

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

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2026

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

DISCLAIMER

Meetings are held in person with limited occupancy for social distancing. Members of the public are invited to attend in person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom with a computer or smart device. Attendees may also call into the meeting using the information provided on our website.

To view upcoming meeting dates and locations, or for more information on upcoming meetings, visit <https://lakecountyfl.gov/boardmeeting>.

This booklet has been prepared for the convenience of the Board of County Commissioners in discussing matters before them. Every effort has been made to include all items to be discussed at this Board of County Commissioners meeting; however, Commissioners may add items to the agenda up to 4 days prior to the meeting. They also may remove items from consideration at any time. While it has been the goal to present error-free information, we do not represent that documentation is without errors or omissions.

In addition to regular Board meetings, the Board of County Commissioners may, from time to time, schedule a workshop during which they will receive information from staff, have discussions with staff and among themselves, and then proceed to give staff direction on the subject matter being discussed unless otherwise shown on the Agenda item. These discussions and workshops do not take the place of the formal public hearing process during which any member of the public may comment and formal action is taken.

The Board and staff welcome written comments prior to workshops and other meetings. If you have comments or questions regarding the subject matter of any Board action or workshop, please deliver your written comments to appropriate County staff or mail to the Board of County Commissioners, Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778.

ITEMIZED AGENDA

March 10, 2026

9:00 A.M. Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. AGENDA UPDATE

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to today's Agenda.

II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

Tab 1 Recommend approval of the following minutes:

- February 2, 2026 (Special 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.

IV. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

Tab 2 Recommend approval and presentation of a proclamation declaring March 15-21, 2026, as Florida Surveyors and Mappers week.

V. 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 the Windsor Cay Community Development District Initial Public Facilities Report in accordance with Section 189.008, Florida Statutes.
 3. Lake County's Semi-Annual Investment Report of December 31, 2025 is hereby provided.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA (Tab 4 – 11):

A. PROCLAMATIONS

- Tab 4 Recommend approval of a proclamation designating May 2026 as Law Enforcement Month in Lake County, per Commissioner Campione.
- Tab 5 Recommend approval of the Liberty Tree Proclamation, per Commissioner Campione.

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development

- Tab 6 Recommend approval and execution of the Memorandum of Understanding/ Funding Agreement with Career Source Central Florida for the Future Ready Lake Program to support training and up-skilling for Lake County residents laid off by Kroger and Ocado.

The fiscal impact is \$360,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Rescue

- Tab 7 Recommend approval of a Fourth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection and Rescue Services with the City of Mascotte. There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 1.

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Office of Housing and Community Services

Tab 8 Recommend approval and execution of a Termination and Release of Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions and Mortgage to release the restrictive covenants and Mortgage/Note executed by the Okahumpka Community Club, Inc.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$27 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 5.

Library Services

Tab 9 Recommend approval to designate Lindsay Platt as the Single Administrative Head of the Lake County Library System and authorize the Chairman to execute Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services Form DLIS/SA01, State Aid to Libraries Grant Certification of Credentials - Single Library Administrative Head.

E. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Public Works

Tab 10 Recommend approval of an agreement to provide for the repair of pavement damage that occurred to six County-maintained roads in Yalaha during permitted work. There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 3.

Tab 11

Recommend approval:

1. Of a Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement for Property with Donald E. Rhames and Laura Mae Rhames;
2. To authorize the County Manager to approve any amendments to the Purchase Agreement that do not have a fiscal impact, including but not limited to extended possession for Donald E. Rhames as allowed by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)'s Residential Relocation and Moving Assistance under the Florida Relocation Assistance (Relocation Assistance) Program;
3. To authorize the County Manager to approve any required expenditures of relocation benefits to the eligible displaced individual(s) pursuant to FDOT's Relocation Assistance Program guidelines and requirements;
4. To authorize the Public Works staff to work post-closing on the encumbrances with the County Attorney's Office; and
5. Authorization for Chairman to execute any necessary closing documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$550,000 plus due diligence, closing costs, and relocation benefits (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The total cost for relocation benefits, which may include rental assistance or purchase assistance and any moving expenses, is not determinable at this time.
Commission District 2.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tab 12

Recommend adoption and execution of 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.

Tab 13

Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance amending Section 9.02.00, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, entitled *Tree Protection*. There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 14

Recommend adoption of a Resolution to vacate a portion of an unnamed platted Right-of-Way (ROW) easement lying between Tracts 31-34, as shown on the Plat of Groveland Farms, recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 10 & 11, of the public records. The platted ROW easement to be vacated is located east of East Redwing Road, south and west of Montevista Road, and west of Lake Wash, within Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 25 East, in the unincorporated Groveland area.

The fiscal impact is \$2,295 (revenue) and is within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. PARKS AND WATER RESOURCES

Parks and Trails

Tab 15 Discussion and direction regarding an application received under Lake County Policy, LCC-69, *Naming County Facilities and Placement of Memorials*, to name the soccer fields at Hickory Point Recreation Complex as the "Mike Stone Soccer Complex".

There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 3.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Tab 16 Recommend approval to appoint members to the Lake County Library Advisory Board.

- Lawrence Ross as the primary member representing the City of Tavares (reappointment). Term will expire 2/28/2030.
- Tamara Watkins-Small as the alternate member representing the City of Tavares. Term will expire 2/28/2030.
- Robert Miller will move from the alternate member to the primary member representing the City of Umatilla (reappointment). Term will expire 2/28/2030.
- Robyn Lambert as the alternate member representing the City of Umatilla, with the conflict waiver. Term will expire 2/28/2030.

Commissioner Morris is the liaison to the Library Advisory Board.

Tab 17

Recommend approval for an appointment for a vacancy on the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board for Commission District 5.

Applicants:

- District 5: Amanda Wettstein (for a term ending June 30, 2027, applicant resides in District 4)

(Applicant recommended by District Commissioner)

Additional applicants:

Martin Proctor (applicant resides in District 1); Mr. Proctor is currently a member of the Lake Sumter MPO Citizen Advisory Committee

Michelle Craske (applicant resides in District 1) with waiver of conflict if selected

Sandra Stura (applicant resides in District 4); Ms. Stura is currently a member of the Mt. Plymouth Sorrento CRA Committee

Tim Kiley (applicant resides in District 4); Mr. Kiley is currently a member of the Mt. Plymouth Sorrento CRA Committee

Tylana Hill (applicant resides in District 4)

Unless otherwise listed herein, the applicants are not current members of another board or committee through appointment from the Board of County Commissioners (Board).

All applicants are qualified electors of Lake County. The Board may make appointments without regard to district residency if a qualified applicant is not available within the district.

Commissioner Kirby Smith is the Board's liaison for the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board.

X. REPORTS

A. County Attorney

B. County Manager

XI. 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**

XII. ADDENDUM

- A. **ANNEXATION REPORT**
- B. **REGULAR AGENDA**

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Parks - District #2

Tab 18 Discussion and direction regarding Resolution Expressing Opposition to the Rural Boundary Amendment proposed as an Amendment to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 208 (2026).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Rescue

Tab 19 Wildfire Threat Update by Chief David Kilbury, Public Safety Director.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Public Works

Tab 20

Recommend approval:

1. Of a Purchase Agreement for Property with WDL Property Holdings 8 LLC for the Britt Road Repair Project;
2. To authorize the County Manger to execute the Purchase Agreement and any necessary amendments;
3. To proceed with closing the transaction by waiving due diligence or accepting any encumbrances due to the emergency relief needed in order to close the transaction within thirty days; and
4. To authorize the Chairman to execute any necessary closing documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$14,500 plus any due diligence costs that may still be required and closing costs (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission 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.

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.