

CONVENED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADJOURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTIONS ARE IN DRAFT FORM  
UNTIL THE MEETING  
THEREFORE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
WITHOUT NOTICE**

**2026-13**

**LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
MARCH 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
- PUBLIC COMMENT

**RESOLUTIONS:**

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

1. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20260326\F01)(C-126)

UTILITIES – Randy Rothlisberger

2. RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,337,000.00 TO D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR THE REGENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 478-W-2024(20260326\U01)(UT-4)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,758,240.66(20260326\BC01)(C-4)
4. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$705,386.30(20260326\BC02)(C-17)
5. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260326\BC03)(C-111)
6. RESOLUTION MAKING A CASH ADVANCE AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260326\BC04)(C-111)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Legal – Imminent Litigation

\_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION:                      \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME

\_\_\_\_\_ RECESSED:  
TIME

\_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:                      \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME

**\*NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026\***

# LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



March 26, 2026

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

Whereas, all children of our community have the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment; enter school prepared to succeed; be able to choose healthy behaviors and grow to successful adulthood; and

Whereas, we the leaders of this community, acknowledge that those rights are not always available to all children and although there has been significant progress to increase the safety and security of our children, we renew our commitment to protecting our most valuable resource; and

Whereas, during 2025, Lake County Children Services responded to over 1,500 calls regarding children and their families and as a result, Children Services worked with approximately 1,000 children who presented a variety of issues which could not be easily resolved; and

Whereas, over 100 foster families, adoptive families, relatives, and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for children who were unable to remain in their family home; and

Whereas, statistics show that a great majority of children who have died from child abuse in the State of Ohio were under the age of five years old, thus never having the chance to attend kindergarten; and statistics further show that survivors of child abuse and neglect are at a greater risk for problems later in life that affect not just the child and family but our society as a whole; and

Whereas, the best prevention of child abuse can only be done if we, both as a society and as individuals, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and the tools they need to provide healthy nurturing homes for their children.

Therefore, we shall declare April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout Lake County and urge the citizens of our community to join with us to become involved in activities this month and throughout the year to raise the awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

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MORGAN R. MCINTOSH, COMMISSIONER

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JOHN T. PLECNİK, COMMISSIONER

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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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,337,000.00 TO D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR THE REGENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 478-W-2024**

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 Sanitary Engineer recommended that the Board of Lake County Commissioners advertise for bids for the Regent Road Waterline Replacement Project 478-W-2024 for the Lake County Department of Utilities; and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Board on February 4, 2026, and February 12, 2026, and said bids have been reviewed by the Lake County Sanitary Engineer and he is recommending that the Board award said bid, it being the lowest and best bid received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby awards a bid contract to D.B. Bentley, Inc., for the Regent Road Waterline Replacement Project 478-W-2024 in the amount of one million three hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$1,337,000.00).

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 Sanitary Engineer; to Terri Lange, Commissioners' Office; and to D.B. Bentley, Inc., 2649 Narrows Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

\*\* 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 March 26, 2026, and recorded in the Commissioners' and Water and Sewer Journal, Volume 2026.

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

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

Commissioners' Office, Lake County  
Painesville, OH, March 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 \$705,386.30**

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 \$705,386.30.

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

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

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

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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 \$1,758,240.66**

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 \$1,758,240.66.

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

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

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

Commissioners' Office, Lake County  
Painesville, OH, March 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 APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS**

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 these increases in appropriations are necessary for the following accounts:

<u>APPROPRIATION INCREASES</u>	
24400511-557 S - HI	\$7,350.00
24400711-690 S - TE	\$500.00
24401511-562 SC -DI	\$245.00
24401711-690 SC -TE	\$500.00
65900711-694 ARPA - OE	\$1,259.38

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 appropriations for the above listed accounts, 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 Michelle Massaro.

\*\* 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

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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)

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**RESOLUTION MAKING A CASH ADVANCE AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS**

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 cash and appropriations transfer is necessary for the following accounts:

CASH ADVANCE

FROM:		
11900911-912 ND - AO		\$125,000.00
TO:		
22500045-452 FDCV - AI		\$125,000.00

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

FROM:		
11919761-780 ND - C		\$125,000.00
20100661-635 WIA - CS		\$66,000.00
TO:		
11900911-912 ND - AO		\$125,000.00
20100711-721 WIA - PCNS		\$6,000.00
20100761-755 WIA - OE		\$15,000.00
20100811-812 WIA - E		\$45,000.00

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 cash and appropriations for the above listed accounts, 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; JFS and Juvenile Court.

\*\* 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

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