

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 2026-0409)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, March 19 and March 26, 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 AWARDING A BID CONTRACT TO PHILLIPS PAVING, LLC FOR THE LAKE COUNTY INTERSECTION RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$478,740.20 (20260409\E01)(E-3)

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.

2.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR RE-BID HOPKINS ROAD CULVERT IMPROVEMENT - MENTOR CITY AND THE HAINES ROAD CULVERT IMPROVEMENT - MADISON TOWNSHIP PROJECT NO. 2022-011, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (Bid Opening: May 6, 2026)(20260409\E02)(E-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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, JEAN DRIVE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 509-W-2026 (20260409\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.

4.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260409\U02)(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.

5.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER MORGAN R. MCINTOSH TO DESIGNATE VALENCIA S. WHITE TO SERVE AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION(20260409\C01)(B-34)

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 ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER RUDY VESELKO III TO REMOVE SUSAN HANNA AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO DESIGNATE ERIC STUTZMAN TO SERVE AS HIS ALTERNATE ON THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (20260409\C02)(B-34)

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.

7.RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT JUDY MORAN AS A MEMBER OF THE REGION 13 ONEOHIO GOVERNANCE BOARD TO REPRESENT THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF LAKE COUNTY FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MARCH 30, 2026(20260409\C03)(C-106b)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Ms. Moran for her willingness to continue her service of the Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION APPOINTING VARIOUS MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD (20260409\C04)(B-134)

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 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND VARIOUS ENTITIES FOR THE FY-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS(20260409\C05)(C-46)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. CDBG Manager, Ms. Rhea Benton, stated that applications are currently being accepted for CDBG funding and HOME Investment Partnership Program and are due by May 8, 2026. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 307.07(20260409\C06)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare, explained that this resolution will permit the County to have more opportunities to finance future economic development and that there would be no additional staff or cost. 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 \$4,110,869.31(20260409\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 \$5,297,918.69 (20260409\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 APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260409\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 CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260409\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, stated that Utilities has begun testing of sump pumps. Thus far they have tested 6 in the Lake Erie Shores area, and all have been properly installed. Commissioner Plecnik asked that information on testing to be placed in the newsletter. He stated that he continues to receive complaints about the odor issue in Mentor and asked Mr. Rothlisberger for an update. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that they continue to actively monitor the area and have 3 monitors in manholes which have not shown any spikes in H2S. He also reported that they continue to use the chemical additive and work with the EPA. Commissioner Beverage and Mr. Rothlisberger discussed the possibility of Painesville Township requiring point of sale inspections.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Suzanne Casar, Director of Job and Family Services, thanked everyone that participated in the planting of the pinwheels yesterday including Juvenile Court Judge, Michael DeLeone, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) and her staff. She thanked the Buildings and Grounds Department for having the Courthouse Clocktower lit up in blue to honor Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Casar also extended a thank you to everyone that wore blue yesterday as recognition of Child Abuse Prevention month and all those that posted their pictures on social media.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that the summer issue of the newsletter is currently being prepared and he would work with Mr. Rothlisberger on getting information into it. He reported that the Sheriff, Chief Deputy Izzo, staff and Gilbane traveled to Georgia to look at the prefab steel cells. They were able to make a few tweaks to them before production. Mr. Boyd provided an update on the Public Safety Center stating the concrete is 95% complete, elevator #1 is being installed and the first-floor administrative offices are being drywalled. Over the next month, they will continue earthwork, work on the drainage system and that exterior work will begin. He stated that at the workshop on April 16th, Mr. Radachy will have a 30-minute presentation of the Vision 2050 project and Senior Services Manager, Ms. Alyea Barajas along with representatives from the Osgood Group would be providing an update on the Senior Study.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meetings will be, Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that there would be a workshop following the April 16th meeting. There will be an AM250 meeting at 11:30 am today.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik shared that the Captains had a moment of silence in honor of late Commissioner Regovich during their Opening Day ceremony. He stated that he was happy to attend a free screening

event for the 2025 hit movie "Superman" this past Wednesday at the Atlas Cinema in Mentor courtesy of America 250-Lake County Ohio - "America Goes to the Movies".

Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that in order for the County to be compliant to receive the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, there must be a public announcement of the following grant and allow for public comment.

"Pursuant to the requirements of the grant, notice is hereby issued that the Lake County Sheriff's Office intends to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program-FY 2025 Local Solicitation in the amount of \$27,164.00 to purchase a 2025 Police Vehicle (patrol vehicle). This vehicle will be fully marked and equipped for emergency service and will replace an older vehicle that is currently in use."

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Collective Bargaining and Personnel-Employment with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned Executive Session at 11:12 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-third day of April, 2026.

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