

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

REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 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
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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 22, 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:

- August 4, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
- August 11, 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 the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation, per Comm. Sean Parks.

Tab 3 Recommend approval and presentation of the National Public Lands proclamation, per Comm. Sean Parks.

Tab 4 Recommend approval and presentation of a proclamation declaring October 4-10, 2026, as National 4-H Week in Lake County, Florida.

V. CLERK OF COURT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 5

Recommend approval of the Clerk's Consent Agenda (Items 1-12):

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 County Road 33 Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
3. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Hicks Ditch Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
4. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Lake Harris Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
5. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Lake Emma Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
6. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Dewey Robbins Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
7. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Grace Key Groves Community Development District Resolution 2026-12, identifying the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 meeting schedule, in accordance with Section 189.015(1), Florida Statutes.
8. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Hammock Oaks Community Development District Resolution 2026-09, identifying the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 meeting schedule, in accordance with Section 189.015(1), Florida Statutes.
9. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Deer Island Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
10. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Avalon Groves Community Development District Resolutions 2026-13 and 2026-11 adopting the FY 2027 Budget and setting the FY 2027 Meeting Schedule.
11. Notice is hereby provided of having received Annexation Ordinance 2026-04 from the City of Tavares.
12. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Country Greens Community Development District annual meeting schedule for FY 2027, in accordance with Chapter 189.015, Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only.
13. Proof of publication of unclaimed moneys and payment to the Board for those non-court related moneys advertised less claims and publication costs.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA (Tabs 6 – 21):

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Tab 6 Recommend approval for the County Attorney to file a Quiet Title, Declaratory and/or Injunctive Relief Action relating to County-owned property located at 31039 Lake Mack Road, in Deland (a/k/a Alternate Key 2540427) and naming adjacent property owners as needed.

The estimated fiscal impact at this time is \$600 (expenditure) to file the litigation. Commission District 4.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Management and Budget

Tab 7 Recommend approval of a Resolution adopting the fee schedules for Fiscal Year 2027. The fiscal impact (revenue) cannot be determined at this time.

Tab 8 Recommend approval:
1. To apply for the Department of Justice FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide ("BIDEN") Program grant on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office; and
2. To authorize the Chairman to sign any required grant documents.

The fiscal impact is estimated at \$12,652,826 (revenue/expenditure).

Procurement Services

Tab 9 Recommend approval:
1. To declare the items listed on the attached inventory as surplus;
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 10 Recommend approval of the pay ranges for Fiscal Year 2027. The pay ranges begin at a minimum of \$17.00 per hour.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Support

Tab 11 Recommend approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Chicago, IL), that provides support and maintenance to the Countywide 800MHz Public Safety Radio System for a six-year term beginning in Fiscal Year 2027.

The total fiscal impact over the six-year term is \$16,780,000 (expenditure).

Tab 12 Recommend approval:
1. To terminate an Antenna Site Agreement with SBA Properties, Inc., for the tower site located at 19430 East 3rd Street, in Umatilla, and for the County Manager to send the termination letter; and
2. To authorize the County Manager to negotiate an early termination of the Antenna Site Agreement.

The fiscal impact will not exceed the current lease terms but cannot be fully determined at this time. Commission District 4.

Tab 13 Recommend approval:
1. To terminate a License Site Agreement with American Towers, L.P., for the Tower located at 8325 North Bradshaw Road in Clermont and for the County Manager to send the termination letter; and
2. To authorize the County Manager to negotiate an early termination of the License Agreement.

The fiscal impact will not exceed the current lease terms but cannot be fully determined at this time. Commission District 1.

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Library Services

Tab 14 Recommend approval of a Fifth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreements for the Provision of Library Services between Lake County and each of the ten Member Libraries' municipal governing bodies to extend the term of the Interlocal Agreements for an additional 12-month period.

The fiscal impact is \$1,207,294 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Tab 15

Recommend approval:

1. To submit the Fiscal Year 2027 State Aid to Libraries Grant Application; Certification of Funds, Certification of Hours, Free Library Services, and Access to Materials; and Grant Agreement; and
2. To authorize the Chairperson to sign any necessary grant certifications or documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$145,722 (revenue) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Transit Services

Tab 16

Recommend approval:

1. To accept the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Transit Block Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and
2. To authorize the execution and administration of the FDOT Public Transit Block Grant Agreement by the Office of Transit Services Director.

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

F. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Public Works

Tab 17

Recommend approval to accept public Non-Exclusive Utility Easement Deeds that have been secured in conjunction with the Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS).

There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 18

Recommend approval:

1. Of Contract 26-712 for Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) Services for Hartwood Marsh from US27 to Majestic Isle Drive (AKA Regency Hills Drive); and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$1,120,546.24 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Tab 19 Recommend approval to adopt a Resolution to advertise a public hearing to vacate a portion of an unnamed platted right of way as shown on the plat of Lake Highlands Company recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 52 of the public records, lying north of Johns Lake Estates, east of Perimeter Park West, and west of Alternate Key 1783119, approximately 330.65 feet in length and 15 feet in width. The right of way to be vacated is located west of Hartle Road, south of SR 50 and east of Ray Goodgame Parkway, within Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, and in the Clermont area.

The fiscal impact is \$2,295.00 (Revenue). Commissioner District 2.

G. PARKS AND WATER RESOURCES

Parks and Trails

Tab 20 Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Certified Budget for Arthropod Control for the Lake County Mosquito Control Program, pursuant to Section 388.201, Florida Statutes, and Rule 5E-13.022, Florida Administrative Code.

The fiscal impact is \$69,587.50 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded), \$992,952 (revenue/expenditure - local funded), and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.

Tab 21 Recommend adoption of a Resolution in support of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant application pledging to amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and provide matching funds, should grant funds be awarded for improvements to the Mount Plymouth Parks.

If awarded, the fiscal impact is \$400,000 - \$200,000 (revenue/expenditure - \$200,000 grant funded) and \$200,000 (expenditure - county match). Commission District 4.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tab 22 Recommend approval and adoption of a Resolution regarding Disposition of Property for Affordable Housing and inventory of all Lake County and Lake County Water Authority (LCWA) owned real property. This public hearing is required pursuant to Section 125.379, Florida Statutes.

There is no fiscal impact.

Tab 23

Recommend approval of the following funding levels for Library Impact Fee Trust Fund Grant Applications:

1. County projects:

- Lake County Library System eBook & eAudiobook Expansion at \$200,000.
- Lake County Library System Library of Things Collection at \$50,000.
- Lake County Library System Cagan Crossings Library Shelf Expansion at \$28,224.01. Commission District 1.
- Lake County Library System Paisley Branch Library Makerspace Workstation and Youth Book Collection at \$13,348.21. Commission District 4.

2. Municipal projects:

- Eustis Memorial Library Community Room Expansion at \$157,936.63. Commission District 4.
- W.T. Bland Public Library Simpson Farmhouse Expansion at \$50,000. Commission District 4.

3. Associated Interlocal Agreements with Eustis and Mount Dora.

The fiscal impact is \$499,508.85 (expenditure).

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development

Tab 24

Presentation of the Economic Development Strategic Plan by Lake Economic Area Development (LEAD) - Annual update by Brad Weber, LEAD Board Chairman, and Mike Kelly, LEAD Director.

Recommend approval of the third amendment to the Economic Development Partnership Agreement between Lake County and LEAD.

The fiscal impact is \$500,000 (expenditure) and is included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

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**

XI. 5:05 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER – BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Tab 25

Recommend approval:

1. Of the final 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 Fire Rescue MSTU Levy, the Lake County Water Authority Levy, and the Lake County Wellness Way MSTU Levy; and
2. Of the Fiscal Year 2027 Final Budget; and
3. Of the final budget Resolutions.

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.

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