

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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(Tape 2014-1211)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Troy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., December 11, 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 25, 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.  
Mr. Rick Martin, Department of Utilities Executive Director, introduced employees who have dedicated 25 years of service to the County, Mr. Brad Frederick, Mr. John Clarkson, Mr. Tom Rigby, Mr. Jeff Urban and Mr. Mark Tenkku, who was not in attendance. The Commissioners presented the employees with service awards and watches.  
Commissioner Troy congratulated the recipients and stated that the County's water quality has received numerous awards and that would not happen without the dedicated service of the employees. On the wastewater side, even after huge storms, they insure that quality water is put back into the lake. The citizens of Lake County are fortunate to have these dedicated employees.

Commissioner Troy read a proclamation for the "Be A Santa to a Senior" program in the month of December. Ms. Valorie Armstrong, Elder Care Specialist at Home Instead Senior Care, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their support. Ms. Armstrong encouraged the community to become involved because it is a very humbling and positive experience.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,616.94 WITH LAKELAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,499.23 FOR AQUARIUS WATER TREATMENT LAB UPGRADE PROJECT NO 338-W (20141211\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

2. **RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU WATER DISTRICT TRANSFER OUT AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM HARDY ROAD AND OAKWOOD BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 360-W TRANSFERS-IN (20141211\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

3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK & SMITH GROUP, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20141211\U03)(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

4. **RESOLUTION TO EXERCISE A ONE YEAR OPTION FOR TWO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS IN 2015 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES, INC. (20141211\U04)(UT-8)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.  
Commissioner Troy replied that this extends the contract for another year; that is an option in the contract. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

5. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 11, 2014 (20141211\C01)(C-6)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish.  
Commissioner Troy stated that the last time the County revisited the fees was in 2009. The Building Inspection Department does not make any money but it also does not want to lose any money and costs have increased since 2009. This is a needed update.  
Mr. Jerry Flanik, Chief Building Inspector, reported that an analysis was recently done indicating that an adjustment needs to be made in order to cover increased costs over the past five years and to be consistent with fees of other area municipalities and counties. The costs to build a standard 2,500 square foot house in the County is the lowest compared to Medina County, Summit County and the City of Mentor. This proposed increase will place the County in the median range for fees. There was also a modest increase for commercial projects in Lake County.  
Commissioner Troy replied that these are user fees. The law requires that certain standards are met in building and construction and this adjustment will help to cover the costs so that they are not passed onto the General Fund. The fees are reasonable. We must be sure that structures are safe and properly constructed. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Troy, Aufuldish and Moran "NAYS": None

6. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TWELVE (12) MONTH SELF-FUNDED HEALTH CARE AGREEMENT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 (20141211\C02)(INS)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that the County is self-funded with regards to healthcare insurance.

Mr. William Margalis, Director of Administrative Services, explained that this year, the County requested RFP's for healthcare. Anthem will begin a new three-year term. In 2015 and 2016, there will be no increase in administrative fees. In 2017, there will be a 2% increase. This resolution and the next four resolutions all pertain to the County's insurance plans over the next year. The County is able to use their network of doctors facilities through a discount program and Anthem will pay the bills.

Commissioner Aufuldish stated when they tasked Mr. Margalis with healthcare, he found EBI and the rates have been reasonable. Mr. Margalis will be retiring at the end of the year and he thanked him for his service.

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

7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTH AGREEMENT WITH EYEMED VISION CARE FOR LAKE COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 (20141211\C03)(INS)**

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

Mr. Margalis explained that this is a 24-month agreement without an increase. It covers both standard exam and the option eye insurance that the employees can purchase with lower rates than the previous few years.

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

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TWENTY FOUR (24) MONTH AGREEMENT FOR LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FOR LAKE COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WITH UNUM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 (20141211\C04)(INS)**

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

Mr. Margalis explained that there is also no increase for 24 months for life insurance and this covers long-term disability insurance that is an option for employees and there is a slight increase.

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

9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 (20141211\C05)(INS)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that the County insures itself for catastrophic claims.

Mr. Margalis stated that is correct and since the County is self-insured, the first \$225,000 the County pays for and if the claim exceeds that amount, then this insurance will cover the cost. There is a 7% increase from previous years. The increase depends on the claims submitted throughout the year. This year, there were two and that is better than previous years. The healthier the employees are will stabilize this number.

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

10. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAKE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (20141211\C06)((304-EAP)**

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

Mr. Margalis replied this is the second year the County is joining with Summit County to contract with their employee assistance program. Employees sometimes need to speak with someone and this program offers free help in a time of need.

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

11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COMPENSABLE BENEFITS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 (20141211\C07)(Workers' Comp)(INS)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that the County is self-funded for worker's compensation.

Mr. Margalis replied that the County has been with Compensable Benefits for 18 years. They pay bills of all the claims in an administrative function and they represent the County at hearings. There is a 3% increase from last year. The City is saving at least \$1 million annually being self-funded for worker's compensation instead of staying with the State of Ohio program.

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

12. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS POSTED BY THE LAKE COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE AND LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR TERMS OF OFFICE COMMENCING IN 2015 AS REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE (20141211\C08)(C-107)**

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 APPOINTING ROBERT ZEITZ TO THE WESTERN RESERVE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR A TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2017 (20141211\C09)(B-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

**14. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY CODE OF REGULATIONS (20141211\C10)(C-102)**

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

Commissioner Troy stated that the NOACA Governing Board is recommending code revisions and based on the initial bylaws any changes in Article 4-9 have to be ratified by the Boards of Commissioner of the five member counties. The majority are housekeeping issues except for one, to which we are not concurring, a measure to include the City of Cleveland as ratifying authority, as it is already represented as part of Cuyahoga County.

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

**15. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,010,275.88(20141211\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

**16. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20141211\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

**17. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20141211\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

**18. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS ADMINISTRATION CENTER UPGRADE PROJECT FUND WITH VARIOUS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION LINES (20141211\BC05)(C-111)**

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

Commissioner Troy explained that the Commissioners are responsible for the administrative needs of the County building-wise. Certain County Administrative Offices are due for new facilities, and this resolution is to establish a fund to deposit money and use it for an administrative center upgrade project, which will have contributory dollars from other revenue streams.

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

**19. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2015 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (20141211\BC06)(C-111)**

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

Commissioner Troy explained beginning January 1, 2015 there is no appropriation authority. By law, the County is required to adopt a permanent budget by April 1. This temporary budget is for the first quarter of 2015 and it is not so much a policy document but establishing the spending for 2015, which will probably increase. There is an additional pay period in 2015, the Heroin Task Force will be in operation for the entire year and maintenance costs of the jail are increasing. There has been a 4% increase over last year and expenditures are divided by four for the first quarter of the year. The Commissioners Office employees are down 35% from 2007 and healthcare costs have increased. Interest earnings have decreased dramatically over the past years. Commissioner Aufuldish thanked Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, for a nice job and guidance since he has taken over the position.

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

**20. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING TONY FILIDORO ON ATTAINING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (20141211\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 - none

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - Mr. Matt Battiato, Executive Director of the Lake County Job & Family Services Department, stated that the State of Ohio has designated \$10 million for children's services and a Committee was created to determine how the funding will be distributed. It was a competitive bid process and a full-fledged grant proposal. Mr. Battiato stated that 84 counties submitted bids and Lake County was one out of 51 counties that received funding. Lake County was awarded funding for the full amount requested, \$250,000, for a Kinship Support Program. Kinship placements occur when children are in their custody and they try to find an appropriate relative or friend of the family. The program will begin January 1, 2015 and a social worker will be hired. This is a one-year grant and they will examine the outcome measures to see if it is a success and if so, they will figure out how to sustain the program. Mr. Battiato thanked Ms. Teresa Palm and Ms. Loreen O'Brien for putting together a great grant proposal.

Commissioner Aufuldish asked if "kin" was extensively defined in the grant?

Mr. Battiato stated that the term was defined as was how to measure the outcome to make sure it is an effective program.

Commissioner Troy asked if there will be a push this year when it is time for the state budget to continue the funding?

Mr. Battiato replied that unfortunately, the State of Ohio is 48<sup>th</sup> or 49<sup>th</sup> of all the states in the amount of funding dedicated to children's services in the County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, reported that he recently attended the CCAO winter conference. When speaking with other county officials, he was pleased to notice that Lake County is a leader in many areas such as the implementation of the Buildings & Grounds software. He took great satisfaction in how the County works with its elected public officials. While we may not always agree, we always find a way to compromise.

Commissioner Troy agreed that Lake County is fortunate that the public officials and Department Heads work well together.

FINANCE - Budget Director Joel DiMare reported that a resolution for the temporary budget outside the General Fund budget will be presented at the December 18, 2014 Commissioners Meeting. The resolution will authorize spending for the first three months of 2015.

CLERK - none

LEGAL - Mr. Charles E. Coulson, Lake County Prosecutor, introduced Mr. David Hackman, the Chief Assistant Prosecutor for the Civil Division, who will be attending the Commissioners' meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Moran reported that she was honored to address the 2015 Leadership Lake County class yesterday. The Recorder Ann Radcliffe and Clerk of Courts Maureen Kelly also made presentations. Commissioner Moran spoke about the County being fiscally responsible and the positive and productive relationships with the other elected officials in the County.

Commissioner Troy reported that at the CCAO conference, sanitary engineers had concerns with HB 490 regarding sewer project assessments.

Mr. Saari stated that HB 490 was not enacted and current law will stay in place.

Commissioner Troy reported that there was also a requirement to test for phosphorous in water that was in HB 490.

The Federal Highway Trust Fund will go bankrupt in 6-8 months if nothing is done with it and he encouraged residents to contact our federal House and Senate representatives about the importance of this funding.

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

Ms. Becky Lynch, 8040 King Memorial Road in Mentor, asked about Resolution #14 regarding the revisions to NOACA's regulations and she requested a copy of the regulations.

Mr. John Muzik, 45 Coventry Drive in Painesville Township, asked about Resolution #10 relating to Lake County's participation in the Summit County Employee Assistance Program and if Lake County would be using Summit County's employees and if there are other Counties that are using Summit County's program?

Mr. Margalis explained that it is not Summit County employees but it is a company that they contracted out called EASE at Work. It is a regionalized plan consisting of townships surrounding Summit County. It is similar to Lake County extending its Health Care to various municipalities. We joined with Summit County to receive a better rate.

Commissioner Troy stated the next regular Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Real Estate - acquisition

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:06 a.m. to discuss real estate matters related to acquisition, with the vote as follows:

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

The Lake County Board of Commissioners recessed Executive Session at 11:06 a.m.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners reconvened Executive Session at 11:17 a.m.

On a motion of Commissioner Moran seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board terminated the Executive Session at 11:46 a.m., with the vote as follows:

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

ADJOURN:

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Aufuldish, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m., with the vote as follows:

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

Minutes approved this eighteenth day of December, 2014.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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DANIEL P. TROY, PRESIDENT

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JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER

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ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, COMMISSIONER

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AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK