MARCH 13, 2025

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER RICHARD REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER JENNIFER BELL, CLERK JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR LEGAL COUNSEL NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2025-0313)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2025 were approved with the vote as follows "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

<u>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</u>: Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Lake County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch was present to thank the Commissioners and let everyone know that the Board appreciates all of the inroads made in her office by surprising her last week with a plaque in the Land Records Center. She explained that County Administrator, Jason Boyd, and Public Relations Specialist, Summer Torok, were kind enough to come down to her office to unveil the beautiful plaque.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE GREEN STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO 488-W-2025, A JOINT PROJECT WITH PERRY VILLAGE AND THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20250313\U01)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AWARDING BID CONTRACT TO JOHNSONS LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR LAWNCARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20250313\U02)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMEN OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, 5^{TH} STREET SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, 487-S- 2025 A JOINT PROJECT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR(20250313\U03)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, LAKE ROAD FORCEMAIN RELOCATION PROJECT 484-S-202 (20250313\U04)(UT-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT MARCH 21, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628,706.421(20250313\JFS01)(JFS-14)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD EXPIRING MARCH 14, 2028(20250313\JFS02)(B-24)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION CREATING A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND CONSTITUTING AND APPOINTING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (20250313\C01)(B-198)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Lake Development Authority Executive Director, Mr. Patrick Mohorcic, was present to give a quick overview of what a Transportation Improvement District is and what is being created. He stated that it's very similar to the Lake County Energy Improvement District and the Shoreline Special Improvement District. This district allows Lake County communities to apply for additional road funding, if they have an economic development purpose behind them. Each year communities can apply for up to \$500,000 in funding which can be used for preliminary engineering, detail design, right of way or construction of transportation improvements on all public roadways. Commissioner Regovich stated how important the Shoreline Special Improvement District was for the shoreline development and shoreline revetment and hopes this will have the same impact. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

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8.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL APPLICATION #5 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,822.20 WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE NEOCAP ROOF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT(20250313\C02)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY PROBATE COURT GARAGE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Bid Opening: April 9, 2025)(20250313\C03)(CT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,184,461.20(20250313\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,160,795.79(20250313\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

12.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250313\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250313\BC04)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage and Plecnik. "ABSTAIN": Commissioner Regovich "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

<u>UTILITIES</u> – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that there was a bid opening for the Union Street water line in the City of Willoughby and five bids were received. He feels this is a good sign because recently they have received only one or two bids compared to 10 or 15 bids seven or eight years ago. He stated the low bid yesterday came in significantly below the engineers estimate and that he is hopeful they are getting back in line with previous year's bidding so that they can bid out a few more projects.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR -Mr. Boyd stated that last week the General Fund Budget was passed and mentioned they will now begin to actively manage the budget. Part of the process is Capital Projects and a brief update will be provided every quarter. He explained that he meets with Mr. DiMare, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Iafelice and Mr. Stefanko to review every Capital need in the County portfolio which includes structures, roofs, HVAC, and carpet. They recently had a two-hour meeting and were looking at what should be done in 2025 as far as preventive maintenance is concerned and have begun to hone in on "needs versus the nice"; what needs to be done to keep facilities up and sustainable effective to the residents and employees. He thanked Mr. Iafelice and Mr. Stefanko for putting the list together and the three of them collectively will begin to manage that process. He stated that yesterday there was a site visit of the jail footprint and how impressed he was with the process and the efficiency of how it's being run. He added that they're a bit ahead of schedule and that the more than 500 aggregate piers have been completed. Next week should begin the concrete work and 'the foundation' will begin. The Gilbane team feels that, by October 1st of this year, the steel structure will be out of the ground and possibly even the beginning of the masonry. He stressed the importance of the next two weeks because they will begin to eliminate some of the uncertainties as far as geotechnical concerns and how there was a fairly significant budget for soil stabilization. He explained that they continue to have their weekly meetings and conversations have begun regarding tariffs, notably on aluminum. They pre-ordered steel 2-3 months ago because it was a long lead item and it has been delivered and is being stored. Mr. Boyd stated that he met with the City of Painesville yesterday to discuss the overhead power lines near the jail site and that they hope to have them placed underground.

<u>CLERK</u> – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 am. and that there will be a Workshop today.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Commissioner Regovich stated that he attended the State of the City for Western Lake County last week and today was Painesville. Painesville has a lot of good things going on with the opening of several new restaurants including Wing Stop, Crowley's, a new restaurant in the Lake Erie Towers and also one in the former Local Tavern Fish Bar.

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<u>ADJOURN:</u> On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this third day of April, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
RICHARD J. REGOVICH, PRESIDENT	JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER
MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III. COMMISSIONER	JENNIFER BELL, CLERK