

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 2025-0729)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 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 Meetings of July 10 and July 17, 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. Mr. Tim Brown, Madison Township Administrator, wanted to reassure the Board that on behalf of his board, they are very supportive of the sewer project on US20 and ready to move forward.

Mr. Don Welsh of 1338 Terrapiper Lane in Blacklick, Ohio, stated that he is one of the owners of Five Guys Development and that he fully supports the project. He explained that they have 54 acres on Route 20 and are hoping that sewers will be installed which would bring more interest to Route 20 in Madison for future development

RESOLUTIONS:
1.RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NORTH RIDGE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT (MADISON TOWNSHIP) AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS(20250729\U01)(UT-44)
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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597(20250729\U02)(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.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER AND SOLID WASTE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL 2025 EXPENSES(20250729\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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$927,700.00 TO D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR THE LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND SERVICE TRANSFER PROJECT 466-W-2023 (20250729\U04)(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.

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL 2025 EXPENSES(20250729\U05)(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.

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 8, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,944.33(20250729\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.

7.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III TO DESIGNATE DAN MCGARRY TO SERVE AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (20250729\C01)(B-34)
On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Mr. McGarry thanked Commissioner Beverage for this opportunity and stated that he looks forward to continuing the vision the Commissioners have for Lake County. The Board thanked him for accepting this appointment. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$965,481.96(20250729\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.
9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS'

APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,342.56 (20250729\BC01A)(C-4)

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.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,100.10 (20250729\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.

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250729\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.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250729\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, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

13. RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REPAIR OF THE MADISON AVENUE RETAINING WALL IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR EXECUTION WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE (20250729\E01)(E-2)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Lake County Engineer, Alan Exley, stated that effective immediately there is an emergency closure of Madison Avenue. He explained that the Madison Avenue retaining wall has had another complete failure; a section of about 60 feet near the Woodworth Avenue intersection with Madison Avenue. Mr. Exley stated that this resolution establishes this failure as an emergency and allows his office to move quickly to determine along with the assistance of consultants, what needs to be done to protect the safety of the public in this area as well as determine a plan moving forward. Mr. Exley stressed that the wall has moved significantly and there is a very large void behind the wall, he asked that the residents in the area follow the detours. The emergency closure is necessary to protect public welfare and safety and drivers should not try to drive around and/or move the barricades to gain access. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Rothlisberger thanked the Board for adopting resolution #1 on the agenda and stated that this project was originally conceived back in 2005/2006 and that during the design phase they received a lot of positive feedback for the project but when the recession hit in 2008 it looked like it probably wouldn't be moving forward. With funding now in place, it gives them a unique opportunity to get the sanitary sewer in on Northridge Road and that a public hearing has been set for September 11th with notices going out to the property owners tomorrow notifying them of the public hearing.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd notified the Board that they will see a recommendation for a resolution in a week or two for a consultant for the Senior Services Strategic Plan. He stated that there were 12 applicants which were shortlisted to the top four with subsequent interviews and reference checks.

He updated the Board on the Vision 2050, stating that public outreach is well underway. The Committee attended the fair this week, and will be going to Madison's outdoor concert in the park getting public input. going well. They've had a number of one-on-one discussions with local elected officials and meetings scheduled with the Farm Bureau and ODNR to get as much input as possible on the future of Lake County. He provided an update on the sheriff's office stating that they are on level two, are mobilizing steel on the corner and there are 5-6 trailers coming and going at any time.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 at 10:00 am and Thursday, August 14th at 10:00 am

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik stated that to the County Administrator's point about the upcoming strategic plan for the senior levy and senior services, he would like to make sure that the senior advisory panel is involved at every stage and that at least one member of the Senior Advisory Panel attends most, if not all functions

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Beverage thanked Commissioners Regovich and Plecnik for coming to the 4-H livestock auction on Saturday evening. He congratulated Commissioner Plecnik on winning this year's grand champion chickens and Commissioner Regovich on winning the reserve champion chickens. He expressed how happy he was that we were all able to be there and support the kids. He shared that he had an individual reach out to him yesterday stating that they've been involved with the fair for 48 years and can't remember a time when they've had the support and the attendance of all three commissioners. He spoke of the 8-year-old girl from Perry who won the grand champion steer this year and how it was her first time in 4-H, he congratulated Quinn and all of the amazing youth. Commissioner Regovich thanked Commissioner Beverage for walking him through the process.

Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Josie Goldy who raised this year’s champion chickens. The Board shared what they successfully bid on in the auction and stated what an amazing accomplishment the 4-H auction is for these kids because all of them have worked all year long putting their heart and soul their animals. Commissioner Plecnik stated for the record, there is no one who is more generous with 4-H than Commissioner Beverage. Our County owes him a great debt of gratitude for his support of the next generation of farmers and leaders. There's a reason why, you know, everyone from the auctioneer to the kids love you so much. It is when you add up, it's like, wow, that's pretty, you know, \$75, \$100 a pound. You don't blink. You give selflessly. And I want to thank you. I know that all the kids want to thank you for your support. I appreciate that. Thank you.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich “NAYS”: None.

Minutes approved this fourteenth day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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