

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

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 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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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.

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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

September 8, 2026

9:00 A.M. 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:

- July 28, 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 of the Orlando Cat Café Proclamation, per Commissioner Parks.

Tab 3 Recommend approval of the Workforce Development Proclamation, per Commissioner Campione.

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

- Tab 4 Recommend approval of the Clerk's Consent Agenda (Items 1-2):
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. Lake County's Semi-Annual Investment Report of June 30, 2026 is hereby provided.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA (Tabs 5 – 14):**

A. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- Tab 5 Recommend approval and adoption of the Constitution Week Proclamation, per Commissioner Sean Parks.

B. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- Tab 6 Recommend approval for the County Manager, or designee to execute on behalf of Lake County, as one of five equal remaindermen of a 1/3 remainder interest, all documents necessary to facilitate the sale of 2619 Gables Drive, Eustis, Florida, including but not limited to the listing agreement, and, upon sale, the deed, closing documents, and any other necessary documentation.

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

- Tab 7 Recommend approval to authorize the retention of outside counsel, Roper Townsend Sutphen, to represent *Lake County in Florida Action Committee, Inc. v. Mark Glass, et al.*

The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

C. **HUMAN RESOURCES AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Tab 8 Recommend approval:
1. Of the County's annual loss control insurance policies with Princeton and other insurance companies; and
 2. Of the annual brokerage fee for professional services; and
 3. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$3,369,728 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Management

Tab 9

Recommend approval:

1. To accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Trust Fund Base Grant; and
2. To execute the EMPA Trust Fund Base Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$105,806; and
3. To authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments/modifications that do not involve a financial impact; and
4. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 2 — Single Audits, Audit Compliance Certification (page 17); and
5. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 3 — EM Director Certification (page 18).

The fiscal impact is \$105,806 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Fire Rescue

Tab 10

Recommend approval:

1. Of Contracts 26-305 for EMS Medical Supplies and Equipment as needed with the following pool of vendors: Bound Tree Medical, LLC (Dublin, OH); Henry Schein, Inc. (Melville, NY); Life-Assist, Inc. (Rancho Cordova, CA); Medline Industries, LP (Northfield, IL); Physio-Control, Inc. (Redmond, WA); and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$1,555,000 (expenditure) and is included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Future annual expenditures shall at no time exceed the available Fiscal Year Budgeted funds.

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Office of Housing and Community Services

Tab 11 Recommend approval of a Subrecipient Agreement with LovExtension, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to support county-wide food delivery services to elderly and disabled Lake County citizens.

The fiscal impact is estimated at \$222,561 (expenditure - grant funded) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

F. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Fleet Management

Tab 12 Recommend approval:
1. Of Contracts 27-904A, 27-904B, and 27-904C with Beard Equipment Company (Ocala, FL), Dobbs Equipment, LLC (Riverview, FL) and Kraken Hydraulics, LLC (Eustis, FL) to furnish repairs to John Deere branded Construction Equipment on an as-needed basis; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation.

The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$100,000 (expenditure) and is included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.

Tab 13 Recommend approval:
1. Of Contracts 27-903A and 27-903B with Great Southern Equipment (Orlando, FL) and Kraken Hydraulics, LLC (Eustis, FL) to furnish repairs to County-owned Gradall manufactured operating equipment on an as-needed basis; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation.

The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$80,000 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget request.

G. PARKS AND WATER RESOURCES

Parks and Trails

Tab 14 Recommend approval of a First Amendment to the Maintenance Agreement with John Mixon, Deborah Mixon, and Christine Sloan relating to the Woods-Boyd Cemetery and Memorial Gardens located between Villa City Road and Stratton Avenue, in Groveland (a/k/a Alternate Key 1009413).

There is no fiscal impact from this action. Commission District 1.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Tab 15 Presentation by the Opioid Task Force to provide the Fiscal Year 2027 recommended Drug Treatment Court budget for approval.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tab 16 Recommend approval:
1. To adopt a Resolution for Fire Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and
2. Of the rates of assessment and the assessment roll.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$54,467,645 (revenue).

Tab 17 Recommend approval:
1. To adopt a Resolution for Solid Waste Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and
2. Of the rates of assessment and the assessment roll.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$33,987,543 (revenue).

Tab 18 Recommend approval:
1. To adopt a resolution for Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) for Internal Subdivision Roads for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and
2. Of the rate of assessment and the assessment roll.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$85,549.75 (revenue).

Tab 19 Recommend approval:
1. To adopt a resolution for Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) for Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and
2. Of the rates of assessment and the assessment roll.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$67,919.40 (revenue).

Tab 20 Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program. The Program is funded through the General Fund, MSTU - Roads, Road Impact Fees, Federal/State Grants, Sales Tax Capital Projects - Public Works/Roads, and County Transportation Trust Funds.

The estimated fiscal impact for 2027 is \$123,990,035 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.

Tab 21 Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article IV, Lake County Code, entitled Local Provider Participation Fund. Required per the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law 119-21 (2025).

There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 22 Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 22, Article I, Section 22-17, entitled *Administrative Fees*. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development

Tab 23 Brian Bedrick, Site Manager for the University of Central Florida (UCF) Business Incubation Program in Eustis, will present an update on the Lake County Business Incubator.

Recommend approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Eustis regarding ongoing support of a business incubator housed in downtown Eustis and serving the entire county.

The fiscal impact over the next three years is not to exceed \$382,500, or \$127,500 per fiscal year for FY 2027, FY 2028, and FY 2029 (expenditure). Commission District 3.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Tab 24 Recommend approval to appoint an individual to the Sales Surtax Oversight Committee to serve the vacant unexpired, four-year term ending November 19, 2026, followed by a four-year term ending on November 19, 2030

Lake County Board of County Commission Appointment (1 vacancy):
Humberto Liriano

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. CLOSED SESSION

Tab 25 Closed Session of the Board of County Commissioners to discuss *Mark Dickinson, an individual, and Florida Carry, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, vs. Lake County Fair Association, Inc., Lake Agriculture and Youth Fair Association, Inc., Lake County, Florida, Peyton C. Grinnell, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Lake County, Florida, and Peyton C. Grinnell, individually*; Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida; Circuit Court Case No. 2026-CA-001525.

Tab 26 Closed Session regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations pursuant to Section 447.605, Florida Statutes. There is no fiscal impact.

XIII. 5:05 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tab 27

Recommend approval:

1. To adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 tentative millage rates for the Lake County General Countywide Levy, the Lake County Voter Approved Debt Levy, the Lake County Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) for Ambulance and Emergency Services Levy, the Lake County MSTU for Stormwater, Parks and Roads Levy, the Lake County MSTU for Fire Rescue, the Lake County MSTU for Wellness Way, and the Lake County Water Authority Levy; and
2. To adopt the Lake County Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget; and
3. To announce that the final public hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and millage rates will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:05 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at the Lake County Administration Building, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

Tab 28

Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance suspending acceptance of development applications for data centers within the unincorporated areas of Lake County. (Previously advertised as a moratorium).

There is no fiscal impact.

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.