

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER	NEWS MEDIA
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	

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(Tape 2026-0910)

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the minutes of Regular Meeting of August 27, 2026, were approved with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

RESOLUTIONS:

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Sandra Tenkku, ADAMHS Prevention and Education Coordinator, stated that World Suicide Prevention Day is a time to remember and honor those struggling with issues that affect mental health and also as a day to highlight that there is help available and people are not alone. She thanked the Board for their support. Commissioner Beverage stated that this is the second time since he has been a Commissioner that this day was acknowledged, and he appreciates all those who help individuals in the community who need these services. Commissioner Plecnik thanked all of the non-profits including the Subzero Mission who help people suffering from despair. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

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8.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND FUND 597, PROJECT 491-L-2025 SOLID WASTE FACILITY SCALE REPLACEMENT(20260910\U05)(UT-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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES FUND 595, PROJECT 466-W-2023 LAKESHORE BOULEVARD SEABORN TO VINE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT AND THE WATER FUND(20260910\U06)(UT-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.

10.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20260910\U07)(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.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE A NON-MEDICAL IN-HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS AGE 60 AND OLDER FOR THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (Proposal Opening: October 7, 2026)(20260910\C01)(C-20)

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 \$37,501,625.25(20260910\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Beverage explained that the bills are more expensive today because \$32.5 million is included for payment of notes for the Engineer's projects and for the Public Safety Center Project. The Safety Center project debt is being paid off three years ahead of schedule. Commissioner Plecnik emphasized that the County is paying down \$25 million and providing better services to Lake County residents. He thanked the budget staff because this is the second year they are paying down the debt significantly. Commissioner McIntosh also thanked the budget staff and stated that even though he only came on the Board this year, these projects are worthy and necessary and paying down the debt is the responsible thing to do. Commissioner Beverage stated that although these are tough decisions, we are not cutting services or denying resources but are finding efficient ways to deliver the same level of services that our residents deserve. 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 \$3,086,399.51(20260910\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 AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20260910\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 AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20260910\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, reminded everyone that there would be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection this Saturday, September 12 at the Fairgrounds from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Commissioner Plecnik stated that he received some complaints over the Labor Day weekend from residents in Mentor and he asked for any updates. Mr. Rothlisberger explained that they have been working very hard to continue to adjust the formula and have pulled data for comparison. He will provide an update once they receive the information. Commissioner Beverage specified that some of the folks were complaining about a campfire smell or an outdoor fire smell which he believes would not be coming from the sanitary sewers. He stated that he appreciates Mr. Rothlisberger and his staff for taking every complaint and every situation seriously. He wanted to assure residents that every smell in the neighborhood doesn't necessarily relate to the sewer systems. Commissioner Beverage thanked the department for seriously investigating different smells even though they were probably unrelated to the sewer system and reminds residents that yes, if there's something wrong, please call, but understand if your neighbor's having a campfire, there's probably not a lot that the utilities department will be able to do to address that situation. He also thanked Mr. Rothlisberger for meeting with him on some potential rules and regulations changes, adoptions, and/or altering those within the utilities department specifically as it relates to sanitary sewer systems as well as our water systems. He shared with the Board that there may be some regulations to review specifically dealing with water capacity as it relates to applying for water permits. These potential changes will provide the Utilities department with the best opportunity to continue deploying first class services but in a responsible manner.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – Director of Job and Family Services, Ms. Suzanne Casar, stated that Ohio Means Jobs Lake County is going to be hosting an Older Adult Career and Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 16th from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Willoughby Senior Center. She also stated that her team has also partnered with Hola in Painesville for a career fair which will be held at Hola on September 23rd from 4:00 pm until 8:00 p.m. This is a free event and open to all members of the community. She referred to her report last week regarding the ban on sugary beverages for SNAP recipients. She explained that this has been delayed at the request of the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Administration. Ms. Casar next addressed Commissioner Beverages question from last week pertaining to changes to SNAP funding. She provided a little background regarding SNAP funding stating that HR1 (commonly known as the One Big Beautiful Bill) was enacted in July of 2025 and substantially altered public assistance programs. Beginning October 1st, federal administrative funding for SNAP will drop from 50% to 25%, meaning that states will now have to cover 75% of administrative costs for SNAP. Ohio counties will lose \$51 million annually beginning October 1. Lake County will lose approximately \$500,000 in State Fiscal Year 2027. The state is covering about \$230,000 to Lake County to cover that shortfall and Lake County JFS is able to cover the difference in state fiscal year 27 due to careful management of discretionary funding that the state provides to their agency and also Job and Family Services strategic decision to leave certain vacancies unfilled. Ms. Casar stated that there is much to be determined in State Fiscal Year’28 as it relates to our public assistance division because there is going to be a new governor, and a new biennium budget and they will also learn what Lake County’s SNAP error rate is at that time. Commissioner Beverage and Ms. Casar discussed the process for residents to apply for SNAP benefits and how Lake County has an error rate of 5.52%.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd wanted to follow up on the previous discussions and stated that it is important for everyone to understand the General Fund is the backstop for everything. He explained that when the County is approached by communities and nonprofits on why we (the County) can't you do more it's because we have significant Ohio Revised Code obligations that we're mandated to do. Commissioner Beverage shared that he attended the CCAO conference two weeks ago and they did a survey of county budget carry forwards, which has become a hot topic in Columbus. The Board, Mr. Boyd and Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Joel DiMare discussed the county's carryover and its importance.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be next Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. There is a workshop scheduled for 10:30 following the meeting today in Chambers and an AM250 at 11:30 am.

LEGAL: none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner McIntosh explained that earlier this week, the final form of the Rt2 contract was sent to every community in Lake County for full review and he feels it is a favorable and cooperative agreement for the municipalities. He stated that he will be meeting with some council members to discuss the contract further.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik shared that there will be a Flag Planting Ceremony beginning at 7:00 am tomorrow in Painesville Square honoring those lives lost 25 years ago on September 11th .

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth day of September, 2026.

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