

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

(Tape 2026-0616)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the minutes of Regular Meeting of May 21, 2026 were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Beverage asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Sheryl Lawrinson, 29103 Weber Avenue in Wickliffe, asked the Board to consider extending the homestead and owner-occupancy credit, explaining that the Homestead Exemption helped she and her husband tremendously when paying their full year taxes. She shared that this exemption helps many other senior citizens, veterans and disabled people.

Regina Gonzales of Waite Hill asked the Board to consider terminating the homestead and owner-occupancy credit, explaining how this type of tax relief negatively affects the schools and children.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF THE STATE ROUTE 2 GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITIES OF EASTLAKE, MENTOR, PAINESVILLE, WICKLIFFE, WILLOUGHBY, AND WILLOWICK(20260616\E01)(E-3)

Commissioner Beverage proposed an amendment to the resolution by extending the current State Route 2 Agreement and Painesville Agreement for the period ending April 30, 2027 rather than March 31, 2027. He explained that the Board thinks this is necessary to cover snow removal should Lake County experience a late snow. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he was grateful to County Engineer, Mr. Alan Exley. He reminded everyone that the maintenance agreement for State Route 2 has been in place for 50 years and is between the municipalities along State Route 2 whose responsibility is to maintain it and the county engineers office. As part of the state audit that was completed last year, one of the recommendations was to revisit this contract for multiple reasons. Commissioner Plecnik also pointed out that after more than 50 years, the mileage is incorrect given the many changes over the years. He stressed that the Board is eager to continue their relationship with the municipalities and that they know everyone can work together toward a productive and fair solution and agreement. Commissioner McIntosh explained that Route 2 has been one of his priorities since he was appointed and provided a brief update of the meetings he has had on this issue. He also stated that the County has shared this partnership for more than 50 years and the Engineers office was under strong advisement to revisit the contract. Commissioner Beverage reiterated that the State Auditor has made the recommendation to update this agreement. He also discussed how the SR2 lighting issue will be addressed and will move forward. The Board would like to come to a point where the Engineer can prepare the items necessary to go out to bid so that he can begin to acquire the materials necessary for completion in 2027. On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik for adoption of the resolution as amended. Commissioner McIntosh seconded the resolution as amended and the foregoing amended resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR LAKE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SALT – 2026 – RE-BID, LCE PROJECT NO. 2026-004 (Bid Opening July 15, 2026)(20260616\E02)(E-2)

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

3.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260616\U01)(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.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CCMEP), EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028(20260616\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.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN OHIOGUIDESTONE AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CCMEP) FOR PROGRAM YEAR EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 (20260616\JFS02)(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.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE RESEA SERVICES AT OHIOMEANSJOBS-LAKE COUNTY (OMJ-LAKE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,224.55 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028(20260616\JFS03)(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.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN UNITED LABOR AGENCY, INC. (ULA) AND THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE STAFFING SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028(20160616\JFS04)(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 THE EXECUTION OF THE DATA SHARING AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 5(20260616\JFS05)(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.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENTER INTO AND/OR RENEW COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND VILLAGES IN LAKE COUNTY FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBANDEVELOPMENT, UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED(20260616\C01)(C-46)

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.

10. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT L. MOORE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FROM A SEVEN-YEAR TERM TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING MARCH 24, 2026 AND EXPIRING MARCH 23, 2030(20260616\C02)(B-52)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik explained that the there was a change to state law reducing the term from seven to four years. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION AMENDING LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 7, 2026(20260616\C03)(C-107)

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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,195,535.44 (20260616\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.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365,039.35(20260616\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.

14. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260616\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.

15. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260616\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— Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger stated a public informational meeting has been set up for the future the Girdled Road Waterline Replacement Project. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Plecnik asked that Mr. Rothlisberger make residents aware that his department is taking all steps necessary to apply for any grant that may qualify and investigate all funding options available. Commissioner

McIntosh thanked Mr. Rothlisberger and County Administrator, Mr. Boyd, for meeting with the residents while he was in Washington. He stated that he had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Joyce to discuss the project as well.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, wanted to provide some important news that she is hoping to have more information on soon. She explained that beginning June 1, 2026, the State Department began taking a phased approach to revoke passports of any non-custodial parent who is behind \$75,000 or more in child support payments. She will provide more information as she receives it. She also reported that beginning October 1, 2026 the federal government will prohibit the purchase of any type of sugary drink using SNAP benefits. Lastly, beginning January 1, 2027, the federal government will require certain work requirements for Medicaid recipients. She will also provide more information on this when she receives it.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be next Thursday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. Following the meeting today there will be a workshop in Chambers. There is an America 250th Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at 11:30 am in Chambers. The County is still looking for an apiary.

LEGAL: none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik stated that the revaluation and exploding property taxes have made taxes unaffordable and harmful to senior citizens, families and children and that no amount of money will help school districts with their proficiency scores. He encouraged residents to go to Columbus to talk to lawmakers about the extremely high property taxes. Commissioner McIntosh shared his appreciation for the open conversations, spoke of inflation and how the actions of the State legislature have placed the Boards of County Commissioners in difficult positions. He also stated how he understands school levies and property taxes place a heavy burden on residents. Commissioner Beverage stated this property tax discussion isn't just about schools, but how school funding is the biggest concern and how education has been underfunded for years. He also spoke of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not keeping up with inflation. Commissioner Beverage explained that in Lake County, property taxes were 60% paid by Commercial properties and 40% by residents however, now, residents bare 60% of property taxes while commercial property is at 40% and explained how this system is out of balance and needs correction. Commissioner Beverage stated that both the Homestead Exemption Resolution and Owner-Occupied Resolution would be on next weeks (June 25) agenda for the Boards consideration

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-fifth day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT

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