

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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(Tape 2025-0724)

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

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

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. Commissioner Regovich invited the Lake Catholic Boys Baseball Head Coach, Mr. Brian LeRoy and Freshman Coach Mr. Neil Stein to speak on their recent State Baseball Championship victory. Mr. LeRoy stated that their record for the year was 26 and 4. This State Championship is the first in Lake Catholic history and the second in Lake County. Wickliffe took home the State Championship when they beat Mentor 51 years ago. He stated that they had a great group of seniors and an incredible coaching staff. The Board extended their congratulations and presented them with a Special Certificate in recognition of this accomplishment.

RESOLUTIONS:
1.RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LILLY PEALER AS AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20250724\F01)(C-126)
On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik stated that These resolutions were presented to these outstanding youth at the opening of the Fair. The Board expressed how well deserving these youth are due to their leadership skills and responsibilities. Commissioner Regovich and Commissioner Beverage also congratulated these youth and added how they go above and beyond many kids their age. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING OLIVIA STEELMAN AS AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20250724\F02)(C-126)
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 CONGRATULATING REESE WRACHFORD AS AN OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF LAKE COUNTY(20250724\F03)(C-126)
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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MANNIK & SMITH GROUP, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20250724\U01)(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.

5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIROSUITE, INC. FOR THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20250724\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.

6.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250724\U03)(UT-7)
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 APPOINTING DAN ROWLES TO THE GREAT LAKES OHIO REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL AS A COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALIST TO A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JULY 24, 2027(20250724\JFS01)(B-193)
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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION THROUGH SOURCEWELL ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR REPAIRS TO THE JUVENILE COURT ELEVATOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.00(20250724\C01)(C-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.

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE LAKE COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE SURPLUS OVERAGE ACCOUNT TO THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL FUND(20250724\C02)(C-40)
On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Lake County Treasurer, Mr. Michael Zuren was present and stated how grateful he is to his staff and especially Ms. Sally Nolen who spearheaded this project. He explained that they had to search through their ledgers in search of duplicate checks from 1983 to 2011

and that from 2011 to present they are online. Commissioner Plecnik offered his thanks to Mr. Zuren and his staff for working so hard on this project. Commissioner Beverage added that he is happy with the policy change that if an overpayment is received it can be automatically sent back to the resident rather than them having to complete another form to receive their refund. Commissioner Regovich stated that getting 17,000 people their money back is incredible. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

10.RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18, 2025(20250724\C03)(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.

11.RESOLUTION DECLARING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25, 2025(20250724\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 and Regovich "NAYS": None.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,909,341.76(20250724\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.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$369.50 (20250724\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.

14.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$469,562.84(20250724\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.

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250724\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.

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20250724\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar thanked her staff that will be working the Fair. She stated that today is Kids Day at the Fair and that Friday, July 25th is Senior Day. She announced that Saturday, August 2nd the Back to School Bash will be held at Harvey High School and that all Lake County children and their families are welcome. There will be hair services, vision tests, sports physicals, clothes and backpacks available.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, provided an update on the Public Safety Center by sharing the live feed of the site. He explained that today they have begun to put the steel in place and reviewed the footage by explaining the basement, elevators, second stairwell and the 'front porch/steps' to the main entrance of the building. He also reviewed the one-way drive and secure parking area that will be fenced in for employees. Some time this fall there should be a steel topping off ceremony. Sheriff Leonbruno stated that the goal is to have the roof completed by December.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th 2025 at 10:00 am with a workshop following at 10:30 am. The new Commissioners meeting schedule and workshops will be posted online later today.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that today is Kids Day at the Fair and that Friday, July 25th is Senior Day. America250 Day will be Saturday and they will be giving away General Paine Bobbleheads in the History Building. Sunday will be Latino Day and the demolition derby will be taking place. Commissioner Beverage stated that the 4-H Auction will also be taking place on Saturday. He provided the schedule and encouraged everyone to attend.

Sheriff Leonbruno announced that the Sheriff's Office will be working on taking over the Police Academy. He provided some details and thanked Chief Izzo and Deputy Tesal for initiating the program.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twelfth day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, PRESIDENT

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