

Jason Boyd named county administrator

LAKE COUNTY – The Lake County Board of Commissioners appointed current Lake County Planning Commission Director Jason Boyd as the new county administrator June 28.

Boyd will assume his new duties Aug. 6. The position has remained vacant since the retirement of Ken Gauntner in 2009, but will be redefined under Boyd. He will act as administrator to oversee county capital projects, assist with compiling the annual budget, serve as liaison for the Board of Commissioners with county elected officials and department supervisors, and foster communitywide economic development and collaborative relationships with the Lake County Port Authority and local community leaders. He will also steer an effort to modernize the county's communications and information provision services to insure better citizen understanding of the role and services provided by county government.

In addition to his work with the Planning Commission, and the Lake County Port Authority, he also helped when the county was left without a Community Development Block Grant Administrator.

The Lake County Planning Commission will be restructured as the new county Department of Planning and Community Development, and will be designed and encouraged to work with the Lake County Port Authority on development and re-development issues. Current Chief Planner David Radachy will serve as head of that new department at this time. The current 11-member County Planning Commission will continue to periodically meet and function in its statutory role of subdivision review and approval, and its statutory role to advise townships on proposed zoning text changes.

The members of the Planning Commission are not compensated for their positions, and are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The new county Department of Planning and Community Development will provide administrative support as needed to the Planning Commission to assist in the performance of these duties.

Boyd is currently project administrator and chairman for the Lake County Coastal Development Plan and Engineering Feasibility Study, and served as member of the Laketrans Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2012.

Boyd has a bachelor of arts and master of arts in geography from Ohio University and resides in Willoughby with his family.
