

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	

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(Tape 2025-0123)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 23, 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 Organizational Meeting of January 9, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2025 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Bishop Mirbel of Painesville thanked the Board for all of their work in the community.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 & FINAL FOR THE COUNTY LINE ROAD (CR 141) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE II WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. REDUCING THE AMOUNT BY \$30,360.27, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-002(20250123\E01)(E-3)

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.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 & FINAL FOR THE LOCKWOOD ROAD (CR 24) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. REDUCING THE AMOUNT BY \$38,781.47, LCE PROJECT NO. 2023-004(20250123\E02)(E-3)

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 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BLAIR ROAD RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT, LEROY & PERRY TOWNSHIP, OHIO, OPWC NO. DGAB14, LCE PROJECT NO. 2020-018 (Bid Opening FEBRUARY 26, 2025)(20250123\E03)(E-2)

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 596, KIRTLAND-OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 445-S-2021 (20250123\U01)(UT-2)

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 CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250123\U02)(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.

6.RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOT TO EXCEED \$2,270,000 NOTES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES KIRTLAND OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER PROJECT 445-S-2021(20250123\U03)(UT-15)

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.

7.RESOLUTION TO DELETE A WATER SUM AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250123\U04)(UT-8)

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.

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,005,650.00 FOR LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY WHEEL WASH SYSTEM - PROJECT NO 481L-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID Opening: February 19, 2025)(20250123\U05)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this project will help alleviate the dirt and debris that ends up on Blasé Nemeth Road. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD J. REGOVICH AS A MEMBER OF THE REGION 13 ONEOHIO GOVERNANCE BOARD TO REPRESENT THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS(20250123\C01)(C-106b)

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.

10.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR A LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, OHIO(20250123\C02)(209g)

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.

11.RESOLUTION RESCINDING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20250123\C03)(C-107)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich stated that the State of Emergency has been in effect since March of 2020 and allowed the County to remain open under certain conditions and that this resolution is more or less a housekeeping measure. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,430,886.04(20250123\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.

13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$512.00(20250123\BC01A)(C-4)

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

14.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,976,603.68(20250123\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.

15. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250123\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.

16. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250123\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, spoke of the water main breaks around the County due to the extreme cold weather and how crews from both the East end and the West end worked non-stop, around the clock and that they essentially put in about a month's worth of work in that weekend. He thanked all the crews for their hard work. Commissioner Regovich also shared his appreciation for these crews as he saw them working in and around his own neighborhood.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd explained that due to the cold weather the crews at the Lake County Sheriff's Office construction site were not working for three days but will be back at it tomorrow.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Regovich wanted to offer his sincere gratitude to the Buildings and Grounds people explaining that on top of their regular duties, this weekend there was a major malfunction at our Code Blue facility which left them scrambling at the last minute to try and find an alternate plan. He thanked Commissioner Beverage for handling much of the situation and finding them a place to stay and also to the Sheriff's Department and their deputies to make sure that people didn't go cold or spend the night outside. He stated how lucky the County is to have such hard workers and pointed out that the sidewalks and parking lots have been plowed and salted and it is the people behind the scenes that make a difference. Commissioner Beverage also spoke of the wonderful work that is done with Code Blue and explained that Code Blue is a group of organizations throughout the community that get together and provide overnight shelter in certain severe weather conditions. He offered his thanks to the many people that pulled together beginning in November on how to continue the Code Blue program. He thanked Ms. Dione DiMitro from United Way and County Administrator, Mr. Boyd for getting everyone together to make sure Code Blue continued for Lake County. Commissioner Beverage explained that this past Saturday the Code Blue location fell through and that within 24 hours they were able to have a new location up and running and accepting

people. He offered his appreciation to the Lake County Fairgrounds for being able to provide a wonderful facility so fast and to the many nonprofits and churches, the Buildings and Grounds Department, and the Sheriff’s Department because without them this program couldn’t happen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. to discuss Personnel – Discipline, Personnel – Compensation and Personnel – To Consider the Appointment of an Employee or Official with the vote as follows: "AYES": "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:44 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this thirtieth day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD J. REGOVICH, PRESIDENT

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