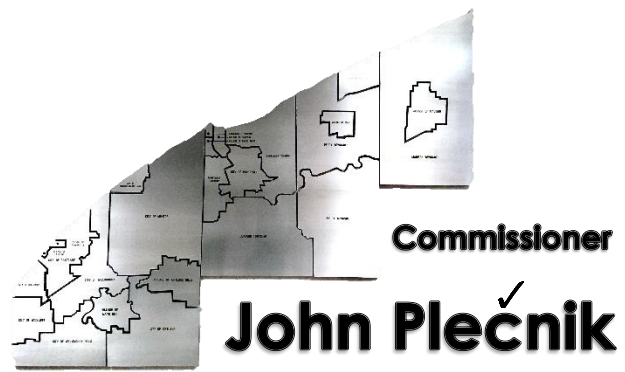


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**Commissioner John Plecnik earns A in Ethics & Statesmanship**

**PAINESVILLE, Ohio** – On July 14th, Lake County Commissioners John Hamercheck and Mark Tyler congratulated their colleague Commissioner John Plecnik for completing a doctoral-level course on ethics and statesmanship for public administrators at Liberty University. Commissioner Plecnik took PADM 700: Public Administration Ethics, Statesmanship, & Governance at his own expense in an online format this summer and earned the highest possible grade of A. According to the syllabus, “This course provides a foundational perspective on the study of public administration. Students will research key areas relating to public administration, leadership, ethics in the public administration context, and governance. Students will be challenged to synthesize these concepts with a Biblical perspective on statesmanship.”



“As a professor by trade, I understand that no one has a monopoly on wisdom and there is always more to learn. The opportunity to study ethics in public administration from the Judeo-Christian perspective was a real blessing, and I am very grateful to my professors and classmates at Liberty University for an engaged discussion this summer,” **said Commissioner John Plecnik.**

“As President of the Board of Commissioners, I commend Commissioner John Plecnik for ceaselessly learning and growing, and this latest accomplishment is only one example of his hard work. The very same year John joined the Board, he took the time to complete the Ohio State Public Leadership Academy. In the past year and a half, John has visited every county department, agency and courthouse to learn more about their innerworkings and day to day needs. No one works harder for Lake County than John,” **said Commissioner John Hamercheck.**

“I am honored to serve with Commissioner John Plecnik, because his ethics and integrity are beyond reproach. John has a moral compass that always points true north, and his deliberative and thoughtful style of leadership is a pillar on which we all rely. We congratulate our colleague on earning a well-deserved A in ethics and statesmanship, because John is a true statesman for Lake County,” **said Commissioner Mark Tyler.**