

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2026-0108)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 30, 2025 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Beverage asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 13 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 WITH J.S. BOVA EXCAVATING, LLC AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$573,985.38 FOR THE BENNETT ROAD TRUNK SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 454-S-2021 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260108\U01)(UT-12)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260108\U02)(UT-7)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20260108\C01)(C-46)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS(20260108\C02)(C-34B)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE FY-2025 HOME-ARP INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS(20260108\C03)(C-34B)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAY APPLICATION #8 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$382,724.85 WITH TRANE PARTNERS U.S. INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS HVAC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BUILDINGS(20260108\C04)(C-7)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,152,331.87(20260108\BC02)(C-17)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**8.RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260108\BC02)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**9.RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260108\BC03)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260108\BC04)(C-111)**

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger provided an update on the ongoing odor issue. He explained that the pilot program has concluded and they are waiting for the final report from their consultant. Early findings show that the program has been very effective and they are now moving to establish a permanent feed system at that pump station. He stressed that they would wait for the final report and recommendation before moving forward with a permanent plan but anticipate that this will be the solution for the area. Commissioner Plecnik asked that Mr. Rothlisberger provide this report to the city as well as the residents. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that he has spoken to City Manager Filipiak and Councilman Kreiger and that he will follow up with the residents. He welcomed Commissioner McIntosh.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Suzanne Casar, welcomed Commissioner McIntosh and stated that she looks forward to working with him. She announced that Ohio Means Jobs Lake County is going to host a workshop next Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Ohio Means Job Center. This event is free, open to the public and walk-ins are welcome. This workshop will focus on the new year and creating a new resume, updating current resumes or how to update the formatting on resumes and the team will also assist with reviewing job postings that are open in the count. Anyone interested in attending that may have questions can call 440-350-4323 to speak with her team.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd offered congratulations to Commissioner Beverage as President of the Board for 2026 and welcomed Commissioner McIntosh.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2026 at 10:00 am. with a workshop at 10:30. She welcomed Commissioner McIntosh to the Board. Ms. Bell stated that the County is currently in search of an apiary and anyone interested can give her a call at 440-350-2751. Commissioner Beverage wanted to remind the community that there is public comment for agenda items at every Commissioners meeting and twice a month there are Commissioners’ workshop sessions which is where anybody from the community can come in and have a conversation with the Commissioners on any topic. He stated that this Board welcomes input and dialogue with the community. Commissioner Beverage stated that he feels they were very helpful last year and that there were multiple times where different issues were raised and the Board was unaware of and it was a great opportunity for them to look into them and help the residents.

LEGAL – Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, welcomed Commissioner McIntosh to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner McIntosh wanted to take a moment to recognize and remember Commissioner Regovich and wanted to assure everyone that he does not carry the weight of this appointment lightly. He feels Commissioner Regovich and himself viewed this job very similarly and both care very equally and deeply for the community and for Lake County. Commissioner McIntosh stated that he realizes the awesome responsibility of a Commissioner. He would like to tour the various departments around the county in order to get to meet people and have a stronger understanding of what each department does.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-second day of January, 2026.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT

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