

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER
RICHARD REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

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(Tape 2025-0909)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 9, 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 August 14, 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 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, AS WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20250909\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. ADAMHS Board Director of Marketing & Communications, Mr. David Schick, was present and stated that suicide is preventable, and together we can save lives. By raising awareness, reducing stigma, and providing access to resources, Lake County is making sure that hope is stronger than despair. He reminded everyone that behind every statistic is a family, a friend, a neighbor. Suicide touches every corner of our community, and it is our duty to ensure that no one has to struggle in silence. Lake County is committed to being a place of connection, care, and compassion. He introduced Ms. Sandra Tenkku, a member of the Coalition and Community Outreach Specialist with Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. Ms. Tenkku thanked the Board for recognizing September 10th as Suicide Prevention Day and honoring those lost. The Board commended them for bringing to light this very important topic. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR LIMESTONE/SAND FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING: OCTOBER 1, 2025)(20250909\U01)(UT-8)

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 ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FITTINGS, REPAIR PARTS, SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (BID OPENING OCTOBER 1, 2025)(20250909\U02)(UT-8)

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 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,083,000.00 FOR RIVER STREET FORCEMAIN IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NO 483-S-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: OCTOBER 8, 2025)(20250909\U03)(UT-8)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, PROJECT 495-W-2025, BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT WINDOW REPLACEMENT(20250909\U04)(UT-2)

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 FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 9 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 WITH CHIVERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$387,617.97 FOR ARCOLA CREEK TRUNK SEWER PROJECT 454-S-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20250909\U05)(UT-12)

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.

7.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250909\U06)(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.

8.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20250909\C01)(C-9)

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 TO ANNEX 50.291 ACRES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF PERRY(20250909\C02)(C-94)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Ms. Karen Sundy, Perry Township Administrator, explained that there are various types of annexations, and this particular one is Type One which basically allows entities to keep the properties in their jurisdictions as far as property taxes go. She stated that the primary purpose of this action being taken by the JEDD is to synchronize the zoning for the Data Center Project and more importantly it allows Perry Township and the JEDD to collect the higher income tax rates that Perry Village collects. She further explained that with this annexation agreement they also have a revenue sharing agreement. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

10.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAKE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION AND APPOINTING JASON W. BOYD AND PATRICK T. MOHORCIC AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LAKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT(LCTID) FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING MARCH 13, 2027(20250909\C03)(B-198)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,040,238.92(20250909\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.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$780,093.95(20250909\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.

13.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250909\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.

14.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20250909\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— Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that there is a Public Hearing for the North Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Improvement at their facility on Blasé Nemeth Road scheduled for this Thursday, September 11th .

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd presented some drone footage of the Public Safety Center and pointed out stage two of four on the steel sequencing and described how they will then proceed towards Jackson Street which will be stage three followed by looping back towards the Buildings and Grounds building to complete the steel sequence. The team will be planning a Steel Topping Ceremony in late October-early November. Mr. Boyd pointed out that one of the properties purchased by the County gave the owners until October 31 to vacate at which time they will raze that building to complete the entire site selection acquisition process. He stated that everything continues to progress as planned and, to make up time from the unidentified gas well in May they have been working on Saturdays. Last Saturday there were 23 ironworkers on site which was really good. At his weekly meeting, the executive in charge of the Project indicated that he would like them to continue working Saturdays until the snow flies.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 10:00 am with a workshop following at 10:30 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Employment with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:44 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighteenth day of September, 2025.

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