



# Board of Commissioners

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### County Commissioners Event Honoring Former Colleagues

PAINESVILLE, OH, May 12, 2022 - The Board of Commissioners held an event on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to honor all former Lake County Commissioners. Previous commissioners were invited to attend the event and were recognized. There are (79) present and past Commissioners who faithfully dedicated their time and service in representing Lake County citizens for over 180 years.

County government plays a critical role in all Ohioans' lives and the role of a county commissioner is numerous and varied. They act as the administrative division of their states and when the state and federal government enact laws, the counties are responsible for implementing them. They are also faced with the task of approving budgets and maintaining sufficient revenue to administer the government and provide services to their constituents through the adoption of the annual county budget.

"This recognition is well-deserved as these individuals have served with distinction, some of them for many years," said Commission President John R. Hamercheck, "On behalf of Lake County, this Board is proud to commend their leadership and legacy," he continued.

The longest tenure held by a Lake County commissioner is (23) years and both Commissioner Charles D. Clark and John F. Platz hold that distinction. Clark served from 1933-1956 and Platz served from 1973-1996. Current commissioners consist of Board President John R. Hamercheck who has been serving since 2017, and Commissioner John Plecnik who was appointed to his seat in February of 2021.

"While the role and responsibilities of a commissioner provide great challenges, it is the closest level of government to the people so it is important to get it right in order to build a better future for our county," stated Commissioner John Plecnik. "For over 180 years, Lake County has been made up of a truly diverse group of leaders and I'm proud to be able to recognize and honor them as their legacy continues to impact our community."

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