



# Board of Commissioners

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### **Lake County Commissioners Passed Balanced Budget**

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 30, 2023– The Lake County Commissioners unanimously passed a balanced county budget for 2023 at the March 30, 2023 commissioners meeting.

Finance Director Michael Matas, under the direction of the Commissioners, worked diligently with the elected officials and department heads to successfully create balanced and sustainable budgets for the inside and outside general funds.

“I would like to personally thank Finance Director Matas and his staff for preparing this budget, with a focus on public safety, that continues to meet the increased demands that our local businesses and residents expect in Lake County,” said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

The County General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County and accounts for the financial resources required to administer daily operations with exception those funds required by the Ohio Revised Code to be recorded in other accounts. The 2023 General Fund revenue is projected to be \$70,432,060 and projected expenses of \$70,387,488. Within the General Fund, the judicial system and public safety represent over 62% of the proposed budget.

Commissioner John Plecnik added, “The County budget is the single most important decision that the Commissioners are responsible for and I am extremely proud to support a balanced budget with record investment in public safety without raising taxes. The taxpayer is our boss, and we never forget it.”

The Outside General Fund budget was also approved with projected revenues estimated at \$255.7 million. Funds in this budget include enterprise funds such as the County’s water, wastewater and solid waste accounts. Also, the various different funds that support Lake County Department of Job and Family Services are contained in the Outside General Fund budget.

“I am proud to vote ‘yes’ on my first budget as a Lake County Commissioner. It has been a pleasure to work with Director Matas and all of the Elected Officials and Department Heads to set our spending plan for 2023,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

The General Fund and Outside General Fund budgets can be viewed at [www.lakecountyohio.gov](http://www.lakecountyohio.gov).

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