

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 2026-0305)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

Commissioner McIntosh was not present today

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, Commissioner McIntosh was excused from today's meeting with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: 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 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 & FINAL FOR THE LAKE COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT - 2025 WITH THE SHELLY COMPANY, INC. REDUCING THE AMOUNT BY \$137,732.05, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-009(20260305\E01)(E-3)

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

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MADISON IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NORTH RIDGE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT (MADISON TOWNSHIP) (20260305\U01)(UT-4)

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

3.RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NORTH RIDGE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT (MADISON TOWNSHIP) AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS(20260305\U02)(UT-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that the bids for this project came in approximately double the engineers' estimate (\$8 million) and the County rejected all bids for the Project. He added that after considering available alternatives, he has further determined that the actual cost of the Project will prohibitively exceed available funds to construct the Project and that it is therefore impossible to proceed. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260305\U03)(UT-7)

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

5.RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGELA R. SCHMIDT AS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A FIVE-YEAR TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 2028(20260305\C01)(B-54)

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

6.RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SELECTION OF MADISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE JOE WHITE TO THE 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE(20260305\C02)(407-B)

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

7.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT L. MOORE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOR A SEVEN-YEAR TERM COMMENCING MARCH 24, 2026 AND EXPIRING MARCH 23, 2033(20260305\C03)(B-52)

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

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,255,512.84(20260305\BC01)(C-4)

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

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$795,872.70(20260305\BC02)(C-17)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that OMJ will be hosting two events. The first is an all-inclusive job fair in conjunction with Lake County BDD and will take place tomorrow (Friday) from 9:00 am to Noon at the Paradigm in Mentor and the second is being held next Wednesday, March 11th from 10:00 am to Noon at Job and Family Services. She also wanted to provide a public service announcement to those individuals who are receiving food assistance benefits. She explained that the State has made local Job and Family Services aware that there has been an uptick in security issues associated with EBT cards, explaining that recipients are receiving calls and texts asking them to immediately call or risk losing their benefits. She stressed that recipients will never receive calls or texts and should not respond. They should also call 1-866-386-3071 with questions or concerns. Ms. Casar also reminded all clients that they should download The Connect EBT app onto their phones, which will then allow them to receive transaction alerts, lock and unlock their cards, and check their card statements for any unusual transactions.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 10:00 am. and will be followed by a workshop at 10:3am. She also stated that there would be an AM250 meeting today at 11:30 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik stated that the Tour Lake County’s official America 250 webpage is now live and updated, and voting for the 2026 commemorative bobblehead is officially underway. He provided the names and some historical information about the nominees. Community members are invited to visit <https://www.tourlakecounty.com/america250> to view the read the nominees’ biographies and cast their vote for the most deserving nominee.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m. with the vote as follows: " AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twelfth day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT

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