

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

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(Tape 2025-0320)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Regovich, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2025 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MARCH 16th TO 22nd, 2025 AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY (20250320\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, Commissioner Regovich introduced Kelsey Bezdek, Eric Cotton, Anne Poorman, and Todd Demshar to speak. Mr. Demshar and Mr. Cotton thanked the Board for recognizing this important month and presented the Board with some locally produced agricultural products from Silver Crest Winery, OD greens and Crooked Creek Ranch as well as some spring bulbs from Gales Garden Center. Commissioners Regovich and Plecnik thanked everyone for coming in today and for the sampling of local items. Commissioner Beverage stated that he had the pleasure of listening to Todd West, owner and operator of West Orchards in Perry, speak and that was when he realized and had the full appreciation of the absolutely wonderful heritage, history and ongoing work that's done in this County in agriculture. He also spoke of his involvement and attendance at some auctions over the last couple of years involving youth. He shared how the youth raise and care for various animals including steers, beef, pork, and turkeys. Commissioner Beverage, on behalf of the Board, offered this gratitude and thanks to Mr. Demshar and the Fair Board for all of their assistance with Code Blue to ensure that our homeless had a place to sleep this past winter. Commissioner Plecnik wanted to take a moment to highlight the wineries on the east side of the county and emphasized how Silver Crest Winery has an absolutely stunning view in a beautiful location. He stated how there are so many amazing wineries and how exciting it is to see the fastest growing industry in Lake County coming out of agriculture. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich. "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,796.00 FOR RAVENNA ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(JOB NO. 24-31)(20250320\U01)(UT-9)

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

3.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250320\U02)(UT-7)

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

4.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,482.50 FOR WATERLINES FOR VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD FARMS SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 24 20)(20250320\U03)(SD-443)

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

5.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,919.80 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD FARMS PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP (JOB NO. 24 20)(20250320\U04)(SD-443)

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

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY GENERAL FLEET VEHICLE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE (BID OPENING: April 9, 2025)(20250320\C01)(C-21)

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

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FLEET VEHICLE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE (BID OPENING: April 9, 2025)(20250320\C02)(C-21)

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

8.RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ENVISION GROUP, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PLAN CALLED “LAKE COUNTY, OHIO: VISION 2050” SIMILAR TO A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN(20250320\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Planning and Community Development, Mr. David Radachy, was present and explained that proposals for a professional consulting firm were received and reviewed and that the Envision Group was chosen. They have experience in suburban and rural planning, are technically advanced and are very familiar with Lake County. Currently they are working on and will soon finish Mentor on the Lake’s Plan and they have completed projects in the Perry area as well as for Geauga County. He stated that Envision will be joined by the GDP Group who will assist with several items including landscape architecture, park planning, and utilities. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that the last Plan was done in 1965 and that back when he started as Planning Director the former Director had begun to draft a new one. Commissioner Plecnik stated how pleased he is that this project is moving forward and it is long overdue. Commissioners Beverage and Regovich stated that an updated plan is a great idea and money well spent. County Auditor Galloway stated that he hopes the plan will go beyond zoning. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DEDICATION PLAT FOR VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD FARMS PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20250320\C04)(SD-443)

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

10.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,998,968.70(20250320\BC01)(C-4)

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

11.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,862.77 (20250320\BC01-A)(C-4)

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

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,102,186.69(20250320\BC02)(C-17)

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

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250320\BC03)(C-111)

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

14.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20250320\BC04)(C-111)

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

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER TO BE THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENT (LPA) WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE LAK-TYLER ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (PID 122361); LCE PROJECT NO. 2023-016(20250320\E01)(E-3)

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

16.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAVEMENT MARKINGS – SR2 PROJECT, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2025-005(Bid Opening April 16, 2025)(20250320\E02)(E-2)

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

17.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROADWAY MATERIALS - 2025 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER’S ROAD DEPARTMENT, LCE PROJECT NO. 2025-003(Bid Opening April 16, 2025)(20250320\E03)(E-2)

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

18.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO ALAN STONE CO., INC. FOR THE BLAIR ROAD RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,052,928.00 (20250320\E04)(E-3)

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

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE VILLAS AT CANTERWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE 3, CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20250320\E05)(SD-443)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, shared how OMJ-Lake County will be hosting several events in the next couple of weeks. There will be a resume workshop taking place on March 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at OMJ located in the Job and Family Services building and then there is an event at Auburn Career Center on Wednesday April 9th in partnership with OMJ Geauga County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there will not be a meeting next week and that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this tenth day of April, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, PRESIDENT

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