

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,537,818.27(20260806\BC01)(C-4)

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

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,041,334.66(20260806\BC02)(C-17)

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

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260806\BC03)(C-111)

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

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260806\BC04)(C-111)

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – Sanitary Engineer, Randy Rothlisberger, provided an update on the landfill. He stated that due to decomposition, a lot of methane gas is produced and is managed by an extensive network of piping inside the landfill and sent off to a flare. Earlier this year, his department advertised for a request of qualifications from companies that reuse this renewable resource in energy. He reported that they have shortlisted several companies and have requested them to submit proposals for how they would reuse the methane gas to produce energy. Mr. Rothlisberger stated he would keep the Board updated as this progresses.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, provided an update on the dog shelter. He and Mr. DiMare continue to work with staff on best management practices and partnerships, along with the Humane Society and other nonprofit entities. He thanked them for their support, ideas, and strategies to ensure the County is providing the best service possible. The building remains cool as they continue to tweak the existing system. He stated that the ultimate goal is to replace that cooling system and he continues to work with Budget Manager Underwood on a grant and on a new strategy heading into next year.

He next provided an update on the Safety Center Project. He stated that a significant amount of the masonry has been completed, and they have reached the point where they will begin final considerations for ordering furniture and IT equipment.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be Thursday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. and the second stormwater public hearing will be held on August 13 at 9:45. She also reminded everyone that there will be a workshop following today's meeting.

LEGAL: none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner McIntosh provided a brief update on SR2 and how he, along with a working group are continuing conversations on the SR2 contract between the county engineer and the municipalities. He wanted to address some information that's been put out in the public space that is not accurate. He explained how Route 2 is the same as Route 20 because it runs from one end of Lake County to the other and it is the responsibility of the municipalities it runs through. Over the last 50 years those entities have contracted with our County Engineer for its maintenance. He spoke of improved funding access for the municipalities and how county is providing upfront capital for a couple different efforts. Commissioner McIntosh wanted to clear up a statement made by a Lake County city councilman who stated that we expect them to buy the equipment and then pay the depreciation, which is not correct. The county would never ask anyone to pay for something twice. He explained that this updated contract is bigger and more robust and offers definition, sets standards and expectations and actually creates a process to deal with disagreements about the quality of service or how the service is rendered. They are also working on a two-part arrangement to bring a project forward to get the lights fixed on Route 2. This may be separate legal agreements for legal reasons, but it will be presented as a package for working together.

Next, he addressed Next Generation 911 stating that last summer, the 911 committee of which he chairs, made a decision to require every dispatch center in Lake County to have two dispatchers on duty 24/7.

The reason is that with the workload expected with NextGen 911, a minimum of two staff members manned 24/7 is the essential to provide the best 911 service. He explained that over the last year or so, we've seen where single dispatch situations are stretched thin and that compromises public safety and community members were unwilling to accept that as a standard in Lake County. He stated that while we are the only county in the State of Ohio that put that in place, we are probably the only county in the state of equal demographic that has as many dispatch centers.

Commissioner Plecnik stated that the Lake County Fair was remarkable last week and it was exciting to see tens of thousands of people come through the fairgrounds with their family and friends. By all accounts, there was a record-breaking 4-H auction. He also stated that as Chair of the Am250 Committee he was pleased to be present on Saturday and share with the public a limited edition bobblehead of Frances Jennings Casement. Ms. Jennings

Casement was known to be a personal friend of Susan B. Anthony, the legendary suffragette, and she is also the namesake of a new residential development in Lake County.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh and Plecnik "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this third day of September, 2026.

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