

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**August 2, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Venetian Center, Harris Room, 1 Dozier Circle, Leesburg**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Sean Parks, Chairman**

**Douglas B. Shields, District #1**

**Kirby Smith, District #3**

**Leslie Campione, District #4**

**Josh Blake, District #5**

**Alan Rosen, County Manager**

**Melanie Marsh, County Attorney**

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## ITEMIZED AGENDA

August 2, 2021

- I. OPENING REMARKS
- II. LAKE COUNTY BASICS
- III. DISCUSSION OF SHORT-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN
- IV. LIVE POLLING
- V. PRESENTATION ON ROADS FROM FRED SCHNEIDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
- VI. DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM ITEMS (5-10 YEAR TIMEFRAME)
- VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
  - A. Commissioner Shields - District #1
  - B. Commissioner Parks - District #2
  - C. Commissioner Smith - District #3
  - D. Commissioner Campione - District #4
  - E. Commissioner Blake – District #5
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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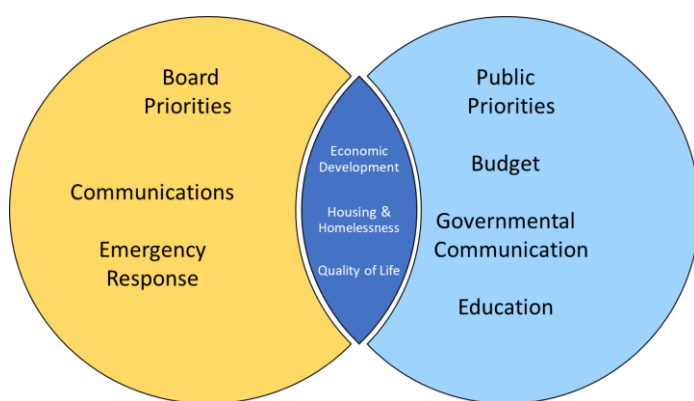
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# Board Retreat Summary

February 16, 2020

## Summary Overview

The Board of County Commissioners, staff and members of the community met to discuss priorities and challenges for Lake County. The retreat aimed to promote collaboration and communication between the county and the public when considering future goals. Attendees had the opportunity to voice their priorities and hear from the County Commissioners regarding their vision for Lake County with the purpose of discovering shared priorities.



## Top Priorities for Attendees

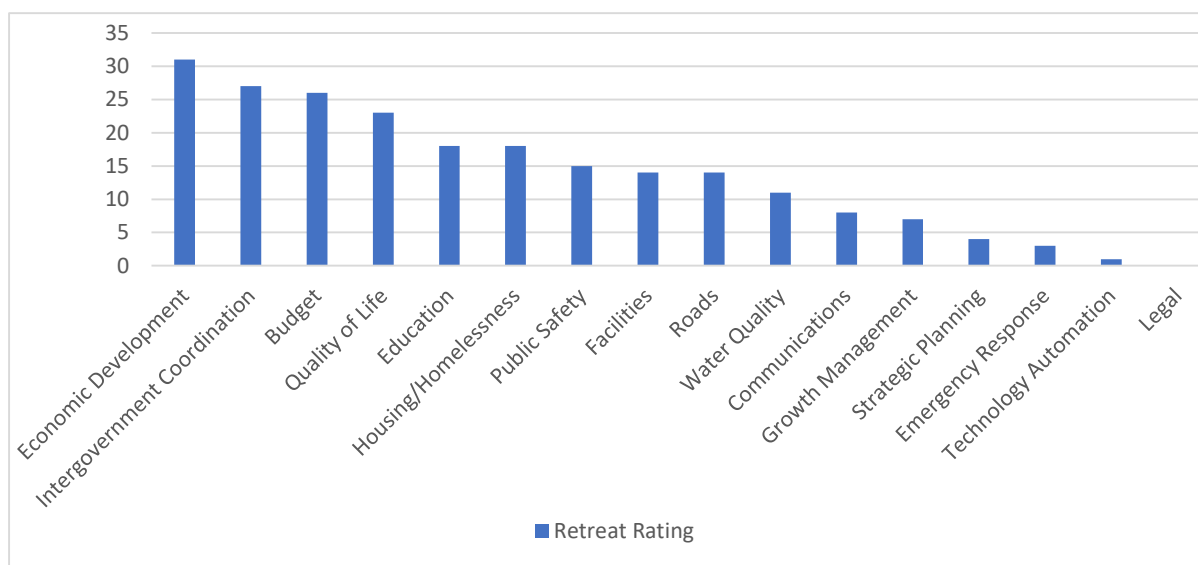
Among the top priorities for attendees were *economic development*, the *County budget*, *intergovernmental communication* between County government and surrounding areas, and overall *quality of life*. *Education* as well as *housing and homelessness* followed closely behind.

## Top Priorities for the Board

Top priorities included *economic development*, *communications*, *housing and homelessness*, and *quality of life* in addition to *emergency response*.

## Priority Focus Areas

The below graph depicts topics that were discussed at the retreat. The “Retreat Ratings” were determined by the amount of times a specific priority was brought up in each category. One point represents one mention.



# Board Priorities by Category

## Economic Development

- Update Economic Development Action Plan
- Target industries and create job opportunities
- Water and sewer for Mount Plymouth-Sorrento CRA
- Expand eco-tourism opportunities

## Intergovernmental Coordination

- Revise ISBA agreements
- Improve and enhance partnerships with cities

## Budget

- Increase reserves
- Lower property taxes without lowering service
- Protect against cost of living increases

## Quality of Life

- Funding for trail construction and maintenance
- Create a regional park in Tavares
- Pursue America in Bloom
- Access to healthcare, education, transportation and recreation
- Protect natural spaces
- Protect unique small town charm and downtown districts
- Public access to Wekiva River
- Lower crime
- Preserve and enhance quality of life in Lake County

## Education

- More tech-related programs in high schools

## Housing and Homelessness

- Implement homelessness mitigation plan
- Develop attainable housing/affordable workforce and senior housing

## Facilities

- Staff parking lot open to public after hours

## Roads

- Funding for road construction and maintenance
- SR 46A buffer and landscaping deficiencies

## Water Quality

- Address algae blooms in lakes used by athletes
- Overall water quality

## Communications

- Improve community relations and outreach

## Legal

- Commission districts from at-large to single member

## Technology and Automation

- Implement "See Click Fix"

# Board Priorities by Category

## Public Safety

- Support Animal Services and no-kill mission
- Dependable public safety and emergency medical services

## Growth Management

- Protect Green Swamp
- Lake Norris Conservation Area
- Setback requirements
- Four Corners growth concerns
- New development to demonstrate fiscal sustainability while promoting prosperity and conserving environment
- No exceptions to Comp Plan unless conditions have fundamentally changed
- Provide incentives to builders to redevelop old structures rather than starting over on new land
- Identify/address permitting and planning issues
- Prevent unauthorized/illegal borrow pits and hauling activity
- Mitigate rail car storage and blight
- Reduce/simplify landscape requirements in LDRs
- Protect rural character and agricultural land uses
- Provide green building incentives

## Strategic Planning

- Develop a Strategic Plan
- Enhance public/private partnerships

## Emergency Response

- COVID-19 response and improvements to state public health structure
- Revise emergency authority during a declared pandemic