

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 24, 2026**

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**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

February 24, 2026

9:00 AM.      Invocation  
  
                 Pledge of Allegiance

### **I.    AGENDA UPDATE**

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to today's Agenda.

### **II.   MINUTES APPROVAL**

Tab 1            Recommend approval of the following minutes:

- January 6, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
- January 20, 2026 (Regular Meeting)

### **CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

At this point in the meeting the Board of County Commissioners will hear questions, comments and concerns from the citizens. If the issue raised is not on today's agenda, action will not be taken by the Board. Questions may be answered by staff, or referred for appropriate staff action. If further action is necessary, the item may be placed on a future Board agenda.

Zoning and code enforcement matters cannot be discussed during the public comment period. Procurement matters not scheduled to be heard by the Board today also cannot be discussed during the public comment period.

Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes per person.

### **III.   PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS**

Tab 2            Recommend approval and presentation of a proclamation designating March 2026 as Irish American Heritage month, per Commissioner Campione.

#### **IV. CLERK OF COURT'S CONSENT AGENDA**

- Tab 3 Recommend approval of the Clerk's Consent Agenda (Items 1-3):
1. Notice is hereby provided of warrants paid prior to this meeting, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 (1) of the Florida Statutes, which shall be incorporated into the Minutes and filed in the Board Support Division of the Clerk's Office.
  2. Notice is hereby provided of having received Annexation Ordinance 2025-25 from the City of Mount Dora as required by Chapter 171.044(3) Florida Statutes with the accompanying map.
  3. Notice is hereby provided of having received Annexation Ordinance 2025-K and map of the Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment from the City of Umatilla as required by Chapter 171.091, Florida Statutes.

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA (Tab 4 – 21):**

##### **A. COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Tab 4 Recommend approval to remove an advisory committee member from the Sales Surtax Oversight Advisory Committee. There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 5 Recommend approval of a waiver of conflict for GrayRobinson regarding its representation of the Pulte Home Company with respect to the Round Lake Road project from South of Wolf Branch Road to North of S.R. 44.

There is no fiscal impact.

##### **B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

###### **Management and Budget**

Tab 6 Recommend approval for the Chairman to execute a letter to the Florida Department of Criminal Justice Bureau Chief Office of Criminal Justice Grants on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office requesting the return of \$35,423 JAGC funds related to Grant Award Number 6N169/Award Title C-6N169 Negotiation Team Training & Police Equipment.

There is no fiscal impact.

C. **HUMAN RESOURCES AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Tab 7 Recommend approval of a Liability Claim Settlement for a motor vehicle accident on May 20, 2025. The fiscal impact is \$125,749.25.

D. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Economic Development**

Tab 8 Recommend approval to authorize the County Manager to execute payments for economic development incentive grants due under the applicable agreements to:

1. Encompass Health for the Economic Development Grant Incentive Program in the amount of \$63,641.84;
2. Encompass Health for the Agreement for Waiver of Impact Fees in the amount of \$45,089.32.

The fiscal impact is \$108,731.16 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

E. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Fire Rescue**

Tab 9 Recommend approval of a Perpetual Utility Easement to Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECO), needed for electrical services at Fire Station 85, located at 17800 CR455, in Montverde (a/k/a Alternate Key 3938174).

There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 2.

F. **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Solid Waste**

Tab 10 Recommend approval:

1. Of Contracts 25-918A with Aftermath Disaster Recovery, Inc. (Prosper, TX), 25-918B with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (Sarasota, FL), and 25-918C with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC (Greer, SC) to provide on-call emergency debris removal services throughout the County; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The fiscal impact (expenditure) cannot be determined at this time, as costs are incurred only during an emergency event.

## **Transit Services**

### **Tab 11**

Recommend approval:

1. Of the submittal of the 2027 Public Transit Block Grant application; and
2. Of the adoption of the Resolution supporting the 2027 Public Transit Block Grant application.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$2,072,054 — \$1,036,027 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and \$1,036,027 (expenditure - county match) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.

## **G. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

### **Fleet Management**

#### **Tab 12**

Recommend approval:

1. Of Contract 25-725I with Graham Automotive Supply, Inc. (Leesburg, FL) as an additional vendor to the pool for Fleet Parts Suppliers; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The addition of a vendor to the vendor pool does not affect the estimated annual fiscal impact and will not exceed available funding in any Fiscal Year Budget.

### **Public Works**

#### **Tab 13**

Recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way dedication for Integra Wellness Way Apartments (DR-24035), which is in the City of Clermont, and authorization for the Chairman to execute any required closing documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.

#### **Tab 14**

Recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way and right-of-way easement dedication by plat for Griffin Preserve (DR-24031), which is in the City of Fruitland Park, and authorization for the Chairman to execute any required closing documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 5.

Tab 15 Recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way dedication for Huntington Oaks (DR-25026), which is in the City of Leesburg, and authorization for the Chairman to execute any required closing documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.

Tab 16 Recommend approval to accept public Right of Way and Easement Deeds that have been secured in conjunction with development, roadway, and stormwater projects.

The fiscal impact is \$5,015.10 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Tab 17 Recommend approval of a Resolution to reduce the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH on Number Two Road from CR 48 south to 1,850 feet east of Silverwood Lane.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 3.

Tab 18 Recommend approval of Change Order #1 to the Old 441/CR 19A at Eudora Road Roundabout contract for the addition of a small roundabout at the intersection of Bay Road and Short Street along with a permanent traffic signal at the intersection of CR 19A and Triangle Drive.

The fiscal impact is \$628,453.55 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 4.

Tab 19 Recommend approval:  
1. To award the Sun Eden Water Quality Retrofits construction project (Contract 26-706) to Estep Construction Inc. for \$938,625.  
2. Of a budget transfer in the amount of \$303,625 from the Lower Palatlahaha Basin project to the Lake Harris/Little Lake Harris Basin project.

The fiscal impact is \$938,625 — \$285,000 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and \$653,625 (expenditure - county match).  
Commission District 3.

Tab 20

Recommend approval:

1. Of a Resolution declaring the collapse of Empire Church Road as a qualifying event under Section 255.20(1)(c)1, Florida Statutes, which exempts the repair and reconstruction of the road from the competitive bidding requirements otherwise required;
2. To increase the emergency expenditure limits of Contracts 25-743A-C for on-call emergency infrastructure repair services from \$250,000 to a not to exceed \$3,000,000; and
3. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The estimated fiscal impact is unknown at this time as expenditures are emergency event related. Most projects shall not exceed the FEMA acceptable funding limits per project. Expenditures will not exceed available funding in each fiscal year's budget.

**H. PARKS AND WATER RESOURCES**

**Parks and Trails**

Tab 21

Recommend approval:

1. To adopt a Resolution authorizing the program manager of the Mosquito Management Division, Department of Parks and Water Resources, to execute any necessary grant agreements or required amendments or other documents associated with the receipt of state funding for the arthropod control program; providing that the program manager of the Mosquito Management Division, shall be Lake County's Authorized agent for this purpose only; and providing for an effective date.
2. To authorize the Chairman to submit a letter to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) acknowledging the change of position for Brad Russ and recommending Justin Walker as the Mosquito Management Program Manager.

There is no fiscal impact.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

Tab 22

Presentation of the 2026 Economic Forecast by Neil Hamilton.

Tab 23

Kelley Klepper, Vice President with Kimley Horn, will present an update on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan

Tab 24

Discussion and direction regarding funding for the Lake County Historical Museum.

Tab 25

Discussion and direction regarding the Wolf Branch Innovation District Logo. Recommend approval of the logo for use in the Wolf Branch Innovation District.

## VII. REGULAR AGENDA

### A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### Planning and Zoning

Tab 26 Presentation and recommendation for approval to advertise an Ordinance amending Section 9.02.00, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, entitled *Tree Protection*. There is no fiscal impact.

### B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### Office of Housing and Community Services

Tab 27 Presentation and recommendation for approval to advertise an Ordinance amending the Lake County Affordable Housing Assistance Trust Fund and Live Local Act requirements pursuant to Senate Bill 1730 (2025). There is no fiscal impact.

#### Office of Tourism

Tab 28 Recommend approval of the Five-Year Destination Strategic Plan.

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tab 29 Recommend approval to appoint members to the Lake County Library Advisory Board.

- Betsy Dokken as the primary member representing the City of Eustis (reappointment). Term will expire 2/28/2030.
- Beth Sharpe will move from the alternate member to the primary member representing the City of Mount Dora to fill the unexpired term ending 2/28/2028.
- Marcia Ford as the alternate member representing the City of Mount Dora to fill an unexpired term ending 2/28/2028.

Commissioner Morris is the liaison to the Library Advisory Board.

Tab 30 Recommend approval to appoint Randy Bumbalough to the Board of Building Examiners to fill the following position: Architect. Mr. Bumbalough would fill a vacant position for a term beginning on 03/05/2026 and expiring on 01/14/2030.

**IX. REPORTS**

- A. County Attorney
- B. County Manager

**X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- A. Commissioner Sabatini - District #1
- B. Commissioner Parks - District #2
- C. Commissioner Smith - District #3
- D. Commissioner Morris - District #5
- E. Commissioner Campione - Chairman and District #4

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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Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this Commission meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record may include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact (352) 343-9760 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 or (352) 253-1840.**