

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2025-1106)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Regovich called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 6, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik 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.PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2025 NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20251106\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, briefly discussed the adoption process and expressed her gratitude to the Board for recognizing National Adoption Awareness Month. She introduced Gene Tetrick, Supervisor of Job and Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Team. He thanked the Board for recognizing November as National Adoption Awareness Month and provided several statistics. He emphasized the importance of fostering children and adoption and how most of their foster parents are also duly licensed as adoptive parents, so there's usually a seamless transition for those children, if for some reason they can't reunify with their birth parents. Commissioner Regovich shared his family, and friends have adopted and fostered to adoption. The Board expressed its gratitude and thanks to Mr. Tetrick and his team. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20251106\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. County Recorder, Ms. Becky Lynch, was present and thanked the Board for this recognition which is in its fifth year. She thanked Ms. Jennifer Bell, and Public Relations Specialist, Ms. Summer Torok, for taking the extra steps necessary to have the Terminal Tower in Cleveland lit green in addition to the Lake County Courthouse. Veteran Services Director, Mr. Warmeling was also present and referred to the resolution that states \$52 billion was spent by the Department of Veterans Affairs for United States Veterans and their dependents and of that, \$193.7 million was spent right here in Lake County in 2024 by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He expressed gratitude to his very hardworking staff and to Ms. Lynch and the Records office for their help. The Board thanked Ms. Lynch and Mr. Warmeling for their efforts. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 9 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,034.92 WITH SHORELINE CONTRACTORS, LLC AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,625.03 FOR THE NEW REVETMENT AT BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT 473-W-2023 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20251106\U01)(UT-12)

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

4.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES PROJECT FUND 448-W-2021 LAKESHORE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT- E 288TH STREET TO SEABORN AND THE WATER FUND(20251106\U02)(UT-2)

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

5.RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NORTH RIDGE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT (MADISON TOWNSHIP) AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS(20251106\U03)(UT-4)

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

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,047,387.14(20251106\BC01)(C-4)

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

7.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS TO CT CONSULTANTS INC. AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,186.43(20251106\BC01A)(C-4)

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

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$763,840.88(20251106\BC02)(C-17)

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

9.RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20251106\BC03)(C-111)

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

10.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20251106\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Rothlisberger, thanked Ms. Casar and her team at JFS for putting on a great chili cookoff yesterday, benefiting the United Way. He congratulated Utilities own Josh Maddox on his victory with “*Best Chili*” for his entry of “*Popsy’s Voodoo Chili*”. This is the first win for the Utilities Department. He shared that more than 100 people attended and there were 30+ chili entries including Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Plecnik addressed Mr. Rothlisberger for an update on the latest rain event and the issues that Fairport Harbor and Painesville Township experienced as well as the reported sewage smells that his department continues to monitor. Mr. Rothlisberger reminded everyone that the rain event two weeks ago was significant with 8 to 12 inches of rain in 10 hours. This type of event was overwhelming to not only the sanitary sewers but also the storm systems. At just the Lake Erie Shores subdivision, 47 million gallons of water fell over the course of about 10 hours. This was more than the storm sewers could handle so it ended up in the sanitary sewer which is what caused problems there. He stated that a week ago a couple inches of rain fell and there were no basement overflows. Mr. Rothlisberger stressed that through both of these events, all their systems continue to operate with no mechanical failures. He reminded the Board that his department is performing a study to evaluate the area, and they expect some results of that study sometime in January. He then reported on odors in the Woodhill subdivision area. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that they have had a consultant monitoring the manholes and they are working on a recommendation for what they may be able to do to mitigate some of those issues.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, thanked Mr. Rothlisberger for recognizing the chili cookoff and agreed that it was a great event adding that this was their 22nd annual chili cookoff. She also thanked her staff, team members from other county departments, and Commissioner Regovich for their entries and shared that Commissioner Regovich’s chili entry placed third. Ms. Casar stated that they are happy to support the mission of the United Way of Lake County as they have been a wonderful partner over these last several weeks with all the uncertainty of the government shutdown. Commissioner Plecnik addressed a previous report from County Administrator Boyd in which he indicated that the County has the capacity, if United Way exhausts the approximate \$19,000 from the County to have resources to keep the food banks stocked and Mr. Boyd responded that Ms. Benton from Planning and Community Development has been corresponding directly with Ms. DiMitro from United Way. Commissioner Beverage addressed his concerns how not just SNAP recipients and United Way but organizations such as the Salvation Army that provide meals for our homeless individuals in the county, those individuals coming out of Project Hope and residents in some drug rehabilitation facilities, are trying to get their life in order because sometimes these individuals are not at the top of conversations. The impact from just a one-month government shutdown is going to have a trickle-down effect on all these food banks and food pantries, and for nonprofit services for months to come. He shared his gratitude to Ms. Casar for providing weekly updates and asked her to continue to do so.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR –Commissioner Regovich stated that County Administrator Boyd will be presenting the second annual “State of the County” Report and this year’s theme is ‘*Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail*’ . Mr. Boyd presented a thorough PowerPoint presentation which detailed significant progress in various departments including progress on the Sheriff’s Department and Public Safety Center, economic development, and infrastructure improvements. He spoke of several critical topics which included an overview of the County’s budget and financial position, a review of major capital projects, the 1st countywide Comprehensive Plan since 1960 titled *Vision 2050* which is being conducted by consultants, Envision and provided an assessment of the County Senior Services needs which is being conducted by the Osgood Group. He also discussed programs, as well as updates on key initiatives and projects, and the challenges facing the County along with proposed solutions. Mr. Boyd also provided a summary of major accomplishments and achievements. He thanked Public Relations Specialist, Ms. Summer Torok, and all the Directors and Elected Officials as well as staff that worked together on this informative presentation. Mr. Boyd added that this report is available on the County’s website and is distributed at County offices to ensure widespread accessibility. The full report can be found at: <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/commissioners-office/state-of-the-county-presentations/>

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 10:00 am followed by a Workshop at 10:30 with an America 250th meeting today at 11:30.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Beverage, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened an Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. to discuss Security Arrangements with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, Beverage and Regovich "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 12:04 p.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Beverage, Plecnik and Regovich "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this second day of December, 2025.

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