

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 2026-0312)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 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 Meetings February 26 and March 5, 2026 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 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH (20260312\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Beverage introduced Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood Superintendent, Ms. Elfie Roman. Ms. Roman thanked the Board for recognizing this important month and stated that the theme this year is 'Kindness Clicks in 2026'. She stated that this theme reflects the idea that kindness creates meaningful connections that strengthen our entire community. She introduced co-presenter, Sam Majoros. Sam provided the Board with some of his background which includes being a graduate of Riverside High School and of the RAVE job training program and he works for Goodwill. He also won the Ohio Walter Horn Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and the Goodwill Achiever of the Year Award in Greater Cleveland. Ms. Roman thanked the Board for their participation in the Bobcats game and provided them with the many events happening this month in honor of DD Month. The Board thanked Sam for coming in today and congratulated him on all he has accomplished. They thanked Ms. Roman for the amazing work Deepwood does to ensure everyone has an opportunity to learn and grow. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, REGENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 478-W-2024(20260312\U01)(UT-2)

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

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,149.00 FOR THE CASEMENT AVENUE WATERLINE EXTENSION IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP(JOB NO. 26-03) (20260312\U02)(UT-9)

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

4.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,331.70 FOR RAVENNA ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION JOB NO. 24.31 IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP(20260312\U03)(UT-12)

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

5.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260312\U04)(UT-7)

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

6.RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL CROWDER TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MAY 15, 2029(20260312\C01)(B-37)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik congratulated Mr. Crowder on this appointment. Commissioners McIntosh and Beverage also congratulated Mr. Crowder and shared how they have the utmost confidence in his ability to do a great job. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRIAN FALKOWSKI TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MAY 15, 2029(20260312\C02)(B-37)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. The Board thanked Mr. Falkowski and Ms. Stenger (following resolution) for continuing to serve. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KIM STENGER TO THE LAKETRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MAY 15, 2029(20260312\C03)(B-37)

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

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES(20260312\C04)(501-c)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Sheriff Leonbruno and his staff for the work they have put in to continuing these contracts. He stated how important it is to share services. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS LAKE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES TO ALTER THE MEANS BY WHICH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE CHARGED FOR FIRE STATION ALERTING SERVICES (20260312\C05)(501-c)

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

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,171,445.24(20260312\BC01)(C-4)

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

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$401,792.14(20260312\BC02)(C-17)

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

13. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260312\BC03)(C-111)

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

14.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260312\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES— Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, discussed the 2.7" of rain registered at the landfill yesterday. He explained how that much rain in the spring is different than that much rain recorded in the summertime because ground conditions are saturated this time of year and more of the water runs off immediately.

He stated that his staff were out very early to try and mitigate some of the water and explained how there were several locations where roads were closed due to flooding. He also stated that water rose above creek beds and left the banks of the creeks. When that happens, unfortunately, a lot of that water gets into the sanitary sewer where it's not supposed to be. It's clean water that they end up having to pump and treat. They discussed the ways that stormwater can get into the sanitary sewer such as sump pumps being illegally connected that are taking clean water and putting into the sanitary and then to the extreme which we've seen in this area also where a walkout basement is flooded that water going into a drain in the floor that eventually gets into the sanitary sewer. They also discussed a developer installing a sanitary system for a certain number of homes but over time, additional homes are built which will then stress that system. The Board continued to speak on several scenarios that could cause issues as well as their own experiences with flooding in their homes or businesses. Mr. Rothlisberger stated that he will continue to work with Mr. Miller of Stormwater Management on these ongoing issues with residents and the townships and provide updates as they are available.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, thanked Ms. Roman for coming in today and sharing the amazing work Deepwood does. She also thanked Sam for coming in today to share his story and congratulated him on his accomplishments.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, provided an update on the Safety Center project stating that it has been nearly one year since the project began and it is still running on time and on budget. He stated that currently, there are between 100 and 125 tradespeople working on any given day. Mr. Boyd attended the Western Lake County Chamber State of the Cities and the Painesville State of the City this week. He shared that both discussed and acknowledged their collaborations with the County and the many good things that have come out of these collaborations. Commissioner Beverage offered his thanks to Mr. Boyd and previous Commissioners for their contributions in planning for the new jail. He shared that with the new proposed Cleveland Browns Stadium, and possibly both Lorain and Ashtabula counties planning new jails, the trades would be in high demand.

CLERK – Commissioners Assistant Clerk, Ms. Kathy Russo, stated that there will be two Commissioners Meetings next week, Tuesday, March 17th and Thursday, March 19, 2026 both at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that there would be a workshop this morning.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this nineteenth day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT

JOHN T. PLECNİK, COMMISSIONER

MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER

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