

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 28, 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

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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.***

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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

July 28, 2026

9:00 A.M. Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. AGENDA UPDATE

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to today's Agenda.

II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

III. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS AND QUARTERLY AWARDS

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Tab 1 Recommend approval of the following minutes:

- May 19, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
- May 21, 2026 (Special Meeting)
- May 26, 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.

V. CLERK OF COURT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 2

Recommend approval of the Clerk's Consent Agenda (Items 1-7):

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 Central Lake Community Development District Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 in accordance with Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes for purposes of disclosure and information only.
3. Notice is hereby provided of having received Ordinance 2026-025 from the City of Fruitland Park.
4. Notice is hereby provided of having received the City of Tavares CRA Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2025.
5. Notice is hereby provided of having received the City of Tavares' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025.
6. Notice is hereby provided of having received the City of Groveland's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2025.
7. Notice is hereby provided of having received the City of Umatilla's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA (Tabs 3 – 12):

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Tab 3

Recommend approval to execute an Estoppel Letter regarding the Lease Agreement between Lake County and Southridge Shoppes (US), Inc., for the Sheriff located at 4215 County Road 561, in Tavares. There is no fiscal impact.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Procurement Services

Tab 4

Recommend approval:

1. To declare the items listed on the attached inventory as surplus;
and
2. To authorize their removal from the County's fixed asset records;
and
3. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services Director to execute all supporting documentation.

The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time (revenue).

C. HUMAN RESOURCES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Tab 5 Recommend approval of a Liability Claim Settlement for a motor vehicle accident which occurred on June 23, 2024. The fiscal impact is \$100,000.

D. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Office of Housing and Community Services

Tab 6 Recommend approval of the Urban County Cooperation Agreements relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program between Lake County and the City of Umatilla and the Town of Astatula, respectively, for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028 and 2029.

There is no fiscal impact.

Transit Services

Tab 7 Recommend approval:

1. To accept the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Trip and Equipment Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and
2. To adopt the Unanticipated Revenue Resolution (URR) to accept and appropriate \$212,787 for the CTD Trip and Equipment Grant; and
3. Of a budget transfer in the amount of \$23,643 funds Transit Reserves for Operations to the Contractual Services.

The total fiscal impact is \$1,050,769 — \$945,693 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and \$105,076 (expenditure - county match).

Tab 8 Recommend approval:

1. To accept the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Grant Award Number FL 2026-031 for \$2,248,842; and
2. To adopt the Unanticipated Revenue Resolution (URR) to accept and appropriate \$2,206,095 for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Grant; and
3. To procure the three replacement fixed route buses under the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's RFP P-23-030, a contract between Jacksonville Transportation Authority and Gillig, LLC.

The fiscal impact is \$2,248,842 (revenue/expenditure — 100 percent grant funded).

E. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Facilities Management

Tab 9

Recommend approval:

1. To award RFQ Q2026-00042 to RMS Orlando, Inc. (Orlando, FL) for the Building 320 Reroofing Project; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The fiscal impact of \$231,500 (expenditure — \$212,500 plus \$19,000 for contingency purposes) is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 3.

Tab 10

Recommend approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Montverde (Town) for Lake County (County) to perform fire and life safety inspections and establish shared costs for water infrastructure improvements pertaining to the new construction of Fire Station #85.

The total estimated fiscal impact is \$197,095.02 (\$87,047.51 — County expenditure and \$110,047.51 — Town reimbursement), and is within and will not exceed this Fiscal Year's Budget.

Public Works

Tab 11

Recommend approval:

1. Of a Purchase Agreement for property with Wolf Branch LLC for the Round Lake Road Extension Project; and
2. Of a Pond Drainage Easement Agreement; and
3. To authorize the County Manager to execute any necessary amendments that do not have an additional fiscal impact; and
4. To authorize the Chairman to execute any necessary closing documents, including an Affidavit Affecting Real Property with County Attorney review and approval; and
5. Of a budget transfer in the amount of \$830,000 from ROW/Easement - Round Lake Road Segment II to ROW/Easement - Round Lake Road Segment I.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$2,749,000 (\$2,735,000 purchase price plus \$14,000 closing costs) - \$1,374,500 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and \$1,374,500 (expenditure - county match). Commission District 4.

Tab 12

Recommend approval:

1. To award RFQ Q2026-00109 to Estep Construction, Inc. (Apopka, FL) to resurface and add right and left turn lanes on northbound CR 437 at Sorrento Avenue; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The fiscal impact is \$157,359.83 (expenditure) is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 4.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Tab 13

Recommend approval to establish maximum millage rates to be included in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notifications, and approval to hold public hearings at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, and Tuesday, September 22, 2026, and to advertise these public hearings.

Tab 14

In preparation for August 25, 2026, first reading of a proposed moratorium on data centers, a presentation on data centers is being provided by Dr. Issa Batarseh, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Central Florida.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tab 15

Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance creating Section 3.03.00, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, to be entitled, *Certified Recovery Residences*, and amending Appendix E, Chapter II, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, entitled *Definitions*, and Chapter III, Section 3.01.03, entitled, *Schedule of Permitted and Conditional Uses*. Required per Senate Bill 954 (2025).

There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 16

Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance amending Section 9.01.06, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled *Landscape Buffer Requirements*, to establish a minimum landscape buffer width for properties developing along public roadways.

There is no fiscal impact.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Tab 17

Recommend approval for the appointment or reappointment of the following members to the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board. The term for members in District 2 expired on June 30, 2026.

Applicants:

District 2: (one seat)

- Jim Peacock (reappointment) (*Mr. Peacock is also a member of the Green Mountain Scenic Byway Committee*)
- Christopher Gonzales

Additional applicants:

District 1: Michelle Craske, with conflict waiver

District 5: Kayla Tufts, (*Ms. Tufts is also a member of the Children Services Council*)

District 5: Angel Coba (*Ms. Coba is also a member of the Children Services Council*)

Commissioner Smith is the liaison to the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board.

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

Tab 18

Recommend approval of the reappointment of the following members to the Public Lands and Trails Acquisition Advisory Committee. The term for Districts 2 and 4 members expired on July 22, 2026, and the term for two At-Large members expires on August 12, 2026.

District 2 (Term expires July 22, 2026) — Tim Sallin, seeking reappointment
District 4 (Term expires July 22, 2026) — Cade Carter, seeking reappointment *(Mr. Carter is also a member of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board)*
At-Large Member (Term expires August 12, 2026) — Donna Bosold, seeking reappointment
At-Large Member (Term expires August 12, 2026) — A.J. Rohe, seeking reappointment

Additional applicants:

District 1: Michelle Craske, with conflict waiver

Commissioner Parks is the liaison to the Public Lands and Trails Acquisition Advisory Committee.

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

There is no fiscal impact.

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

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.