

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER LEGAL COUNSEL
RICHARD REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

(Tape 2025-0109)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 9, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 3, November 26, and December 12 and 19, 2024 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Commissioner Regovich asked for a moment to recognize today as a National Day of Mourning in honor of the death of former President Carter and also for the people that are suffering through the wildfires in Southern California

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

Commissioner Regovich administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Jen Smyser and Mr. Jeffrey Hyrne as District Supervisors of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Soil and Water Director, Mr. Dan Donaldson provided background on both and explained that they were publicly elected to serve this 3-year volunteer term.

Commissioner Regovich briefly explained the resolution adopted at the Organizational Meeting pertaining to the orderly presentation of public comment and how the Board will hold two workshops monthly to allow the public the ability to speak on whatever they like.

Ms. Mary Ellen Abel of Barley Drive in Painesville Township, welcomed Commissioner Beverage to the Lake County Solid Waste Policy Management Board and stated that she is starting her 25th year with the organization.

Mr. Chris Weiss of Leroy, wished newly elected Engineer, Mr. Alan Exley and the Board good luck as they begin this year.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 9, 2025 AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20250109\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that the Board realizes the challenges that law enforcement officers face daily and thanked all law enforcement across the State of Ohio and the Country for protecting citizens. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250109\U01)(UT-7)

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

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,582,769.62(20250109\BC01)(C-4)

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

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,432,840.43 (20250109\BC02)(C-17)

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

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20250109\BC03)(C-111)

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

6.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250109\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, welcomed Commissioner Beverage and stated that he looks forward to working with him.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Suzanne Casar, also welcomed Commissioner Beverage and stated that she too looks forward to working with him. She also provided an update on the American Relief Act of 2025.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd offered congratulations to Commissioner Regovich as President of the Board for 2025, thanked Commissioner Plecnik for his year of leadership and welcomed Commissioner Beverage. Mr. Boyd provided a brief update on the Public Safety Center including how construction has officially begun and how gratifying that is to see after 12 years of planning. He explained that the work sessions that the Commissioners will be conducting will be posted on the website and in the News Herald as well as publicly advertised. They will be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month and will follow all the public notice standards. An audio file of all those meetings will be the permanent record of the meeting. He also explained that he will be attending all of those meetings. Mr. Boyd added that any resident or business who has concerns or ideas may bring them to the board and how he can help to address those or connect them with the appropriate agencies.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:00 am. and welcomed Commissioner Beverage to the Board.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Beverage took this opportunity to thank everyone at the County and stated it has been a phenomenal and wonderful welcome. He also thanked everyone for you accelerating his learning curve to make sure that he is able to serve the people in the best way possible. Commissioners Regovich and Plecnik welcomed Commissioner Beverage to the Board.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-third day of January, 2025.

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