

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Regovich, Hamercheck and Plecnik

Commissioner Regovich presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ESTABLISHED RULES FOR THE ORDERLY PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT DURING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Board meetings are business meetings for the purpose of conducting business of the County required to be conducted in open public meetings; and

WHEREAS, open meetings laws do not require that the Board permit public comment; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to allow public comment in a manner that does not disrupt, delay or interfere with the necessary business of the Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to establish rules for the orderly presentation of public comment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Revised Code Section 305.09, that the following rules regarding the conduct of proceedings at Board meetings is hereby adopted:

1. The public portion shall be conducted at the beginning of the meeting.
2. Persons speaking during public comment must identify their name and address of residence.
3. Each person is permitted one time period of comment in the public portion.
4. Public comment during the public portion of the meeting shall be allowed up to a maximum time limit of three (3) minutes per person, unless extended at the discretion of the President.
5. The Clerk of Commissioners or the Clerk's designee will keep time for all public comments.
6. The Board reserves the discretion, if due to length of the agenda or other pressing business of the Board, to cancel, shorten or limit public comment at any particular meeting. The Board will announce such cancellation, shortening or limitation prior to anyone commencing the public comment.
7. The Board reserves the right to limit comments that are duplicative of comments already made during the current or recent meetings, for the purpose of avoiding repetition of the same comments.
8. The President of the Board shall maintain the decorum of the meeting and the President as well as the majority of the Board reserve the right to limit comments that are profane or disrespectful in nature.
9. The Board reserves the right to terminate, amend or replace these rules by vote of the majority of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby amends the rules for the orderly presentation of public comment during Lake County Commissioner Meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Lake County Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Commissioner Plecnik seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Regovich and Plecnik

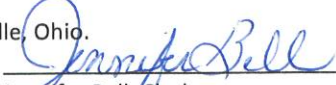
"NAYS": Commissioner Hamercheck

Resolution adopted,  
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on January 11, 2024, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2024.

WITNESS my hand this eleventh day of January, 2024, in Painesville, Ohio.

  
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Jennifer Bell, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners, in and  
for Lake County, Ohio