



Lake County Board of Commissioners

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County Buildings Open to the General Public

The Board of Lake County Commissioners continues to consult with public health officials to ensure that they maintain the countless public services for our citizens and businesses at our County facilities. In doing so, the County must also provide a safe working environment for our employees and visitors while adhering to the various local, state and federal public health protocols currently in place.

After consultation with the Lake County Health Commissioner, all Lake County Government facilities under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners will be open to the general public on Monday, May 10, 2021. The public will no longer need an appointment to visit the facilities.

"We have been very measured and balanced in our approach to reopening Lake County facilities to ensure the health of our employees and visitors. Throughout the pandemic our offices and departments have adapted various operational procedures to ensure businesses and residents continued to receive critical services. Today's announcement is another step toward normalcy with county government," commented Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

All visitors will be required to enter the main county facilities from the new Administration Center lobby at 105 Main St., Painesville, Ohio. Guests are encouraged to wear masks and adhere to the standard social distancing and sanitization practices as outlined by the Ohio Department of Health.

The following offices have modified schedules:

- The Lake County Treasurer's Office will re-open on May 17th to the general public as they finalize renovation work. Customers are encouraged to use the existing drop boxes and the Treasurer's drive-through facility located on the west side of the Job and Family Services building on St. Clair St. (adjacent to Laketrans bus stop) until May 17th. As of this date, the drive-thru will be closed and reopen for second half collections on June 14, 2021.
- The Lake County Job and Family Services Dept. will continue to work in a hybrid manner with limited public interface. JFS customers are encouraged to call 440.350.4000 for specific program and service information. Customers can continue to utilize the existing drop box at the entrance of the JFS building located at 177 Main St., Painesville, Ohio 44077.
- The Lake County Building Department will be open to the public Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Residents, builders and developers may still submit plans online or use the existing drop boxes. For specific questions, please contact the Building Department at 440.350.2636.

Commissioner Ron Young said, "We appreciate the patience of our residents and commitment of our employees during this pandemic. Our ability to reopen the County offices is a result of a countywide effort to defeat this pandemic and a return to business as normal. While we still have work to do, the County will be open for business."

Residents and businesses are encouraged to continue utilizing the alternative service models currently in place for county businesses. A large number of county functions will still be completed via email, regular mail, fax or by telephone correspondence. Examples include, but are not limited to, paying utility bills, submitting bid documents and building permit applications.

"Lake County welcomes our residents, businesses and guests back to our facilities. Our elected officials, department heads and staffs look forward to working directly with you in the near future," added Commissioner John Plecnik.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit www.lakecountyohio.gov for more information and specific contact information. For specific questions and service needs regarding a specific office or department, please see the following directory:

Auditor - Chris Galloway:	440-350-2532
Building Inspection:	440-350-2636
Buildings and Grounds	440-350-2576
Clerk of Courts - Legal:	440-350-2657
COC Title/Mentor:	440-350-2800
COC Title/Wickliffe:	440-918-3443
Commissioners Office:	440-350-2745
Common Pleas Courts:	
Judge Culotta:	440-350-2736 CP#1
Judge O'Donnell:	440-350-2662 CP#2
Judge Lucci:	440-350-2100 CP#4
Judge Condon:	440-350-2720 CP#5
Judge Falkowski:	440-350-2708 Domestic Relations
Judge Lawson:	440-350-3000 Juvenile
Judge Bartolotta:	440-350-2626 Probate
Coroner - Dr. Komar:	440-350-2789
Crime Lab:	440-350-2793
Dog Warden:	440-350-2640
Board of Elections:	440-350-2700
EMA:	440-350-5499
Engineer - Jim Gills:	440-350-2770
GIS:	440-350-5970
Health District:	440-350-2543
Hotel/Motel:	440-350-5580
Job and Family Services:	440-350-4000
Law Library:	440-350-2638
Loss Control:	440-350-2541
Mailroom:	440-350-2576
Narcotics:	440-350-3333
Notary:	440-350-5800
OSU Extension:	440-350-2582
Planning:	440-350-2740
Port:	440-350-2290
Prevailing Wage:	440-350-2770
Adult Probation:	440-350-5570
Prosecutor - Charles Coulson:	440-350-2683

Public Defender:	440-350-3200
Purchasing:	440-350-2390
Recorder - Becky Lynch:	440-350-2510
Sheriff - Frank Leonbruno:	440-350-5517
Soil & Water:	440-350-2730
Stormwater:	440-350-5900
Tax Map:	440-350-2501
Telecomm:	440-350-2586
Treasurer - Lorraine Fende:	440-350-2516
Utilities:	440-350-2652
Utilities: Billing:	440-350-2070
Veterans Services Commission:	440-350-2567
Victim Assistance:	440-350-2691
Visitors Bureau:	440-975-1234

The Board of Commissioners will monitor State and local health guidance throughout the summer to ensure the safety of our employees and residents.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we balance public health with customer service in Lake County. The Commissioners will evaluate our service model on a weekly basis. Updates will be posted at www.lakecountyohio.gov.

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