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2026-08

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

**MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT
MORGAN R. MCINTOSH, COMMISSIONER
JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER**

**JASON BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK
LEGAL COUNSEL**

- ROLL CALL
- MINUTES: REGULAR MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 12 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2026
- PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTIONS:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

1. **RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2026, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY WEEK (20260226\F01)(C-126)**

UTILITIES – Randy Rothlisberger

2. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL GAS UTILIZATION PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260226\U01)(UT-8)**
3. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL SOLAR INSTALLATION PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260226\U02)(UT-8)**
4. **RESOLUTION TO DELETE WATER AND SEWER SUMS CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20260226\U03)(UT-7)**
5. **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260226\U04)(UT-7)**

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Suzanne Casar

6. **RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20260226\JFS01)(B-193)**
7. **RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING AND APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD(20260226\JFS02)(B-24)**

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- 8. RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MORGAN R. McINTOSH TO SERVE ON THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING HIS ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THEIR BEHALF TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 22, 2027 (20260226\C01)(C-146)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,924,393.83(20260226\BC01)(C-4)
- 10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120,451.28(20260226\BC02)(C-17)
- 11. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20260226\BC03)(C-111)
- 12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN A GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (20260226\BC04)(C-111)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- UTILITIES
- JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
- CLERK
- LEGAL

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel – Discipline

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 TIME

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_____ MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: _____ SECOND _____
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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION



FEBRUARY 26, 2026

DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY WEEK

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated in 1926, when Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of the inaugural National Black History Week, a significant milestone in the ongoing celebration of Black heritage; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that their history is American history, and their stories are essential to the ongoing story of our struggles, our progress, and our aspirations. It is essential that we take time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Black Americans, and honor the legacies and achievements of generations past; and

WHEREAS, several performers and groups celebrated the musical and spiritual history of Black America during a Black History Musical on Saturday, Feb. 14, by the Lake County NAACP at the Fine Arts Association in Willoughby. Dr. David Moody, an associate professor of communication at Lake Erie College, acted as emcee for the evening. Symone Bibb, a Harvey High School senior, sang "I'm Here" from the musical production of "The Color Purple," in a showstopper performance that had the audience on their feet and leading to several rounds of applause. The Rev. Chris Lee, Lake County NAACP president, performed a spoken-word poem he'd written, titled "Lost, Broken, Torn, Hurt," followed by the Phelps Family Choral, who sang several old-time spirituals, beginning with "I Open My Mouth unto the Lord." Paul Robeson led The Paul Robeson Singers onto the stage for the main event; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Historical Society presented a Walk-Through History entitled "The NAACP in Our America 2050", and the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce recognized Zahra Finley of Zesty Compass Collection, Niesha Perry of Triumphant Counseling Services, Barry Young of Crave Cookies, and Dominicque Smith and Angeliqe Griffin of Precision SGT Services for their community contributions as minority business owners; and

WHEREAS, this Board encourages the celebration of Black History Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in Lake County to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County hereby declares the month of February 2026, as Black History Month in Lake County, and recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the First National Black History Week.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER

JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL GAS UTILIZATION PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Utilities seeks to initiate the Lake County Solid Waste Gas Utilization project to explore and implement technologies for the beneficial use of landfill gas; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Utilities requires services from firms with expertise in solid waste management, gas collection systems and energy recovery technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Utilities recommends initiating a qualifications-based selection process to identify experienced firms to provide services related to the planning, design, permitting and construction of the gas utilization project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby authorize the solicitation of Request for Qualifications for services related to the Lake County Solid Waste Landfill Gas Utilization project from engineering firms for the Lake County Department of Utilities. The RFQ shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Request for Qualifications must be submitted no later than April 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Finance Department; Terri Lange, Commissioners' Office; and to the Lake County Sanitary Engineer.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLISH: NEWS HERALD-February 27, 2026
posted on the Lake County Website
posted on Lake County bulletin board

Lake County Utilities Department Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Lake County Solid Waste Facility (LCSWF) Landfill Gas Utilization Project

Introduction:

The Lake County, Ohio Utilities Department is soliciting responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the purpose of identifying a qualified, experienced firm to act as the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) entity for the Lake County Solid Waste Landfill Gas Utilization Project.

The goal of this project is to recover and upgrade landfill gas (LFG) to renewable natural gas (RNG) for energy production, contributing to sustainability goals, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and potentially creating revenue streams for the County.

Scope of Work:

Lake County is seeking a qualified firm to support the design, permitting, installation, and operational optimization of the landfill gas recovery and upgrading system. The selected firm will play a key role in the planning, engineering, and implementation of the project, while considering the specific conditions of the Lake County Landfill. This will include working with both the current landfill operator, Rumpke, and the well field management operator, SCS, to ensure integration in planning and operations.

Project Objectives:

1. **Collaborative Approach:** Both parties will engage in a collaborative effort to recognize the overall project potential, identify risk-reward partnerships, and optimize outcomes based on Lake County's unique conditions. The County expects realistic expectations for the long-term commitment to project returns, recognizing there is inherent uncertainty in the value of RNG over time.
2. **Operational Integration:** Given the separation between landfill operations and well field management, it is essential to integrate these two components into the planning process. Potential changes to current landfill operational practices will need to be incorporated into the plant design, with possible impacts on gas quantity and quality. The selected firm will need to evaluate these operational changes and their effects on system design and operations.
3. **Variable Site Conditions:** The firm selected will be expected to focus on the variable site conditions of Lake County's landfill. The project will involve trade-offs in selecting the appropriate RNG equipment and systems integration. These decisions must be reviewed in collaboration with the County team before finalizing the design, site selection, and gas injection points for the recovery and upgrading plant.
4. **Modular Equipment and Expansibility:** Due to the projected volumes of recovered gas, much of the upgrading equipment can be modular and potentially expandable. The firm will need to ensure that equipment is selected with flexibility in mind. The system

design should allow for remote construction of the modular components, with efficient installation and system integration once on-site.

5. **Project Schedule:** The EPC team will be responsible for establishing a realistic and comprehensive project schedule, ensuring it accounts for planning, permitting, equipment ordering, and installation timelines. The team must be prepared to dedicate appropriate resources to ensure timely completion of these tasks. The EPC entity will also work with the County team to track and review progress, adjusting the schedule as needed to accommodate unforeseen developments.
6. **Long-term Relationship and Risk Mitigation:** The County understands the long-term nature of this project, which may involve a relationship with the developer for twenty years or more. The selected EPC entity will be expected to establish a relationship of trust with the County, ensuring that risk management strategies are in place, and both parties share a commitment to the project's success.
7. **Technology Assessment and Advancements:** The selected EPC entity must stay informed of the latest technological advancements in landfill RNG systems, including CO₂ and nitrogen removal technologies. The firm will be expected to propose the best available technologies, assess their suitability for the Lake County project, and explore potential additional revenue streams from new processes.
8. **Well Field Management:** The well field management component will play a critical role in the project's viability. The selected firm will need to collaborate with the well field management team to identify potential treatment options and integrate them into the overall system design.

Qualifications and Proposal Requirements:

The County invites responses from qualified firms or teams that can provide the following information. Note that each of the four areas of concern is weighted by importance, as a percentage of 100%.

1) Project Team (20%)

- a. Office location(s)
- b. Total number of personnel
- c. Management structure
- d. Qualifications (education and experience) of key executives and project leaders
- e. Technical expertise in the selection, design, and integration of RNG systems.
- f. Experience in landfill gas recovery and RNG upgrading projects.
- g. Safety Record, environmental compliance history and certifications

2) Project Approach Specific to Lake County (30%)

- a. Outline of the implementation and management of the project from construction to operations phase
- b. A strong commitment to innovative solutions, including exploring new technologies and approaches for CO₂ and nitrogen removal.
- c. The ability to collaborate with multiple stakeholders, including the County, Rumpke, SCS, and other entities.
- d. Overview of Energy recovery process
- e. Detailed profile of energy recover technology

- f. Energy recovery efficiency
- g. Operational efficiency: uptime rate vs. downtime rate
- h. Benefits for the environment

3) Provide Individual Profiles for up to Four Past or Current Projects (30%)

- a. Locations, including any that are within one to two-day drive time from Lake County, Ohio
- b. A proven track record of delivering similar projects on time and within budget.
- c. Permit acquisition process
- d. Overall project design
- e. Project footprint
- f. Project site maintenance
- g. Proximity to populated areas
- h. Nuisance prevention and abatement (e.g. traffic, odors, noise, dust)
- i. Challenges and resolutions
- j. References

4) Corporate Financial Profile (20%)

- a. Ownership structure
- b. Length of time in RNG business
- c. Portfolio summary: List of completed/operating RNG projects, especially at landfills
- d. Key financial highlights: Summary metrics for the last 3-5 years:
 - i. Annual revenue and growth
 - ii. Operating income
 - iii. Total assets, liquidity ratios and debt levels
- e. Pending or past legal criminal, civil or environmental suits

Conclusion:

This RFQ represents an exciting opportunity for qualified firms to engage in a collaborative effort with Lake County to maximize the potential of the landfill gas utilization project. The County seeks a partner who can bring innovative solutions, technical expertise, and a commitment to the long-term success of the project. Responses will be reviewed based on the firm's experience, qualifications, and approach to managing the project's complexity and scope.

Submission Instructions:

Please note that this RFQ represents phase one of a two-phase evaluation process. RFQ submittals will be reviewed by the Lake County Department of Utilities (LCDU). This review will determine which firm(s) will be invited to engage in phase two. Phase two will be comprised of a request for proposals process, and involve more detailed discussions around approach parameters, cost considerations, additional questions from LCDU and financing alternatives.

Firms interested in responding to this RFQ should submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that outlines the qualifications of the firm, the proposed approach (including preliminary thoughts on technology and landfill integration), relevant experience (with specific examples of landfill or similar RNG projects), and key personnel.

The submission deadline is **April 3, 2026**. Please submit through email to Timothy Gourley (Tim.Gourley@lakecountyohio.gov).

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL SOLAR INSTALLATION PROJECT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Utilities seeks to explore the feasibility and implementation of a solar energy installation at the Lake County Solid Waste Facility to promote sustainability, reduce energy costs, and support renewable energy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Utilities recommends initiating a qualifications-based selection process to identify experienced and qualified firms to provide professional services related to the planning, design, permitting and potential construction oversight of the solar installation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby authorize the solicitation of Request for Qualifications for professional services related to the Lake County Solid Waste Landfill Solar Installation project from qualified engineering firms for for the Lake County Department of Utilities. The RFQ shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the County's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Request for Qualifications must be submitted no later than April 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Finance Department; Terri Lange, Commissioners' Office; and to the Lake County Sanitary Engineer.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLISH: NEWS HERALD-February 27, 2026
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Lake County Utilities Department Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Lake County Solid Waste Facility (LCSWF) Solar Energy Project

Introduction:

The Lake County, Ohio Utilities Department is soliciting responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the purpose of identifying a qualified, experienced firm to act as the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) entity for the LCSWF Solar Energy Project.

The goal of this project is to harness solar energy on a closed portion of LCSWF's landfill for the purpose of electricity generation, while contributing to sustainability goals, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and potentially creating revenue streams for the County.

Scope of Work:

Lake County is seeking a qualified firm to support the design, permitting, installation, and operational optimization of ballasted (non-penetrating) racking systems with mounted photovoltaic (PV) panels on a capped portion of its landfill. The selected firm will play a key role in the planning, engineering, and implementation of the project, while considering the specific conditions of the LCSWF.

Project Objectives:

1. **Collaborative Approach:** Both parties will engage in a collaborative effort to recognize the overall project potential, identify risk-reward partnerships, and optimize outcomes based on Lake County's unique conditions. The County expects realistic expectations for the long-term commitment to project returns.
2. **Operational Integration:** Given the separation between landfill operations and solar energy recovery, it is essential to integrate these two components into the planning process. Potential changes to current landfill operation and maintenance practices will need to be incorporated into the solar energy project design. The selected firm will need to evaluate these operational changes and their effects on system design and operations.
4. **Site Conditions:** The firm selected will be expected to focus on the variable site conditions at the LCSWF, and how they might affect the solar energy system design, the landfill cap, and ongoing monitoring. These conditions include differential settling, changing weight distribution, heavy snowfall, and the risk of cap puncture. The system design should allow for remote construction of modular components, with efficient installation and system integration once on-site.
5. **Project Schedule:** The EPC team will be responsible for establishing a realistic and comprehensive project schedule, ensuring it accounts for planning, permitting, equipment ordering, and installation timelines. The team must be prepared to dedicate appropriate resources to ensure timely completion of these tasks. The EPC entity will also work with the County team to track and review progress, adjusting the schedule as needed to accommodate unforeseen developments.

6. **Long-term Relationship and Risk Mitigation:** The County understands the long-term nature of this project, which may involve a relationship with the developer for twenty years or more. The selected EPC entity will be expected to establish a relationship of trust with the County, ensuring that risk management strategies are in place, and both parties share a commitment to the project's success.

Qualifications and Proposal Requirements:

The County invites responses from qualified firms or teams that can provide the following information. Note that each of the four areas of concern is weighted by importance, as a percentage of 100%.

1) Project Team (20%)

- a. Office location(s)
- b. Total number of personnel
- c. Management structure
- d. Qualifications (education and experience) of key executives and project leaders
- e. Technical expertise in the selection, design, and integration of solar energy projects
- f. Safety record, environmental compliance history and certifications

2) Project Approach Specific to Lake County (30%)

- a. Outline of the implementation and management of the project from construction to operations phase
- b. Overview of solar energy recovery process
- c. Detailed profile of solar energy recovery technology
- d. Detailed profile of solar array ballast system and PV panel mounts (fixed tilt vs. unfixd tilt)
- e. Seasonal energy recovery efficiency
- f. How the system would be monitored to prevent puncture of the landfill cap.
- g. Operational efficiency: uptime rate vs. downtime rate
- h. Benefits for the environment

3) Provide Individual Profiles for up to Four Current or Past Projects (30%)

- a. Locations, including any that are within a one to two-day drive time from the LCSWF.
- b. Permit acquisition process
- c. Project footprint
- d. Overall project design, including PV arrays, racking systems and electricity offtake
- e. Project site maintenance
- f. Proximity to populated areas
- g. Challenges and resolutions
- h. References

4) Corporate Financial Profile (20%)

- a. Ownership structure
- b. Length of time in solar energy business
- c. Portfolio summary: List of completed/operating solar energy projects, including at landfills
- d. Key financial highlights: Summary metrics for the last 3-5 years:
 - i. Annual revenue and growth
 - ii. Operating income
 - iii. Total assets, liquidity ratios and debt levels
- e. Pending or past legal criminal, civil or environmental suits

Conclusion:

This RFQ represents an exciting opportunity for qualified firms to engage in a collaborative effort with Lake County to maximize the potential of electricity generation via a solar energy project at the LCSWF. The County seeks a partner who can bring innovative solutions, technical expertise, and a commitment to the long-term success of the project. Responses will be reviewed based on the firm's experience, qualifications, and approach to managing the project's complexity and scope.

Submission Instructions:

Please note that this RFQ represents phase one of a two-phase evaluation process. RFQ submittals will be reviewed by the Lake County Department of Utilities (LCDU). This review will determine which firm(s) will be invited to engage in phase two. Phase two will be comprised of a request for proposals process, and involve more detailed discussions around approach parameters, cost considerations, additional questions from LCDU and financing alternatives.

Firms interested in responding to this RFQ should submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that outlines the qualifications of the firm, the proposed approach (including preliminary thoughts on technology and landfill integration), relevant experience (with specific examples of landfill or similar solar projects), and key personnel.

The submission deadline is **April 3, 2026**. Please submit through email to Timothy Gourley (Tim.Gourley@lakecountyohio.gov).

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION TO DELETE WATER AND SEWER SUMS CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted August 21, 2025, delinquent sewer and water sums were certified to the Lake County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Lake County Department of Utilities that the following water and sewer sums be deleted from the certification approved by resolution adopted August 21, 2025:

OWNER NAME	PARCEL NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	WATER COUNTY	METER FEE	WATER FEES	SEWER COUNTY	MV SURCHARGE	SEWER FEES	TOTAL
			PROJECT NO.	10200	10201	10202	10300	10301	10302	
RICHARD C GELPI	ETAL 14A0170000440	E402318000	Amount				\$556.63		\$27.82	
			15% Admin Fee				\$83.49		\$4.17	
			TOTAL				\$640.12		\$31.99	\$672.12
RICHARD HUDSON IUDA ADAMS IV	ETAL 28A043T000120	I533718300	Amount	\$363.10	\$23.91	\$7.80				
			15% Admin Fee	\$54.47	\$3.59	\$1.17				
			TOTAL	\$417.57	\$27.50	\$8.97				\$454.03
OWNER NAME	PARCEL NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	WATER COUNTY	METER FEE	WATER FEES	SEWER COUNTY	MV SURCHARGE	SEWER FEES	TOTAL
			PROJECT NO.	10200	10201	10202	10300	10301	10302	
PAMELA M MENDICINO	ETAL 27A003D000090	P521206900	Amount	\$119.29	\$5.16	\$5.96				
			15% Admin Fee	\$17.89	\$0.77	\$0.89				
			TOTAL	\$137.18	\$5.93	\$6.85				\$149.97

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, that the aforementioned certification approved by resolution adopted August 21, 2025, is hereby deleted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; to Lake County Prosecutor's Office; to the Sheriff's Department; and to the Sanitary Engineer, Lake County Department of Utilities.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the following properties are delinquent in their water and sewer accounts with the Lake County Department of Utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Sanitary Engineer for the Lake County Department of Utilities that the following sums together with a fifteen percent (15%) administrative charge be certified to the Lake County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, that the following delinquent water and sewer sums together with a fifteen percent (15%) administrative charge be certified to the Lake County Auditor:

OWNER NAME	PARCEL NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME:	WATER COUNTY	METER FEE	WATER FEES	SEWER COUNTY	MV SURCHARGE	SEWER FEES	TOTAL	
			PROJECT NO.	10200	10201	10202	10300	10301	10302		
MICHELLE BRACALE	ETAL	01B112A130600	C030117000	Amount	\$848.09	\$24.09	\$42.40	\$278.61		\$13.93	
				15% Admin Fee	\$127.21	\$3.61	\$6.36	\$41.79		\$2.09	
				TOTAL	\$975.30	\$27.70	\$48.76	\$320.40		\$16.02	\$1,388.19
EVELYN E SOKE & GEORGIA D HORTON	ETAL	11B043C000620	A021387000	Amount				\$155.40		\$4.65	
				15% Admin Fee				\$23.31		\$0.70	
				TOTAL				\$178.71		\$5.35	\$184.06
MARKISHA ROBINSON	ETAL	14A005A001310	E400005700	Amount				\$95.12			
				15% Admin Fee				\$14.27			
				TOTAL				\$109.39			\$109.39
PAM AND JAMES MICHAEL CURTIS	ETAL	14A0200000390	E401872000	Amount				\$365.87		\$13.55	
				15% Admin Fee				\$54.88		\$2.03	
				TOTAL				\$420.75		\$15.58	\$436.33
DAVID W AND SUSAN STRAUER	ETAL	29B007S040160	J765508300	Amount	\$132.45	\$23.91	\$6.62				
				15% Admin Fee	\$19.87	\$3.59	\$0.99				
				TOTAL	\$152.32	\$27.50	\$7.61				\$187.43

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; to Lake County Prosecutor's Office; and to the Director of Administration for the Lake County Utilities.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly, enacted July 1, 2025, as part of Ohio's biennium budget effective September 30, 2025, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to pass a resolution to not maintain the Family and Children First Council in their county; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions outlined in ORC 121.37(B)(2) are satisfied:

1. **Existence of Alternative Programs and Services:**
Lake County maintains numerous programs and services to meet the needs of families and children, including OhioRise, MRSS, IHBT, community-based family therapy, patient navigation, school liaison programs, early intervention services, and various programs operated by LCBDD/Deepwood.
2. **Service Coordination for Non-Medicaid Eligible Youth:**
Service coordination for non-Medicaid eligible youth will be provided by Signature Health, with contact information as follows:
Agency: Signature Health
Contact: Shayna Jackson
Phone: 440-578-8200
Email: ShaynaJackson@shinc.org
3. **Development and Evaluation of Services:**
Lake County shall maintain the Lake County Family Collaborative, a volunteer-driven group that will meet quarterly to evaluate services, identify gaps, develop new approaches, and review data/outcomes, including input from designated agencies.
4. **Participation in a Comprehensive System for Infants and Toddlers:**
Crossroads Health will serve as the designated EISC agency, providing IDEA Part C services, with continued assessment and direct services provided by LCBDD/Deepwood.
5. **Accountability System:**
The Lake County Family Collaborative will continue utilizing data and qualitative information to monitor progress and identify service needs.
6. **Funding and Financial Sustainability:**
Currently, no organizations provide financial support to the Family and Children First Council, and most mandated members report deficits or no capacity to provide future funding.
7. **Recommendations by Department Directors:**
The Directors of the Department of Job and Family Services and the County Board of Developmental Disabilities recommend disbanding the Council, as evidenced by their attached letters.

8. Reconsideration Clause:

The Board of County Commissioners may reconsider this decision within five years, reevaluating all conditions outlined above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby dissolves the Family and Children First Council in Lake County, Ohio, effective July 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Commissioners' Office; Suzanne Casar, Lake County Job and Family Services Department.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING AND APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of organizing the various workforce development programs that are operated in Lake County under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Workforce Development Board must be reappointed and submitted to the Ohio Office of Workforce Development for their certification as part of the Local Workforce Area renewal process; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Workforce Development Board must submit a current and compliant roster to the Ohio Office of Workforce Development on an ongoing basis to maintain its status as a certified Local Workforce Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rosters are made up of individuals who have met the requirements of the relative statutes and who have agreed to serve their positions, and said rosters and persons are hereby made part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby wishes to appoint the following board members; Lucy Ott and Nicholas McDowell and reappoint Sam Delzoppo, Sara Spence, Terrance Lazar, Mike Hall, and John Roberts to three (3) year terms expiring on March 14, 2029, on the Lake County Workforce Development Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby appoints said individuals to the Lake County Workforce Development Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; to the Lake County Administrative Services Director, and to Suzanne Casar-Director, Lake County Department of Job and Family Services.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal and Water and Sewer, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MORGAN R. McINTOSH TO SERVE ON THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING HIS ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THEIR BEHALF TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 22, 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Lake County Commissioners appoints representatives from among its members to serve on the Ohio Public Works Commission District 7 Integrating Committee and each member may select an alternate to serve in their absence from committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Lake County Commissioners wishes to appoint Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh and his alternate Randy Rothlisberger to the Ohio Public Works Commission District 7 Integrating Committee to complete the remainder of a three-year term expiring May 22, 2027; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy on the IC and these appointments shall carry duties to any other subcommittees function.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby authorizes the following appointments to the Ohio Public Works Commission District 7 Integrating Committee to complete the remainder of three-year terms expiring May 22, 2027:

- Lake County Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh-member
- Randy Rothlisberger, Sanitary Engineer- alternate for Commissioner McIntosh

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Lake County Engineer; Kirk Dimmick of the Engineer's Office; Randy Rothlisberger, Utilities; and to Andy Haupt, PE, PS., Geauga County Engineer, 470 Center Street, Building 5, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

Commissioners' Office, Lake County
Painesville, OH, February 26, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,924,393.83

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, bills against Lake County have been presented to this Board for payment and this Board has examined said bills and approves them for payment. Said bills incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, that the bills against Lake County are hereby approved, allowed and ordered paid; said bills incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this resolution. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and instructed to issue his warrants in varying amounts totaling \$1,924,393.83.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Lake County Budget/Finance Manager and to the Lake County Treasurer.

**seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

Commissioners' Office, Lake County
Painesville, OH, February 26, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120,451.28

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, purchase orders against Lake County have been presented to this Board for approval and this Board has examined said purchase orders and approves them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, that the purchase orders against Lake County are hereby approved and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and instructed to certify and encumber these purchase orders in varying amounts totaling \$1,120,451.28.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Lake County Budget/Finance Manager and to the Lake County Treasurer.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners 'and Water and Journal, Volume 2025.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

Commissioners' Office, Lake County
Painesville, OH, February 26, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed by the Lake County Auditor, Budget/Finance Manager and the Board of County Commissioners that this increase in an appropriation is necessary for the following account:

	<u>APPROPRIATION INCREASE</u>	
59627761-761 497S 2025 - RR		\$1,271,880.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby authorizes the Lake County Auditor to increase an appropriation for the above listed account, based on the recommendation of the Lake County Auditor, Budget/Finance Manager and the Board of Lake County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Lake County Budget/Finance Manager; Utilities.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026 in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio

Commissioners' Office, Lake County
Painesville, OH, February 26, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: *(com)

* presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN A GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed by the Lake County Auditor, Budget/Finance Manager and the Board of County Commissioners that this transfer of an appropriation is necessary for the following account:

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

FROM: 14300711-691 PD - MR \$175.00

TO: 14300661-632 PD - PSL \$175.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby authorizes the Lake County Auditor to transfer an appropriation for the above listed account, based on the recommendation of the Lake County Auditor, Budget/Finance Manager and the Board of Lake County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Lake County Budget/Finance Manager; and Public Defender.

** seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners *(com)

"NAYS":

Resolution adopted,
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on February 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-sixth day of February, 2026, in Painesville, Ohio.

Jennifer Bell, Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio