

## LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER  
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER  
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK  
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(Tape 2025-1230)

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR  
LEGAL COUNSEL  
NEWS MEDIA

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Meeting of December 11, December 16 and December 18, 2025, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**1.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,830,861.00 FOR REGENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT - PROJECT NO 478-W-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: FEBRUARY 4, 2026)(20251230\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 and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**2.RESOLUTION 4.RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2R WITH J. SEVERINO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RED CREEK SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 280-S INCREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT BY \$114,671.76 (20251230\U02)(UT-4)**

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

**3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,191.85 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR MENTOR HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION-PHASE I IN THE CITY OF MENTOR (JOB NO. 25-37)(20251230\U03)(UT-9)**

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

**4.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,192,682.00 TO STANDARD CONTRACTING AND ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY CONTRACT 1-TRUCK SCALES REPLACEMENT PROJECT 491-L-2025 (20251230\U04)(UT-4)**

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

**5.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,400.00 TO UNITED SURVEY, INC. FOR THE WATER & MARINE STREET SANITARY LINING PROJECT 493-S-2025(20251230\U05)(UT-4)**

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

**6.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,101,684.14 TO SCS ENGINEERS FOR THE LANDFILL GAS WELL FIELD SYSTEM EXPANSION PROJECT 498-L-2025(20251230\U06)(UT-4)**

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

**7.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20251230\U07)(UT-7)**

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

**8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 (20251230\JFS01)(JFS-02)**

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

**9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026(20251230\JFS02)(JFS 02)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO ENTER INTO A IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026(20251230\JFS03)(JFS-02)**  
On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE WITH FAIR AMERICAN INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE CO. FOR THE LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026(20251230\CO1)(INS)**

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

**12. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHIEF MATT NAEGELE OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028(20251230\CO2)(B-17)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHIEF JIM SCHULTZ OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028(20251230\CO3)(B-17)**

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

**14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY TO PERFORM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,978,938.13(20251230\CO4)(207-N)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID PROPOSAL TO APG OFFICE FURNISHINGS AS DESIGN PROFESSIONALS FOR FURNITURE DESIGN, PROCUREMENT, AND INSTALLATION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,039,213.15(20251230\CO5)(207-N)**

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

**16. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,377,328.02(20251230\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 and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,039.73(20251230\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 and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**18. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FUND ACCOUNTS(20251230\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 and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**19. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20251230\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 and Beverage "NAYS": None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**UTILITIES** - Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, provided an update on the odor issue in the Woodhill subdivision, explaining that they have been collecting data for several weeks and that consultant assesses the findings and makes necessary adjustments to the dosage. He reminded the Board and the residents that the goal is not to eliminate the order but to mitigate the extreme odors. Mr. Rothlisberger will continue to keep the Board updated on the progress of the Pilot program.

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES** – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, provided an update on the SNAP Benefits Program by explaining that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has begun to send notices out to those recipients that will now be required to find part-time work or volunteer opportunities of 20 hours a month in order to meet the new requirements under the One Big Beautiful Bill. Those who do not comply will risk losing their benefits.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR — Mr. Boyd reported that the Public Safety Center Project continues to come in under budget and ahead of schedule. He added the furniture resolution adopted today also came in under budget.

CLERK — Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. followed by the first Regular Meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Bell also stated the County is accepting applications for an apiary. The information can be found on the County website.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik wanted to take a moment to state that we will always remember Commissioner Regovich and all he has done for Lake County.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this eighth day of January, 2026.

**BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER

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