LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MORRIS W. BEVERAGE III, COMMISSIONER
JOHN PLECNIK, COMMISSIONER
MORGAN R. McINTOSH, COMMISSIONER
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK
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(Tape 2026-1105)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Beverage called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 5, 2026

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners Plecnik, McIntosh, 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 PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2026 NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO(20261105\F01)(C-126)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Suzanne Casar (Director of Lake County Job and Family Services) explained how JFS works with Probate Court to finalize adoptions. Gene Tetrick (Substitute Care Supervisor for Job and Family Services) thanked Judge Bartolotta (Probate Court) and his entire staff for all their hard work. Judge Bartolotta shared an adoption story of a 16 year old who was fostered and then recently adopted citing that the chances of adoption become much slimmer as a child ages so they were especially pleased with this outcome. The Board thanked and congratulated JFS and Probate Court. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 & FINAL FOR THE BLAIR ROAD RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH ALAN STONE CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF $31,112.95, LCE PROJECT NO. 2020-018 (20261105\E01)(E-3)
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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND TRANSFERS-OUT AND TRANSFERRING CASH TO THE SOLID WASTE CLOSURE/POST CLOSURE FUND (20261105\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.

4. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595 FOR PROJECT 490-W-2025 ROCKEFELLER ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT(20261105\U02)(UT-2)
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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595 FOR PROJECT 514-W-2026 EDISON DRIVE WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT(20261105\U03)(UT-2)
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.

6. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES WATER FUND AND PROJECT FUND 595 FOR PROJECT 433-W-2020 TOWNLINE ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT(20261105\U04)(UT-2)
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 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERRING CASH WITHIN LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES SOLID WASTE FUND AND PROJECT FUND 597 FOR PROJECT 491-L-2025 2026 SOLID WASTE FACILITY SCALE REPLACEMENT(20261105\U05)(UT-2)
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.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF $933,000.00 FOR 2026 LANDFILL GCCS IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NO 513-L-2026, AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SAME (BID OPENING: DECEMBER 9, 2026)(20261105\U06)(UT-8)
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 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF $248,132.50 FOR A WATERLINE FOR HIDDEN VILLAGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 7 IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 26-30) (20261105\U07)(SD-437)
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 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST IN THE AMOUNT OF $345,259.20 FOR SANITARY SEWERS FOR HIDDEN VILLAGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION-PHASE 7 IN PERRY VILLAGE (JOB NO. 26-31) (20261105\U08)(SD-437)
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 CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER SUMS AND RELATED CHARGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR(20261105\U09)(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.

12. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SUB-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027(20261105\C01)(INS)
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.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TRANE U.S. INC. PROCURED THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR A NEW HVAC SYSTEM AT THE LAKE COUNTY DOG SHELTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,678,602.00(20261105\C02)(C-7)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. Carl DiFranco (Clerk of Common Pleas Court for Lake County) described his history over the last 2 years working as Clerk. The hard work of himself and his staff has resulted in a surplus of $200,000 from the CTA Fund which will be transferred to the General Fund. This contribution will help offset the costs of this new HVAC system helping to ease some of the financial burden while supporting the help and comfort of the animals that are being housed there. Christian Courtwright (new Dog Warden) thanked the Clerk of Courts, adding how he is looking forward to the start of this important project. Mark Iafelice (Building & Grounds Superintendent) said the old system will be gutted so the new one can be installed. This new energy efficient system is the best solution for this facility as it includes a redundancy. For example, if a boiler were to go down, a second boiler will take over so there will continue to be heating/air conditioning. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

14.RESOLUTION TO ANNEX 27.91 ACRES IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE (20261105\C03)(C-92)
On a motion by Commissioner Plecnik, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh. David Hackman (Assistant Prosecutor) explained that this is an "expedited annexation" requiring a resolution by the Board. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

15. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF VASSAR DRIVE IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (Hearing: Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077)(20261105\C04)(C-66)
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.

16. RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE BOWHALL ROAD CENTERLINE, LOCATED IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP (Hearing: Thursday, December 3, 2026, 9:45 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers)(20261105\C05)(C-66)
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.

17. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,045,811.96 (20261105\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.

18. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,121,873.71 (20261105\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.

19.RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20261105\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.

20. RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS(20261105\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 – Ms. Casar reiterated how there is always a great need for foster parents so if anyone is interested, they can reach out to JFS or call the hotline at (440) 350-4218. She also wanted to remind everyone that there is a Veterans Resource and Appreciation Event (in partnership with the Sub Zero Mission) being held in the JFS parking lot until 12 pm today. It includes a "Stuff The Bus" donation where they are accepting winter coats, boots, sleeping bags, and tents.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – None

CLERK – Jennifer Bell (Commissioners Clerk) stated that the next regular Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday November 10 at 10:00 a.m. with a public workshop following it at 10:30 a.m. County Offices will be closed on Wednesday November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. She also reminded everyone that we are still in need of a county apiary inspector. An apiary inspector is responsible for examining beehive/colony health in order to help protect both hobbyists apiaries and our local agricultural pollination system.

LEGAL: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Clerk read the following statement, "Pursuant to the requirements of the grant, notice is hereby issued that the Lake County Sheriff's Office intends to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program-FY 2026 Local Solicitation in the amount of $26,893.00 to purchase a 2027 Police Vehicle (patrol vehicle). This vehicle will be fully marked and equipped for emergency service and will replace an older vehicle that is currently in use."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner McIntosh, seconded by Commissioner Plecnik, the Board convened for an Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. for Personnel - Discipline with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Plecnik, McIntosh, and Beverage "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 10:32 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: Plecnik, McIntosh and Beverage "NAYS": None.

Minutes approved this seventeenth day of November , 2026.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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