LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER
MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK
JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
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(Tape 2026-1008)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 8, 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 September 24, 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.
No one present wished to address the Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL, RELEASE OF CONSTRUCTION SURETY AND ACCEPTING A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE SURETY FOR HARBOR CROSSING SUBDIVISION, PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (20261008\E01)(SD-444)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20261008\U01)(UT-7)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

3.RESOLUTION TO DELETE SEWER AND WATERS SUMS AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CERTIFIED TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20261008\U02)(UT-7)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

4.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH AECOM FOR THE TANGLEWOOD PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 504-S-2026 FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES(20261008\U03)(UT-4)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTIAN COURTWRIGHT TO THE POSITION OF LAKE COUNTY DOG WARDEN, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 30, 2026(20261008\C01)(P-110)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd stated he looks forward to Mr. Courtwright joining the Lake County team. He explained that he met Mr. Courtwright when the HVAC issue occurred at the Dog Shelter and that he stepped up to offer his help and knowledge. Mr. Boyd provided some of Mr. Courtwright's background. He thanked Mr. DiMare and the shelter staff for their hard work and also the Humane Society for assisting with some of their strategies and best practices over the last few months. Mr. Courtwright was present and stated how he looks forward to beginning his work with the County. The Board welcomed Mr. Courtwright and shared how they have the utmost confidence in the job he will do. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

6.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LAKE COUNTY RECORDER'S TECHNOLOGY FUND PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO R.C. 317.321(20261008\C02)(C-36)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

7.RESOLUTION TO RENAME TIMBER LANE TO TIMBERLANE DRIVE LOCATED IN CONCORD TOWNSHIP, OHIO (20261008\C03)(C-79)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik reiterated Planning and Community Development Director, Mr. Dave Radachy statement during the Public Hearing that the principal motivation for this name change is consistency especially in preparation of the Next Generation 911 operating system. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

8.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 167 (20261008\C04)(C-28)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

9.RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,181,996.97(20261008\BC01)(C-4)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $704,466.63(20261008\BC02)(C-17)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20261008\BC03)(C-111)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20261008\BC04)(C-111)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd provided an update on the Public Safety Center stating that the scaffolding has been taken down from the front of the building, all cells have been installed and currently they are working on the administrative offices. He also stated that he will be attending the initial kickoff meeting with the engineer who will be designing the relocation of the overhead lines to below ground near the Public Safety Center and how they are trying to time completion of this prior to the opening of the Safety Center.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be next Thursday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m. with a workshop at 10:30 or following that meeting. Ms. Bell reminded everyone that County offices will be closed Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

LEGAL: none.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik wanted to reiterate his very strong goal of seeing the lighting on Route 2 completed no later than next year and how elected officials must work together to get this project complete. He next discussed data centers in our community. He explained that while the Commissioners have no zoning authority and cannot pass a moratorium or countywide ban on data centers, many Ohio counties have passed a resolution expressing their desire for a moratorium or a ban. He would like to restate his support for such a resolution and feels it would be prudent for the Board to show their support for communities like Painesville Township that have already passed a moratorium on data centers. Commissioner Beverage stated that the County Commissioners have no authority in this area and acknowledged that data centers are being constructed regardless. He noted that if a data center developer were to approach the county as a responsible partner committed to protecting water quality and selecting underutilized land without nearby residential neighbors, he would be open to that discussion. He further stated that municipalities with established zoning authority should retain that authority. He disagreed with state representatives and senators who believe the state should assume control over local zoning decisions stressing that local control is a core principle in Ohio. Commissioner Beverage also expressed that he would not support passing a resolution similar to those adopted in other counties, as there may be future circumstances in which the county would welcome a particular developer or data center project and he thanked Commissioner Plecnik for the dialogue and discussion. Commissioner McIntosh stated that this Board stands pretty united on the situation with data centers in Lake County. He is open to ongoing conversations but agrees with Commissioner Beverage in the fact that he doesn't feel it's an inefficient use of the Boards authority to pass such a resolution.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Plecnik wanted to explain that an item that was removed from the agenda is receiving Prosecutors review. He explained that this resolution was pertaining to the City of Eastlake no longer wanting to hold the funds of the Mayors and Managers Association. A resolution is required to form a Council of Governments (CoG) that would be the alternative to overseeing the bank account for that local organization (Mayors and Managers). Commissioner Beverage stated that this is formalizing the Mayors and Managers Association. Mr. Boyd added that this was discussed at the Mayors and Managers meeting last week and that every member community will be considering a similar ordinance or resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:23 a.m. for Legal – Imminent Litigation with the vote as follows “AYES”: Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage “NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. with the vote as follows “AYES”: Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage “NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-second day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, PRESIDENT JOHN T. PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER

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