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Lake County Business Roundtable Unites Business and Local Leaders in Successful First Meeting

The Lake County Treasurer's Office and Board of Lake County Commissioners welcomed two dozen local businesses, chamber representatives, and government officials to the inaugural meeting of the "Lake County Business Roundtable Discussion Series". The roundtable served as an open forum for local businesses to share their experiences over the previous 18 months and provide opinions on improving the local business environment.

In addition to the County Commissioners, representatives from various other County agencies, including the Lake Development Authority, Planning and Community Development, and the Department of Utilities were in attendance to answer questions and address concerns presented by the business community.

"Today's meeting was a great opportunity for me to simply listen and absorb first-hand all the needs, ideas, and expectations of our business community," said Commission President John R. Hamercheck. "I am so pleased by the turnout and enthusiasm represented here today that has further educated our Board along with other county departments. We have no doubt that Lake County businesses will continue to rebound and ultimately set the stage for even more new ones to join our community."

Keith Kokal (owner and founder of Micro Laboratories, Inc.) commented, "I would like to thank Lake County Treasurer Michael Zuren and the Lake County Commissioners for conducting an excellent initial business roundtable meeting. It's nice to know that our elected officials are asking our opinions. There was a nice variety of all business types present and it was good to hear their input."

"I applaud Treasurer Zuren's initiative to gather such a unique group of private businesses. Their first-hand knowledge will assist the Board of Commissioners in our efforts to promote investments in our 23 wonderful communities," added Commissioner John Plecnik.

"I would like to thank everyone for participating in today's event. The diverse set of business interests, along with the Commissioners and their key department directors, represent an all-in approach ensuring the needs of our business community are better met," said Treasurer Mike Zuren.

"We often note that Lake County is open for business and meetings like this provide valuable feedback to local policy-makers to ensure that we continue to create a positive environment for the private sector," noted Commissioner Ron Young.

The second meeting of the "Lake County Business Roundtable Discussion" series will be held during the summer with additional details forthcoming.

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