

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

AGRICULTURAL LANDS WORKSHOP

**Lake County Commission Board Chambers
315 W. Main St., 2nd Floor, Tavares, FL 32778**

June 23, 2025 – 2:00 PM

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Anthony Sabatini, District #1
Sean Parks, District #2
Kirby Smith, District #3
Leslie Campione, District #4
Timothy Morris, District #5**

**Jennifer Barker, County Manager
Gary J. Cooney, Clerk to the Board
Melanie Marsh, County Attorney**

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ITEMIZED AGENDA

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2:00 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR TRUENOW AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAN COBB

**IV. AGRICULTURE IN FLORIDA –
Presented by Florida Agriculture Commissioner Simpson**

**V. THE CASE FOR CONSERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND IN FLORIDA –
Presented by Paul Owens, President of 1000 Friends of Florida**

**VI. OVERVIEW OF STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS –
Presented by Dr. Nathan Palardy, UF/IFAS School of Food and Resource Economics**

**VII. CHALLENGES OF FARMING IN LAKE COUNTY –
Panel moderated by Meg Brew, Lake County Economic Development Director**

VIII. DISCUSSION

The County Commission reserves the right to move any Agenda item to an earlier time during the day as its schedule permits, except in the case of items and appointments that have been advertised in a newspaper for a specific time.

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