LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

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(Tape 2026-0723)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2026

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage were present.
Commissioner McIntosh was not present today.
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, Commissioner McIntosh was excused from today's meeting with the vote follows : "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
Ohio State Extension Director, Ms. Lisa Manning, was present and introduced several youths to discuss their participation in 4-H and the upcoming Lake County Fair. The children provided the Board with information pertaining to the Livestock auction and their experiences and invited the Board to attend. Commissioners Beverage and Plecnik stated the livestock auction is one of the best events at the Fair and encouraged all Lake County residents to attend the fair and the auction.

Commissioner Beverage stated that there will be 96 pens of chicken and 54 pens of turkeys up for auction and how the auction has grown, with 70 more animals available than the last year.

Commissioner Plecnik reminded everyone that Saturday, August 1 is America250 free bobblehead day at the Fair.

No one present wished to address the Board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:
1.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS FOR LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE FUNDS(20260723\U01)(UT-2)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HYDROGEOLOGIC SITE EVALUATION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL EXPANSION FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20260723\U02)(UT-8)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER AND SEWER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260723\U03)(UT-7)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE FOR WESLEY VILLAGE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (RELATED DOCUMENT NO. 2008R026252)(20260723\C01)(C-34B)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE FOR WESLEY VILLAGE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (RELATED DOCUMENT NO. 2008R026253)(20260723\C02)(C-34B)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE FOR WESLEY VILLAGE II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (RELATED DOCUMENT NO. 1999R0019068)(20260723\C03)(C-34B)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF LAKE COUNTY'S JUNIOR LOAN POSITION THROUGH THE EXECUTION OF THE SUBORDINATION AND STANDSTILL AGREEMENT FOR WESLEY VILLAGE II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP(20260723\C04)(C-34B)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO AMEND THE NOVEMBER 27, 1978 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES, TECHNICAL CONTENTS, AND REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR SITE AND GRADING PLANS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, AND SETTING THE DATES FOR A PUBLIC HEARING(Public Hearings: August 6 and August 13)(20260723\C05)(UT-46)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,168,999.00(20260723\BC01)(C-4)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $931,995.51(20260723\BC02)(C-17)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT(20260723\BC03)(C-111)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260723\BC04)(C-111)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that her department would have a booth on the main concourse of the fair and they are sponsoring Kids Day at the Fair on July 30, 2026.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd provided an update on the Dog Shelter explaining that staff is receiving training on best management practices from the Humane Society, how a burial services contract for euthanasia has been obtained, four dogs are scheduled to be spayed/neutered next week, and that the HVAC parts have been received and will soon be installed by the Buildings and Grounds staff. The temperature remains at good levels in the shelter.

Mr. Boyd introduced Mr. Ben Capelle, Laketran Executive Director, who had a presentation for the Board.

Mr. Capelle thanked the Board for giving him the time for his presentation. He provided a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the upcoming farebox replacement decision LakeTran must make. Mr. Capelle explained that the fareboxes are nearing end of life and a decision must be made whether they are replaced with cashless boxes. LakeTran has gone through an evaluation process by completing a fare equity study which was completed in May 2026, and an onboard study completed in June 2026. Extensive Board discussions took place in May and June and a sample transition plan will be presented to the Board at the August 2026 meeting with a decision deadline of September 2026. He stated that currently, electronic fareboxes accept cash, smart cards and paper tickets. There will be 4 vending machine locations at major hubs that will accept cash and credit cards installed by the end of 2026. Mr. Capelle provided a detailed report on the costs of on-vehicle devices, and costs of replacement equipment both on-vehicle and in the LakeTran building. He explained the need for these replacements and how maintenance and repair of the current boxes have significantly increased, adding that the current boxes have a ten year life and they have stretched them out an extra 7 years with an additional 1-2 years expected before replacement and retirement. He also reviewed the results of several surveys, annual website fare sales and the increase in repairs to the current boxes. The estimated capital costs for replacement equipment are estimated at between $1,750,000 and $2,060,000 before installation.

The Board and Mr. Capelle discussed several detailed financial scenarios, how they can best assist seniors and those without credit or debit cards to purchase fares and how services will not change.

Mr. Capelle shared that they (LakeTran) applied for a grant on the county's behalf through Congressman Dave Joyce's earmark program through transit and the application has made it to the absolute final step. These dollars would go toward helping with the jail demolition. He explained that the grant amount requested was $4 million with a million dollar local match which if Congress approves the budget, we will also be able to say, "We secured $4 million for you to help demolish the jail." On behalf of the Board, Mr. Boyd stated how the County appreciates the work and the effort that LakeTran and the procurement team have put into the application.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, July 30th at 9:00 a.m. and reminded everyone that following the meeting today there will be a workshop in Chambers.

LEGAL: none.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Commissioner Beverage thanked Mr. Boyd for his updates on the dog shelter and feels the County is on the right path. He stated how he appreciates the partnership with the Humane Society, the conversations with the organizations and the contracted relationships we have for those dogs that we have to unfortunately euthanize. Commissioner Plecnik stated he was grateful to Congressman Joyce for his partnership with us and bringing funding for the jail in this unique context with our partnership with LakeTran.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> Commissioner Beverage reminded everyone that the Fair starts Tuesday, and then the 4-H auction is Saturday, August 1, registration begins at 11:00 and auction starts at 12 for the poultry and small animals and larger animals at 4pm.

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</u> On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. for Legal-Imminent Litigation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

<u>ADJOURN:</u> On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner Beverage, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this sixth day of August, 2026.

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