

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER
 JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER
 RICHARD REGOVICH, COMMISSIONER
 JENNIFER BELL, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
 LEGAL COUNSEL
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 (Tape 2025-0220)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 20, 2025

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Regovich asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.
 No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JIM TRESSEL ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF OHIO (20250220\F01)(C-126)

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 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY RESURFACING PROJECT – 2025 LAKE COUNTY, CONCORD TOWNSHIP, LEROY TOWNSHIP & PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP, OHIO, LCE PROJECT NO. 2024-009 (BID OPENING: MARCH 19, 2025)(20250220\E01)(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.

3.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595, RIVER STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, PROJECT 475-W 2023(20250220\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.

4.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 370-S, CMOM PROJECT AND THE SEWER FUND(20250220\U02)(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 APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$411,750.00 FOR UNION STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT - PROJECT NO 479-W-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: MARCH 12, 2025)(20250220\U03)(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.

6.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250220\U04)(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.

7.RESOLUTION TO DELETE A SEWER SUM CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20250220\U05)(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.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO RECEIVE FEDERALLY FORFEITED PROPERTY AND/OR FUNDS (20250220\C01)(CT-8con)

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.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY AND THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL(20250220\C02)(C-97 and C-99)

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 ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) (20250220\C03)(C-73)

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 REAPPOINTING DAWN CAPPELLI AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE LAKE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 21, 2027(20250220\C04)(C-43)

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.

12.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL RICE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE LAKE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 21, 2027(20250220\C05)(C-43)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Regovich thanked Ms. Cappelli and Mr. Rice for their willingness to continue on the Visitors Bureau Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,021,011.88 (20250220\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.

14. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$755,970.16(20250220\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 (20250220\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 AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20250220\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 and Beverage "ABSTAIN": Commissioner Regovich. "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, stated that there were no bids received yesterday for the Wheel wash Project.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Ms. Casar stated that if the public has questions regarding any of their benefits they should call: 1-844-640-OHIO.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Jason Boyd updated the Board on the Public Safety Center Project explaining that the pad is prepped and ready and the foundation work should begin in approximately 1 week. with the building being 'out of the ground' sometime in March. Commissioner Plecnik stated that Representative Joyce has earmarked some funding for technology at the Public Safety Center. He reported that there has been a significant step in construction as they begin to dig aggregate piers for the foundation of the building. This is a significant step obviously in constructing the building but also from a fiscal standpoint and our ability to eliminate some of the unknowns. From a geotechnical standpoint as they get into these borings, they will know if there are any issues and once the building goes vertical, it will allow us to take a hard look at our contingencies. As you may recall, there is approximately \$17 to \$18 million in owner contingencies. This will clearly be reduced as we get further along in the project. He provided an update on Code Blue and took the time to thank Commissioner Beverage for his help with the logistical issues that they ran into this week. He stated that there were 3 Code Blues this week. He also thanked EMA Director, Joe Busher, the Buildings and Grounds Department and all of the nonprofits that have helped with these occurrences. He stated that once this season is over, they will take a look long-term at the program (location-wise). Mr. Boyd reminded everyone that we have used a former County facility that has been on the docket for demolition for a handful of years. The building has some engineering and electrical issues which have proved that the property is not usable. He offered a special thanks to the Fair Board for their gracious accommodations.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 10:00 am.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik mentioned that Perry Public Library will be closed Wednesday February 19th until 4pm so that the staff can say goodbye to our Board President and treasured friend of the library, Larry Reichard. Mr. Reichard served on the Board of Trustees since 2021. He was an active patron of the library, visiting weekly, and attending many programs. He knew each staff member by name and spent the time to get to know them all. He will be deeply missed.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

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 – Compensation, Real Estate – Acquisition and Legal- Pending Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:44 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 sixth day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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