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Richard J. Regovich Elected President of the Lake County Board of Commissioners

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, January 9, 2025– Commissioner Richard J. Regovich was elected President of the Lake County Board of Commissioners during the Organizational Meeting held on January 9, 2025. He first took office as the 81st Commissioner of Lake County on November 29, 2022, and won reelection on November 5, 2024. The Honorable Judge Robert J. Patton administered the oath of office for his second term.

Commissioner Regovich's vision for Lake County emphasizes public safety, economic growth, and a high quality of life for all residents. He is dedicated to working with local school systems, trade schools, and universities to develop a skilled and talented workforce that will drive economic development and innovation in our community.

Born and raised in the City of Willowick, Commissioner Regovich has a deep understanding of the community's needs and values. He is a lifelong resident who has been involved in public service for many years, serving on various local boards and commissions, including the Willowick Planning Commission, the Willowick Charter Review Committee, and the Willowick City Council. He also served as Mayor of Willowick for over six years.

Throughout his tenure, Commissioner Regovich has demonstrated a commitment to serving others, volunteering at countless school functions, sporting events, and church festivals. He has also founded Willowick Hearts and Hammers, an organization that helps senior citizens and other members of the community in need.

"I am honored to have been elected President of the Board and am committed to working tirelessly to make Lake County an even better place to live, work, and raise a family," said Commission President Richard J. Regovich. "I also want to congratulate my colleague, Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III, on his election to the board. I look forward to serving with him and collaborating on initiatives that will enhance our community. Together, we can achieve great things for the residents of Lake County."

I am humbled and honored to pass the gavel to Commissioner Rich Regovich as we return to the tradition of rotating the Presidency of the Lake County Board of Commissioners. For whatever it is worth, I sincerely believe that rotation is generally the best method for selecting our President each year. Rather than fight over titles, each Commissioner will gain experience. As Americans, we are called to follow in the footsteps of George Washington, not King George. We should not aspire to the ownership of any public office or to hold it in perpetuity. Rich brings a wealth of experience and a true passion for public service to this role. I have no doubt that under his leadership, we will make significant strides in improving our community. I am also excited to welcome Morris W. Beverage III to the board. He is a brilliant man who loves Lake County, and I will work hard to support Morris as he takes our community to new heights," said Commissioner John T. Plecnik.

Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III added, "Commissioner Regovich is deeply committed to our residents and has a proven track record of getting things done. I look forward to collaborating with him and Commissioner Plecnik on initiatives that will enhance the quality of life for everyone in Lake County."



Commissioner John T. Plecnik passing the gavel to new Commission President Richard J. Regovich.

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