

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 2026-0528)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the minutes of Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2026 AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20260528\F02)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Beverage expressed his appreciation to several residents who brought this important message to his attention. He stated that folks will probably be attending a future meeting to receive the framed resolution. He also mentioned that "Wear Blue for Lou" day is on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 and he encouraged the public to wear blue that day. The Greater Cleveland ALS is sponsoring a walk to defeat ALS on August 16. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2026 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20260528\F01)(C-126)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik introduced Mr. Dave Spotton who is a motorcycle safety director at Lakeland Community College as well as a Lakeland Police Officer and Eastlake Councilman. Commissioner Plecnik took a motorcycle training class and said it was a great experience to learn how to operate a motorcycle safely. The class took him through each step clearly and he is still riding today. He is grateful for this program in our community.

Mr. Spotton stated that he appreciates the recognition from the Commissioners. He has been running the motorcycle safety program since 2000. The program costs \$75 and it is funded through a \$115,000 grant from motorcycle registration fees. The program hosts about 400 students per year and they have added a second class. The classes fill up quickly so they are about a month out for registrations. A "returning rider" program is offered at Lakeland as well. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID CONTRACT TO THE GEAUGA HIGHWAY COMPANY FOR THE LAKE COUNTY RESURFACING PROJECT - 2026, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,007,107.50(20260528\E01)(E-3)

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

4.RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL ESTIMATE NO. 6 (RELEASE OF RETAINAGE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,454.00 WITH COOK PAVING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,653.88 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY WHEEL WASH SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 481-L-2024 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260528\U01)(UT-12)

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

5.RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,558,152.00 FOR GLENVIEW & TARBELL WATERLINE REPLACEMENT - PROJECT NO 477-W-2024, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: June 24, 2026)(20260528\U02)(UT-8)

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

6.RESOLUTION RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260528\U03)(UT-7)

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

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKETRAN AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID CLIENTS UNDER THE NON-EMERGENCY

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NEMT) PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$638,750.00, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027(20260528\JFS01)(JFS-2)

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

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR A FIREARMS/TOOLMARKS COMPARISON MICROSCOPE FOR THE LAKE COUNTY CRIME LABORATORY (Bid Opening: July 15, 2026)(20260528\C01)(CT-18)

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

9.RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM R. TYERS TO THE LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027(20260528\C02)(B-20)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik thanked Mentor City Council for their recommendation and he knows that Mr. Tyers will be a welcome addition to the Senior Panel. He thanked Mr. Tyers for stepping up into this role. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

10.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,975,005.40(20260521\BC01)(C-4)

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

11.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$633,673.51(20260521\BC02)(C-17)

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

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260528\BC03)(C-111)

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

13. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260528\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be next Thursday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a workshop at 10:30 in Chambers. There is also an America 250th Meeting scheduled on June 4 at 11:30 am in Chambers. The County is still looking for an Apiary. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

LEGAL: none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner McIntosh thanked the Commissioners for excusing him from the last meeting because he was in Las Vegas attending the ICSC Conference, the world's largest commercial real estate gathering, along with officials from the City of Mentor, to work on some economic development issues for Lake County.

Commissioner Plecnik encouraged a resolution be considered for a moratorium on data centers in Lake County to be adopted by all of Lake County's political subdivisions in order to further examine the impacts of data centers on our community. He applauded Painesville Township and Eastlake for already adopting resolutions. The County does not have the authority to ban data centers but it does have a bully pulpit. He thanked Commissioner Beverage for spearheading this effort in Perry Village.

Commissioner Beverage reminded everyone that as a county we do not have zoning authority. He encouraged local municipalities to continue to speak up for their own autonomy. This decision should not be made at the state level. They need to continue to talk about what they are looking for relating to data centers. If a data center is interested in coming into a community, each community needs to know what it wants to see. It cannot be a lopsided conversation. Local communities need to continue to make their voices heard. We can make certain demands.

Commissioner McIntosh agreed with both Commissioner's statements and explained that he started in local government as a member of the Concord Township Zoning Board. This is a matter of where to put a data center and how to regulate a data center. He encouraged Lake County municipalities to engage the Commissioners if a data center is proposed in their particular areas. Cooperative conversations are necessary and the Commissioners can

help assist with these discussions. Data centers are complicated projects and it takes time and diligence to work through the logistics and determine if they would be a good fit for a specific area. It should not be done in haste.

Commissioner Beverage stated that it is also useful to engage other elected officials such as our state senators and representatives. He stated that we need to be smart about the decisions that are being made so that they are in the best interest of Lake County communities.

Commissioner Plecnik stated that the Lake Development Authority is also a great resource and can provide expertise and great service to the entire County. They are experienced in negotiating agreements and would be happy to work with our municipalities. He stated that he has heard rumors at the state level that some people would like to take away local zoning rights pertaining to data centers and he does not agree. He thinks that the people who live in these areas should control their own local zoning. Not everyone’s preferences will be the same.

Commissioner Beverage gave a brief update about the SR2 maintenance and lighting project discussions and stated that, hopefully, a new contract will be signed by the end of June in order to move forward .

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:33 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: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:27 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this ninth day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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