AUGUST 14, 2025

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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

(Tape 2025-0814)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 14, 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 Meeting of July 29, 2025 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

<u>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</u>: Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE 2025 LAKE COUNTY FAIR(20250814\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Plecnik stated that there is not enough time to say how amazing the Lake County Fair was this year. In spite of record temperatures, there was a near record turnout and the 4-H auction reached an absolute all-time high. He shared how it is always an amazing experience and encouraged people to come out to the 4-H auction and experience it for themselves. He wanted to thank each and every one of the 4-H kids, the people who put together the 4-H auction, the parents, the kids, the volunteers, and the Fair Board directors for all of the hard work that goes into the fair. He stated that Fair Board Director, Jerry Merhar, has single-handedly made Lake County a better place to live through his enormous contribution to the fair and for his years of service. Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone from the Fair Board was present and would like to speak. Mr. Wade Crofoot was present and stated that Lake County is blessed to have the support of the three commissioners and that on behalf of the Fair Board, he thanked the Board of Commissioners, the County and also the Engineers Office for their help with maintaining the fairgrounds over the years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE 2025 LAKE COUNTY, OHIO 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION(20250814\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that this was his first time at the 4-H auction where he bid and won the reserve champion chickens. He also thanked everyone for their hard work. Ms. Lisa Manning from the Ohio State University Extension and the 4-H Program was present to speak. She stated that 4-H has almost 100 amazing advisors who support the program and explained how the youth are taking care of their animals or working on their projects day in and day out all throughout the year. Mrs. Manning also discussed the leadership programs and how they are involved in community service all year round. She explained that this is a very comprehensive program that teaches youth transferable skills that will last a lifetime. She offered the Commissioners appreciation for their support. Commissioner Beverage reiterated that 4-H is much more than just the work that goes into the livestock but that there are kids that take care of and show their horses year round and he reminded the Board of the young man who came to a meeting before the fair to speak about his shooting competition. Commissioner Beverage introduced a young lady named Quinn who is only eight years old and participated in 4-H for the first time this year. He shared that she only weighs 85 lbs. and raised the Grand Champion steer who weighed in at 1,428 pounds. He also shared how there was nothing more fun than seeing eight-year-old Quinn parading around with a Grand Champion steer while having to hold her hands above her head in order to show him. Commissioner Beverage had the honor and privilege of being the winning bid. The Board offered their congratulations on all the hard work that goes into these projects which could take not just six months or nine months but some of these projects take a year or longer. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,959,000.00 FOR EVERGREEN ROAD PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NO 480-S-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: SEPTEMBER 17, 2025)(20250814\U01)(UT-8)

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4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595, LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE E. 288TH STREET TO SEABORN, PROJECT 448-W-2021 (20250814\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

5.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND TO PROJECT FUND 596, FOR PROJECT 461-S-2022, MENTOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY DIGESTER CLEANING AND REHABILITATION, PHASE 2(20250814\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.

6.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595, E. 315th STREET LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS PROJECT 486-W-2024 AND WATER FUND(20250814\U04)(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.

7.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE- YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,777.85 FOR WATERLINES FOR OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE SUBDIVISION JOB NO. 25-07 IN THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE (20250814\U05)(UT-9)

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.

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND TO PROJECT FUND 596, FOR PROJECT 499-S-2025, GARY L. KRON WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PLC AND RTU REPLACEMENT(20250814\U06)(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.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR THE LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 448-W-2021 INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$78,473.00(20250814\U07)(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.

10. RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BID RECEIVED ON JULY 16, 2025 FOR THE AQUARIUS RAW PUMP STATION TRAVELING SCREENS-PROJECT 470-W-2023(20250814\U08)(UT-8)

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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT AUGUST 22, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$653,015.53(20250814\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.

12.RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER BERNARD TO THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 15, 2025 AND EXPIRING AUGUST 14, 2028(20250814\C01)(B-34)

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 REAPPOINTING HIRAM REPPERT TO THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AS THE LIMITED HOME RULED TOWNSHIP MEMBER FOR A TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 15, 2025 AND EXPIRING AUGUST 14, 2028(20250814\C02)(B-34)

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.

14.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GEOFFREY M. VARGA TO THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AS THE MEMBER FROM THE LARGEST MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FOR A TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 15, 2025 AND EXPIRING AUGUST 14, 2028(20250814\C03)(B-34)

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.

15.RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS FOR WHICH THE COUNTY OFFICES CLOSE DURING THE YEAR 2026(20250814\C04)(C-107)

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.

16.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS BY FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY EXPENSES AND DESIGNATING THE LAKE COUNTY TREASURER AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICE SERVICES(20250814\C05)(c-40C)

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.

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17.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,465,986.78(20250814\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.

18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,020.38(20250814\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":

19.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$251,833.48(20250814\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.

20.RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20250814\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.

21.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250814\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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

<u>UTILITIES</u> – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Suzanne Casar, discussed this year's successful Back to School Bash and how planning for this wonderful event begins as far back as January. She thanked the many sponsors and volunteers for their hard work bringing this great event to Lake County families. Ms. Casar stated that over 600 families participated in the event which translates into about 2,200 guests. There were also 320 volunteers present at Harvey High School to assist. She also thanked United Way of Lake County for their assistance in making sure that there were enough clothes for the children as well as new socks and underwear. The Salvation Army collected funds and school supplies so that the children could have backpacks. Ms. Casar also recognized that August is Child Support Awareness Month and provided the Board with some statistics. She pointed out that her small team collects over \$30 million each year in child support payments.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

<u>CLERK</u> – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, August 21 st , 2025 at 10:00 am.	stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday
<u>LEGAL</u> – none.	
OLD BUSINESS: none.	
NEW BUSINESS: none.	
•	seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the NYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS":
Minutes approved this ninth day of September, 20	025.
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