



## **About John Plecnik**

(Slovenian: Plečnik, Pronounced Plech-nik)

### **Commissioner, Lake County**

Commissioner John Plecnik was sworn in as the 79th Commissioner in the history of Lake County on February 11, 2021 by Justice Pat DeWine of the Ohio Supreme Court. After his election by a 16.92% margin on November 8, 2022, Commissioner Plecnik was sworn in for his second term by Judge John Eklund of the Ohio 11th District Court of Appeals on December 29, 2022, to also become the 82nd Commissioner of Lake County. He is one of three Lake County Commissioners, who meet weekly in Painesville to set the budget and administrative policy for county government.

In the past, Commissioner Plecnik served as Vice President of Council, Chair of Finance and Councilman-at-Large for the City of Willoughby Hills, where he personally negotiated and drafted the tax abatement that brought over 300 good-paying jobs and the single biggest employer in the last decade to Lake County. He also served as Vice President of the Board of Trustees for Willoughby-Eastlake Public Libraries and Chairman of the Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Plecnik holds degrees in accounting, law and tax. He earned his Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in Accounting from Belmont Abbey College, where he graduated co-valedictorian. He earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Duke University School of Law, where he co-founded the Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy. He earned his Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University School of Law. Commissioner Plecnik was also awarded the Certificate in Business Excellence by the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.