water and drainage district. Ms. Lynch asked if there was something in place to review the rate?

Commissioner Troy explained that the fee is revisited every year and certified to the auditor.

Ms. Lynch asked about Resolution #10 regarding the County Administrator to contract on behalf of the Board of Commissioners within certain limits. She asked what was the previous change order limit and Mr. Boyd replied that there was no previous provision and there still needs to be approval by the Commissioners.

Ms. Lynch asked if any two title bureaus could be combined?

Ms. Kelly explained that the number of customers suggests that the Central Title Bureau office in Mentor will take some of the pressure off of the Wickliffe office. She will watch the situation closely. They will do what makes sense.

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked about Resolution #5 regarding the advertising of bids for cold water meters for the Lake County Department of Utilities and asked if the department has wireless meters for reading?

Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, explained there are few wireless meters. The cold water meters for this resolution are one-inch meters or smaller and a few thousand are replaced a year after being tested. There are over 40,000 meters in the system and they last from 5 to 25 years for residential and small commercial businesses.

Commissioner Troy wished all Lake County residents a Happy Thanksgiving and reported that County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, 2014.

Commissioner Troy stated the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Real Estate - acquisition
- Potential Litigation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters related to employment, with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 2:45 p.m.
The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Aufuldish seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 2:40 p.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 2:41 p.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this eleventh day of December, 2014.

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