

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 2025-0918)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 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 Meetings of September 9 and September 11, 2025, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage 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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS ACCOUNT(20250918\U01)(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.

2.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250918\U02)(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.

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL WORKFORCE PLAN ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS(20250918\JFS01)(B-77)
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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,178.35 TO TK EXCAVATING FOR THE SARAH LEE STORM SEWER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO (20250918\C01)(UT-46A)
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 A CONTRACT WITH BLUE TECHNOLOGIES PROCURED PURSUANT TO SECTION 9.48(D) OF THE REVISED CODE(20250918\C02)(C-16-A)
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 PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,769,125.06(20250918\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.

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,024,461.05(20250918\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.

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250918\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.

9.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20250918\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 – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 10:00 am with a workshop following at 10:30 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik wanted to take this time to reiterate the importance of pursuing meaningful property tax relief as soon as possible for our residents and citizens. He stated that he has personally expressed his beliefs that property taxes should be abolished altogether, or he would like to see the state legislature pass a 100% property tax exemption for our seniors and freeze property tax values for all residents to prevent inflationary gains that have racked up enormous tax hikes over the last few years. He shared that our County Auditor serves on the Governor's working group and invited him to speak on this issue. County Auditor Galloway stated that there will be a meeting today and the group anticipates getting their work completed by the end of September or the first week of October. He explained that they have been going over many recommendations presented to them and with a few minor modifications, the committee should be ready to recommend overriding the items that the Governor overrode in his vetoes. He stated that in speaking with some members of leadership, they believe they'll have the votes to override those vetoes in October. He also stated that he, along with fellow auditor Matt Nolan from Warren County, have the fullest intent to submit or present a minority report.

Mr. Galloway also wanted to share that Lake County’s GIS team received three awards at the 2025 Ohio Statewide GIS Conference in Columbus. GIS Director Caroline Petersen, Senior GIS Specialist Dave Phares, and GIS Technician Ryan Barshick were recognized for their creative and informative maps earning awards in three of six total categories. Senior GIS Application Specialist won the People’s Choice Award which is determined by conference attendees. This interactive project takes viewers on a journey through the history of Northeast Ohio from 1795 to today, seamlessly combining maps, multimedia, and storytelling. First place in the Fantasy Map Gallery Shadowrun: Eureka 2083 was won by Ryan Barshick and is an imaginative map inspired by the tabletop role-playing game Shadowrun. He developed this as a personal project which showcases his creativity and demonstrates how GIS skills can extend far beyond traditional applications. First place in Small Format: Lake County Land Use was won by GIS Director, Caroline Petersen and it highlights land use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss Legal-Imminent Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich “NAYS”: None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich “NAYS”: None.

Minutes approved this second day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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