

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2026-0326)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Plecnik called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: McIntosh and Plecnik were present. Commissioner Beverage was not present today.

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, Commissioner Beverage was excused from today's meeting with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO (20260326\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Job and Family Services Director, Ms. Casar introduced Assistant Administrator from Job and Family Services, Ms. Mary Udics. Ms. Udics stated that the Children Services Division will be planting blue pinwheels in front of the JFS building on April 8, 2026, symbolizing children and families served by the agency during 2025 and a reminder that all children deserve happy, carefree childhoods. She invited everyone to wear blue to work on April 8th and to take a blue pinwheel, lapel pin and wristband to show support in honor of the children that Job and Family Services has served during the last year. Ms. Udics stated that they responded to more than 1,500 calls regarding neglect or abuse in 2025. Commissioners McIntosh and Plecnik thanked Ms. Casar and her staff for all they do and stated that this is a time to recognize the primary importance of safety in our community. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AWARDING A BID CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,337,000.00 TO D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR THE REGENT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 478-W-2024(20260326\U01)(UT-4)

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

3.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,758,240.66(20260326\BC01)(C-4)

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

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$705,386.30(20260326\BC02)(C-17)

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

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260326\BC03)(C-111)

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

6.RESOLUTION MAKING A CASH ADVANCE AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260326\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Mr. Patrick Stitts, Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Utilities was present to provide an update on the Solid Waste Landfill. Mr. Stitts stated that in 2025 the Solid Waste Management District was able to begin a Universal Waste Collection Program in the Solid Waste Facility's baler building along with their other special collections. He explained that 'Universal Waste' refers to specific categories of hazardous waste that are commonly generated by households and are regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. This program was made possible through a grant from the OEPA. The program began June of 2025 and will continue through March 31st at which time his department will continue this free program for residents. Items that residents can drop off include aerosol cans, antifreeze, lithium and lead batteries, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermostats and thermometers, latex and oil-based paints and stains, motor oil and other items and to date they have collected over 16 tons of universal waste. Mr. Stitts added that they will still be having the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collections at the Fairgrounds with the first collection being held on Saturday May 30th and the second collection on Saturday September 12th.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that OMJ in collaboration of the Lake County Reentry Coalition will be hosting a free job exposition at the Lake County Fairgrounds on April 2nd from 9:00 am to Noon. OMJ will also be hosting a ‘Workshop Wednesday’ Wednesday, April 8th from 10:00 am to Noon. This workshop will focus on job interview preparation and is also a free event.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that there will not be a Commissioners Meeting next week and that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 10:00 am. . She also stated there would be a workshop at 10:30 am this morning.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m. with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this ninth day of April, 2026.

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