

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 2026-0428)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2026

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Beverage asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Commissioner Beverage introduced Mr. Patrick Stitts, Public Service Coordinator, from the Department of Utilities. Mr. Stitts explained that in conjunction with the Lake County Solid Waste District and the OSU Extension, the 2026 Clean & Green Art Contest has been going on for more than 25 years. This year they decided to rename the contest to the *Beth Bollas Clean & Green Art Contest* in honor of Beth who unfortunately passed away last year. Beth served our community in education programs through the OSU Extension for over two decades. She contributed to countless classroom hours and completed amazing projects with the students. This contest takes a lot of effort and she always enjoyed it. Although Beth will never be replaced, June at the OSU Ext has continued this contest this year. This art contest has been going for more than 25 years with amazing artwork being submitted every year. This year, there were 368 participants. These came from elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in Lake County. This year’s winners include Lily Gale, 4th grade, from Kirtland Elementary School as the elementary division winner, Middle School Division Winner was Willow Osler an 8th grader from the School of Innovation. Winner of the High School division and Overall Winner is Caleb Priebe who is in Grade 12 at Willoughby South High School. The Commissioners congratulated all the winners and assisted Caleb in hanging his artwork.

No one else present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20260428\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik. Commissioner Beverage introduced ADAMHS Board Director of Marketing & Communications, Mr. David Schick. Mr. Schick thanked the Board for the recognition. He stated that the 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month theme, *“More Good Days, Together,”* encourages individuals and communities to reflect on what a “good day” looks like and to work collectively to ensure more people have access to the support, connection, and care they need. He explained that mental health is an essential part of overall well-being, impacting individuals, families, and communities throughout Lake County and how one in five American adults experiences a mental health condition each year. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PERRY TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OPWC BLACKMORE ROAD – PHASE 1 PROJECT, PERRY TOWNSHIP, OHIO, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$790,400.00(20260428\E01)(E-3)

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

3.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2026, LCE Project No. 2026-004 (Bid Opening: May 20, 2026)(20260428\E02)(E-2)

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

4.RESOLUTION ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH FROM LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND TO PROJECT FUND 336-S FOR NOTE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS DUE JUNE 2026(20260428\U01)(UT-2)

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

5.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, NEW FOURTH STREET SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 502-S-2025(20260428\U02)(UT-2)

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

6.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND FUND 595 FOR PROJECT 511-W-2026 SHARPE AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT (20260428\U03)(UT-2)

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

7.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SEWER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 596, GLYCO I FORCEMAIN, PROJECT 506-S-2026 (20260428\U04)(UT-2)

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

8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND FUND 595 FOR PROJECT 507-W-2026 DICKERSON ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT(20260428\U05)(UT-2)

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

9.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS US, INC. FOR THE BACON ROAD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND RAW WATER PUMP STATION EVALUATION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260428\U06)(UT-4)

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

10.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES FOR THE FAIRWAY BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 508-W-2026 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260428\U07)(UT-4)

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

11.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROPOSAL BETWEEN GPD GROUP AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR CENTER PARK ESTATES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (20260428\C01)(UT-46a)

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

12.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$762,485.24(20260428\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, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

13.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$604,971.50(20260428\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, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

14.RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260428\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, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

15.RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AN APPROPRIATION WITHIN A GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20260428\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, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES –Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, congratulated the winners of this year’s Clean and Green contest. He shared how this initiative really helps get the message out to the schools and the kids and how important it is to reduce waste and recycle and keep space at our landfill for years and years to come. Commissioner Plecnik asked for an update on the odor issue in Mentor and flooding in Painesville Township and Fairport Harbor. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that they continue to actively monitor the area and use the binding chemical additive as well as keep in close contact with the EPA. Commissioner Plecnik also asked about concerns with the animal food plant and whether there has been any progress. Mr. Rothlisberger responded that they continue to communicate with them and share our concerns. He stated the hope is that there's a correction to their internal processes and if there's not, we need permission from Ohio EPA to take further steps however, as of today, they continue to meet the standards for discharge. He next addressed the flooding issue and explained that he will have the results of the report in the near future, and he would share those with the Board.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated they continue to have their weekly jail meetings and announced that the pre-manufactured steel cells are arriving daily and beginning install, which is a big benchmark for the project.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., with a AM250 Meeting at 11:30 a.m. She also stated that there would be a workshop at 10:30 a.m. this morning

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare announced that the upcoming In-Demand Jobs Week has been renamed the *Richard Regovich In-Demand Jobs Week Career Fair* in honor of late Commissioner Regovich. The job fair will take place next Wednesday, May 6 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Fairgrounds and there will be more than 40 employers in attendance. Commissioner Beverage stated that he was reminded of Commissioner Regovich this past week when he judged a networking for high school students through Leadership Lake County and was the mystery judge, which means they had to have a 7-minute conversation with him and network. He shared how he had a conversation with a Willoughby South student who is a Willowick resident. The student asked about the responsibilities of being a Commissioner and mentioned how he knew Commissioner Regovich. Commissioner Beverage stated that Commissioner Regovich had an impact on many, including this student.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:29 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the interests of an applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with an economic development project pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(8) with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:09 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m. with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this fourteenth day of May, 2026.

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