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 2026-1015)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 15, 2026

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

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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597, BC3 FORCEMAIN MODIFICATION PROJECT 512-L-2026 (20261015\U01)(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.

2.RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS, RELATED CHARGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20261015\U02)(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.

3.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE CITY OF KIRTLAND FOR THE WISNER ROAD STACKED WALL REPAIR PROJECT(20261015\C01)((UT-46A)
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 SUPPORTING GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE'S PETITION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ELIMINATE THE E-CHECK PROGRAM IN NORTHEAST OHIO(20261015\C02)(C-107)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Plecnik stated the reason he requested this resolution is because there is a 30-day comment period associated with Governor DeWine's request for the Ohio EPA to petition the United States EPA to abolish E-check. He is hopeful that adding Lake County's voice to the state's petition will move it forward. He explained that air quality standards were set approximately 10 years ago and there are currently seven out of 88 counties in Ohio being monitored. Lake County has gotten air quality levels down to the EPA standards that were set. He also stated that the way air readings have been taken is they have very arbitrarily placed sensors in particular locations and Lake County sensors were placed on the west end of our county downwind of Cleveland. He feels it is unfair to the people of Lake County to have this extra requirement imposed on them to renew their license plate stickers. Commissioner McIntosh stated that Lake County has been subject to E-Check requirements for many years, dating back to before he moved to Northeast Ohio. Speaking on his experience with air-quality monitoring in another state 30 years ago, he said such monitoring practices have often been relatively arbitrary. He also observed that air quality in Lake County has improved during the time the program has been in place. Commissioner Beverage stated that he certainly supports this effort to repeal E-check. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

5.RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THE CITY OF WILLOWICK MAYOR MICHAEL J. VANNI AS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS EXECUTIVE BOARD TO A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2029 (20261015\C03)(B-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.

6.RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 104 E. ERIE STREET, PAINESVILLE, PARCEL #15A0160000050, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY(20261015\C04)(C-40b)
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 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,109,376.34(20261015\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.

8.RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $512,936.85(20261015\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.

9.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20261015\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.

10. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20261015\BC04)(C-111)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Commissioner Beverage wanted to point out that included in this resolution is a transfer of $10 million into our Lake County Safety Service Center construction fund. This is the start of what the County plans to pay down or call on our debt in three years. He reminded everyone that the County had $115 million in debt for the Public Safety Center ($65 million in bonds and $50 million in notes). Earlier this year, we made the second $25 million payment on those notes, so the $50 million in notes has already been paid off. He shared that while this may sound complicated and a lot of financial math, it is one of the most important jobs as a commissioner to personally look at the budgeting process and make sure that the County is maintaining wonderful services offered at a high level while also making smart financial decisions. He thanked Mr. Boyd and the Commissioners finance team for a job well done as well as other departments around the county for understanding the culture and philosophy they are putting in place. Commissioner Plecnik wanted to remind everyone that in 2023, it was said it would be impossible to build the safety center and the new jail without raising taxes. Not only has this Board of Commissioners balanced the budget with the new jail project without raising taxes but they are paying down the debt on the jail much faster than scheduled. Commissioner McIntosh stated how he is very proud to be part of a team that's being led with such fiscal responsibility and when he became a Commissioner, the Public Safety Center Plan was largely already in place. He explained that capital projects are critically important, debt is always part of the equation, and this project has been done very responsibly without a sales tax increase. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
UTILITIES – none.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd provided additional context on Resolution No. 6, explaining that it authorizes the Land Bank to seek State of Ohio funding to help demolish the old jail. He noted that Mr. Rogers, Executive Director of the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Land Bank Board have supported the demolition of several buildings acquired at market value without eminent domain. This funding opportunity would allow the County to supplement existing general fund resources with state and federal funds reducing the financial burden on local residents.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next regular Commissioners meeting will be next Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m., and will be workshop following today's meeting at 10:30.

LEGAL: Commissioner Beverage addressed Assistant Prosecutor Dave Hackman, by welcoming him back and clarified a snarky remark about, being a joke. Commissioner Beverage stated for the record " Dave. So, I just wanted to make sure that I'm on the record that I love Dave Hackman. That means she has to write that down verbatim, just so you know. Uh, is there any report from legal?" Mr. Hackman did not have a legal report this morning.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:19 a.m. for Personnel - Compensation with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: McIntosh, Plecnik and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this twenty-ninth 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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