AUGUST 28, 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 2025-0828)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 28, 2025

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

<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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 595, VINE STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT FROM RT. 91 TO RT. 2, PROJECT 467-W-2023(20250828\U01)(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.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 8 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,732.00 WITH NERONE & SONS, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,903.00 FOR TWILIGHT LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 439-S-2020 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20250828\U02)(UT-12)

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 APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,974.26(20250828\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.

4.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS TO PAY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE KIRTLAND OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER PROJECT 445-S(20250828\C01)(UT-15)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, was present to speak on this and the following two resolutions. He wanted to share some very positive news about Lake County's financial standing. The County has once again maintained its Aa1 Bond Rating, which is one of the highest ratings a county can receive. This rating reflects the continued strength of Lake County's financial management, stable local economy, and responsible approach to budgeting and long-term planning. He was proud to announce that Lake County is paying down \$25 million on the outstanding Public Safety Center notes, which is a major step in reducing the overall debt and saving taxpayers money in the long run while also keeping the County Budget sustainable for the long term. These accomplishments are the result of careful planning, strong leadership from the Commissioners and County Administrator Jason Boyd, and also a commitment to fiscal responsibility. Mr. DiMare thanked the Elected Officials, the Department Heads, and the Commissioners Finance team for maintaining a fiscally conservative budget and continuing to look for new ways to provide services in a cost effective manner. Commissioner Plecnik wanted to express his thanks to Commissioner Regovich and Commissioner Beverage for their leadership. He stated that many people said it was impossible to build the jail without raising taxes but the three of us together, along with County Administrator, Jason Boyd and our leadership team, have not only accomplished that but are paying down the debt faster than anticipated. He explained that by partnering with all the Department Heads and Elected Officials, the County is able to do more with less. Commissioner Regovich wanted to emphasize how every Department and every Elected Official came together to understand that the County budget is tight and narrow. They have all made concessions and all worked with our Budgeting Department to make sure that happens. Commissioner Beverage also echoed the comments and sentiments of Commissioners Regovich and Plecnik. He stated that coming from a financial background he can appreciate budgets and numbers and how to manage a budget. He explained that managing a budget is much different than cutting a budget or balancing a budget. Managing a budget is prioritizing what needs to be done and what should be done for the people while also doing it in a fiscally responsible way. Commissioner Beverage explained that when he sat down and started talking with the team, it was clear that there was already an amazing plan in place. He stated that when the Board works together and everyone is in alignment and swimming in the same direction is when great things happen. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None

5.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING BUILDING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TOGETHER COMPRISING THE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT(20250828\C02)(207-N)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted

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with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, PAVING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO(20250828\C03)(E-13)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$880,623.43(20250828\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.

## 8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,732.72(20250828\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.

### 9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$787,593.99 (20250828\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.

#### 10.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250828\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.

#### 11. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250828\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 - none.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** – none.

CLERK - Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there will not be a meeting next week and the next

Regular Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, She reminded everyone that there will be a Workshop follow	
LEGAL – none.	
OLD BUSINESS: none.	
NEW BUSINESS: none.	
ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded meeting at 10:15 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Com None.	· ·
Minutes approved this twelfth day of September, 2025.	
BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
RICHARD J. REGOVICH, PRESIDENT	JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER
MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER	JENNIFER BELL, CLERK