

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 2025-0710)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 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 June 26, 2025 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik 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 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT-2025 WITH THE SHELLY COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,172.25, LCE PROJECT NO. 2023-09(20250710\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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250710\U01)(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.

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT (MICPA)AND OMNIA PARTNERS, AND EXECUTING A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND STORAGE BUILDING AT THE GARY L. KRON WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT 494-S-2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000.00(20250710\U02)(UT-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.

4.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NINO BAFFA, WILLIAM MARGALIS AND SCOTT TENNANT TO THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL TO THREE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING ON AUGUST 11, 2028(20250710\C01)(B-196)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,494,006.70(20250710\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.

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,619.35(20250710\BC01A)(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.

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$902,681.66 (20250710\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.

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250710\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.

9.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250710\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.

10. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 (20250710\BC05)(C-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that this is the approval of our tax budget which is our levy funding throughout and it has not changed from year to year. 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 – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, provided an update on the Public Safety Center stating that all the forms have been removed from the main four-story elevator shaft and the two twin towers. There is a two-story elevator shaft that's been completed. The masons are working on a second similar stairwell closer to Juvenile Court. The steel workers are on site now taking a look at everything and the steel should be swinging in the air in a week or two. He stated that the Juvenile Court resurfacing project is now complete and thanked Judge DeLeone and his staff for their patience during the project. Mr. Boyd also provided a brief update on the Vision 2050 Comprehensive Plan explaining that there's been a number of stakeholder meetings throughout the county as well as individual interviews with local leaders. Our consultant, Envision, continues to get public input and stated that they will have a booth next weekend at the Willoughby Arts Fest in Downtown Willoughby and also at a Concert in the Park in Madison Village in hopes that some people will stop by and voice their opinions. He encouraged residents to visit the County website: lakecountyohio.gov and partake in the comprehensive plan online survey. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he is very grateful to Congressman Joyce, Senator Moreno and Senator Husted for supporting the Sheriff's proposal by getting funding support for the jail federally. He also spoke of the Vision 2050 Comprehensive Plan stating that he was at the first Steering Committee meeting and was able to meet one on one for an interview with the County's consultant. He noted that there are a lot of cities and townships in Lake County going through their own comprehensive plan renewal. Sheriff Leonbruno was present and wanted to thank the Commissioner's Office for supporting the jail project and getting it moving forward and to Mr. Underwood and Mr. DiMare for their work on the finances. He stressed how phenomenal Mr. Boyd has been throughout this whole process. Sheriff Leonbruno also thanked contractor, Gilbane as they have been extraordinary in terms of keeping everyone informed, meeting project deadlines, and ensuring really quality work. He spoke of Mr. Ellis Katz, who is one of our owner's representatives and how he was a great choice and is doing an astonishing staying on top of everything, looking at all the finances and making sure everything's being addressed. Commissioner Plecnik agreed with Sheriff Leonbruno and wanted to also thank Jeff Applebaum who partners with Mr. Katz, is a Kirtland resident, and shares Lake County's passion for this project. He also stated what an extraordinary job Jason Boyd has done on this historical project. Mr. Boyd has been working on the single biggest capital project in Lake County history by working on the financing, the architecture, the approvals virtually every step of the process he has been a part of.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th 2025 at 10:00 am with a workshop following at 10:30 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, congratulated County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd for achieving 25 years with Lake County.

Commissioner Plecnik wanted to have an updated discussion regarding the lights on Route 2 because it continues to be one of the most pressing concerns and the highest generator of complaints that the Commissioners hear. ODOT continues to assert that the responsibility for the lighting is that of the County Engineer and they have issued another press release in response to NewsChannel 5 and the County must address this concern. It is very important that we are supportive of the Engineer but we, along with our mayors, city managers, and clients in the Route 2 contract, need to see some action. He would like to see a meeting with the stakeholders in the near future to discuss where to go from here. Mr. Boyd stated that he had a good meeting with Engineer Exley yesterday and that they talked about a myriad of topics and community collaborations. The Route 2 lights, the efforts made, getting around this collectively and having a team approach was the focus of the discussion. They also discussed a meeting focused on improving or developing relationships with the Mayors.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth day of July, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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