

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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RICHARD REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
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(Tape 2025-0424)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Upon a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 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. None. Commissioner Regovich stated that the Clean and Green presentation will occur during New Business.

RESOLUTIONS:
1.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO THE SHELLY COMPANY – NORTHEAST DIVISION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY RESURFACING PROJECT - 2025, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,637,634.45(20250424\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.

2.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE COUNTY ROADS PAVEMENT MARKINGS – 2025, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2025-004 (BID OPENING: MAY 14, 2025)(20250424\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.

3.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2025, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-005 (BID OPENING: MAY 14, 2025)(20250424\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.

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,005,650.00 FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY WHEEL WASH SYSTEM - PROJECT NO 481-L-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: MAY 21, 2025)(20250424\U01)(UT-8)
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": Regovich. "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ACCOUNTS FOR ADDITIONAL 2025 EXPENSES(20250424\U02)(UT-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.

6.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, MENTOR AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 489-W 2025(20250424\U03)(UT-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.

7.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, ROCKEFELLER ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 490-W-2025(20250424\U04)(UT-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.

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, MADISON TRUNK SEWER REPLACEMENT PHASE 1, PROJECT 492-S-2025(20250424\U05)(UT-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.

9.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, MANCHESTER ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT 496-W-2025(20250424\U06)(UT-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.

10.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250424\U07)(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.

11. RESOLUTION ASSIGNING AUTHORITY TO SUZANNE CASAR, DIRECTOR OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACT AS THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' DESIGNEE FOR APPROVING INTER-COUNTY ADJUSTMENTS OF ALLOCATED FUNDS(20250424\JFS01)(JFS-11)

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.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDING(20250424\JFS02)(JFS-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.

13. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (20250424\JFS03)(B-24)

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 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR A LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN WILLOUGHBY, OHIO (20250424\C01)(209g)

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 APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER RICHARD J. REGOVICH TO SERVE ON THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING HIS ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THEIR BEHALF TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 22, 2027(20250424\C02)(C-146)

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 APPROVING PAY APPLICATION #7 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,245.34 WITH TOWN CENTER CONSTRUCTION FOR 100 WEST ERIE STREET OFFICE RENOVATIONS PROJECT(20250424\C03)(CT13)

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 DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 8, 2025(20250424\C04)(C-107)

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

18.RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 15, 2025(20250424\C05)(C-107)

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 THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH USI INSURANCE SERVICES, AGENT FOR MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 1, 2026 (20250424\C06)(304-y)

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.

20. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,201,294.51(20250424\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.

21.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$677,246.06(20250424\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.

22. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250424\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.

23. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250424\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.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich introduced Mr. Patrick Stitts, Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Utilities. Mr. Stitts explained that in conjunction with the Lake County Solid Waste District and the OSU Extension, the Clean & Green Art contest has been going on for more than 25 years with amazing artwork being submitted every year. This year, there were 714 participants from 8 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, and 7 high schools in the county. The art contest is an annual event to help encourage participation in Clean & Green Lake County which is celebrated during Earth Day and runs from April 22 to May 31, 2025. One of this year’s winners was Gabrael Haqqi, 5th grade, from the School of Innovation in the elementary division, who was unable to attend due to school testing. Winner of the High School division is Eva Vrbán, Grade 9, from Lake Catholic High School and Piper Helmick, 8th grade, from Wickliffe Upper School was the middle school division winner and Overall Winner. The Commissioners congratulated all the winners and assisted Piper in hanging her artwork.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, congratulated the winners of this year’s Clean and Green contest. He also reminded everyone that Representative Troy came to last week’s meeting and talked about Issue Two which is an OPWC renewal that provides millions of dollars for infrastructure upgrades and replacements throughout the state. He explained that his department and Lake County have been very fortunate to be able to extend capital improvement projects through this program. He also explained that decisions for and priorities of these projects are made at the local level through a committee that gets together to review and score these applications. He encouraged everybody to go out on May 6th and vote yes on Issue Two. Commissioner Regovich stated that as former Willowick Mayor, he completely agrees and explained how much got done in the city with OPWC money that could not be funded as a city.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar also congratulated the winners of this year’s Clean and Green contest.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd wanted to take a moment to clarify a discussion from last week’s workshop regarding a project that recently went out for bid and money being spent. He stated that this was the third time this project went out to bid under a contract going back to April of 2024 and how there was no new contract, no new additional funds approved and no new auditor certificates. He added that there were some expenses but they were not new expenses and this was still under the budget of the existing contract from April of 2024. He emphasized that no new funds were obligated for this project. Mr. Boyd provided an update on the Safety Center Project stating that Sheriff Leonbruno and Chief Izzo are reviewing the long-term plan and operation strategy with some people from Columbus today. He also stated that a physical cell of what will be used in the facility (a mockup) was delivered about a week ago allowing the Sheriff and the Corrections Officers to look at it and become familiar with it as far as lighting access, moving in and out, and how inmates will function in there. He stated that this is another interesting example on how every level of detail must be understood and that ultimately the Sheriff’s team will take a trip to the factory to see the actual finalized versions. Mr. Boyd reminded the Board that the cells will be steel and are being fabricated in the United States.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2025 at 10:00 am. and also the resolutions that were adopted today for the regular meeting and workshop meeting schedules will be posted online this afternoon.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik stated that Mentor and Mentor on the Lake are beginning to prepare their updated comprehensive plans and he hopes that the County can partner and engage with them. Mr. Boyd stated that the City of Mentor is hosting a public meeting for their next 20-Year Comprehensive Plan and he has asked Mr. Radachy of the Planning and Community Development Department and his staff to attend. He explained that the county comprehensive plan will be used to support and supplement local home rule master plans and zoning initiatives so we want to make sure that the County is locked up with Mentor and their growth directions and redevelopment, etc. There will an internal kickoff meeting next week with Mr. Rothlisberger and a small working group after which he will update the Board. Mr. Boyd and the Board discussed the history of Lake County as well as demographics.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighth day of May, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, PRESIDENT

JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER

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