

The department will work with the Lake County Planning Authority on development and redevelopment issues.

The 11-member county Planning Commission will continue to periodically meet for subdivision review and to advise townships on proposed zoning text changes.

Commissioners said Boyd's hiring fills a position vacant since 2009 when former Administrator Kenneth R. Gauntner Jr. retired. At the time, Bill Margalis was the assistant county administrator and much of his responsibilities then dealt with human resources.

After Gauntner left, commissioners named Margalis director of administrative services, and he essentially handled both the position of administrator and continued work in human resources.

Boyd has a lengthy background in planning within Lake County and co-authored comprehensive plans for Eastlake and Mentor, the villages of Madison and Fairport Harbor, and townships of Leroy, Madison and Painesville.

He served as a Laketran trustee from 2005 until May 2012 and also was in charge of the county's federal grants office.

Boyd, who will earn an annual salary of \$85,000, will have new duties such as involvement to prepare the county's budget and to serve as a liaison with other elected officials, departments and supervisors.

"He's a recognized talent, a lot of people have been after Jason to come work for them," Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said. "That's part of this thought process, too. We have a very valuable asset and we want to use those talents to the greatest degree and putting him in the administrator position we think that utilizes that."

Commissioner Raymond E. Sines said Boyd's hiring is good for the county.

"One thing with Jason, his background is planning and he has that vision I think Lake County needs in meeting the challenges of the future," Sines said. "I think he's a great talent and we will be very well served with Jason as the administrator."

Commissioner Robert E. Aufeldish said Boyd will help commissioners with strategic planning and continue to look for ways to shrink county government through consolidation.

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Boyd

Lake County commissioners hired county Planning Commission Director Jason Boyd on Thursday to serve as county

administrator.

Boyd of Willoughby begins the position effective Aug. 6. The move is part of the commissioners' plan to restructure the Planning Commission, where he's worked since 2000.

"I feel like I've got a good rela-

tionship with the county and feel like I have a really good relationship with the communities doing the planning work that we do," Boyd said. "I would like for that to be one my top priorities — to continue that positive dialogue regarding what we do (in the county) and

how it affects the 23 communities here in Northeast Ohio."

The Planning Commission will be renamed the Department of Planning and Community Development and headed by chief planner David Radachy.

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More on Jason Boyd's hiring as county administrator.

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