

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

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 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

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virtually via Zoom with a computer or smart device. Attendees may also call
into the meeting using the information provided on our website.***

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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

April 14, 2026

9:00 A.M. Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. AGENDA UPDATE

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to today's Agenda.

II. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS AND QUARTERLY AWARDS

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

Tab 1 Recommend approval of the following minutes:

- February 19, 2026 (Special Meeting)
- February 24, 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.

IV. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

Tab 2 Recommend approval and presentation of a Proclamation designating April 12-18, 2026, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators 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 Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in accordance with Section 190.008(b), Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information.
 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in accordance with Section 190.008(b), Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA (Tab 4 -14):

A. PROCLAMATIONS

- Tab 4 Recommend approval and adoption of Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel Day proclamation, per Commissioner Parks.

B. COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Tab 5 Recommend approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Lake County Tax Collector regarding Commercial Lease Space and funding.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$187,285.25 (expenditure) for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$606,277.73 (expenditure) for Fiscal Year 2027.

- Tab 6 Recommend approval and execution of the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Collaborative Planning Agreement between Florida Department of Transportation, Lake~Sumter Metroplanning Organization, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Lake County Community Transportation Coordinator, and the Sumter County Community Transportation Coordinator as required under the authority of Title 23 United States Code Section 134 and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance.

This agreement will supersede and replace the previous agreement dated August 26, 2015.

There is no fiscal impact.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Management

Tab 7 Recommend approval to adopt the updated 2026 Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation and Resilience Strategy Plan and authorize the Chairman to execute the accompanying Resolution.

There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 8 Recommend approval:

1. To accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement;
2. To execute the EMPG Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$104,126.45;
3. To authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments/modifications that do not involve a financial impact;
4. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 1 - Federal Programs and Resources Awarded (page 29);
5. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 2 - Certification Regarding Telecommunications and Video Restrictions (pages 30 and 31); and
6. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 3 - Certification Regarding Lobbying (page 32).

The fiscal impact is \$104,126.45 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded).

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Extension Services

Tab 9 Recommend approval of the employment of Dallas Meringolo as Lake County Extension Director, Extension Agent II. The annual fiscal impact to the County is \$36,536.59.

Office of Housing and Community Services

Tab 10

Recommend approval:

1. Of a Substantial Amendment to the HOME-ARP Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Allocation Plan to allow a preference for individuals and households fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
2. To authorize the Director of the Office of Housing & Community Services to execute any documents required by HUD; and
3. Of a corresponding authorization Resolution related to the Substantial Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Allocation Plan.

There is no fiscal impact.

Transit Services

Tab 11

Recommend approval of the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc. D/B/A You Thrive Florida for the provision of transportation services for nutritional purposes.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$146,656 — \$99,740 (revenue/expenditure) and \$46,916 (expenditure – County funded) and is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

E. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Public Works

Tab 12

Recommend approval:

1. Of a State Grant Agreement Number QG048 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) related to the Lake County Septic to Sewer Conversion Program and to authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments and supplements.
2. To adopt an Unanticipated Revenue Resolution in the amount of \$1,500,000 to receive grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to assist in funding the County's septic to sewer conversion.

The fiscal impact is \$1,500,000 (revenue/expenditure —grant funded).

Tab 13 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 \$240.60 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Facilities Management

Tab 14 Recommend approval:

1. Of Contract 26-903 with Qualis General Contracting, LLC (Tampa, FL) for the Supervisor of Elections Building Commercial Tenant Improvements;
2. Of a budget transfer in the amount of \$871,991 from Buildings to Leasehold Improvements;
3. Of a budget transfer in the amount of \$87,149 from Repair and Maintenance to Leasehold Improvements; and
4. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$3,119,387 (expenditure — \$2,835,807 plus \$283,580 for contingency purposes). Commission District 3.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Tab 15 Presentation by Megan Brew, Office of Economic Development Director, with an overview of the Lake County Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan.

VIII. ANNEXATION REPORT

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tab 16 Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance creating Section 1.09.00, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, to be entitled *Relief Concerning Declared Emergency Under Chapter 2025-190, Laws of Florida*, in response to Senate Bill 180 (2025).

There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 17 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.

X. REGULAR AGENDA

A. COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Campione - Chairman and District #4

Tab 18 Discussion and direction on a proposed Ordinance amending Section 14.14.02, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled *Zoning Permits*, to require a Homeowners Association Compliance Affidavit with Zoning Permit Applications.

There is no fiscal impact.

B. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Tab 19 Recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance providing for the levy of an additional school district ad valorem millage tax in Lake County for operational purposes effective in 2027 and ending four (4) years thereafter pursuant to Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes, and providing for approval of the levy by voters in a referendum to be held on November 3, 2026, and providing for ballot language.

The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

C. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Planning and Zoning

Tab 20 Discussion and direction on establishing a minimum lot size, road frontage, and landscape buffer from public roads for residential development. There is no fiscal impact.

D. PARKS AND WATER RESOURCES

Water Resources

- Tab 21 Recommend approval to authorize the Chairman to execute letters of support to the County's federal legislative delegation and FEMA advocating for the restoration of funding for the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) program.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Tab 22 Recommend approval to appoint a member to the WellFlorida Council as a Lake County Provider. Two applications were received, and there is only one (1) Lake County Provider position vacant.

- Juana De La Cruz (Ms. De La Cruz is scheduled to be reappointed to District 2, Seat 1 for the Children's Services Council at the April 28, 2026, BCC meeting).
- Christopher Gonzalez

There will be no vacancies if the Board appoints one of the applicants.

- Tab 23 Recommend approval to appoint a member to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and applicable waiver, as follows:

- Resident who is a concerned citizen for affordable housing: Don Spivey (term ending 11/30/27)

Unless otherwise listed herein, the applicant is not a current member of another board or committee through appointment from the Board of County Commissioners (Board).

Commissioner Timothy Morris is the Board's liaison for AHAC.

XII. REPORTS

A. County Attorney

B. County Manager

XIII. 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.

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.