BOARD ACTION
January 20, 2026

	EMPLOYEE AWARDS **FIVE YEARS** Michael Pritt, Security and Access Control Specialist Office of Facilities Management Glen Pirtle, Senior Building Inspector Office of Facilities Management Paul Hammond, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Office of Code Enforcement Brad Kaplan, Fixed Assets/Surplus Specialist Office of Procurement Services Jay Hauserman, Chief Maintenance Supervisor Office of Water Resources Suzann Howe, Program Associate Circuit Judges Robin Steinman, Office Associate III Public Works Department Traffic Operations Katherine Ennis, Emergency Dispatch Lead Office of Fire Rescue Emergency Dispatch Kathy Davis, Telecommunicator Office of Fire Rescue Emergency Dispatch Mikayla Gunther, Telecommunicator Office of Fire Rescue Emergency Dispatch James Fattizzi, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Gerald Hood, Fire Lieutenant/EMT Office of Fire Rescue Matthew Batista, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue	KOVACS

	Justin Joseph, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Michael Lait, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Jordan Neal, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue **TEN YEARS** Justin Elkins, Water Resources Director Office of Water Resources James Coyle, Legal Office Associate County Attorney's Office Daniel Flannery, Traffic Operations Supervisor, Public Works Department Traffic Operations **FIFTEEN YEARS** Richard Miller, Roads Senior Equipment Operator Public Works Department Road Operations Special Projects Brandon Rogers, Senior Equipment Operator Public Works Department Road Operations Special Projects Mark Shepherd, Senior Building Inspector Office of Building Services **TWENTY YEARS** Justin Pouliot, Parks Ranger Office of Parks and Trails Michael Springer, Support Services Manager Office of Library Services Eric Welhaven, Office Manager Office of County Probation Roberto Bonilla, Assistant County Manager Ryan Carroll, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedics Office of Fire Rescue Jason Graham, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedics Office of Fire Rescue Dane Wilson, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedics Office of Fire Rescue	

Ryan Dupont, Fire Lieutenant/EMT
Office of Fire Rescue

Mark Green, Firefighter/EMT
Office of Fire Rescue

Jared Rable, Firefighter/EMT
Office of Fire Rescue

Jacob Wiley, Firefighter/EMT
Office of Fire Rescue

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
Aaron Chaddick, Service Desk Manager
Office of Information Technology – Service Desk

Jason Rivera, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic
Office of Fire Rescue

THIRTY YEARS
Elizabeth Wright, Systems Database Manager
Office of Public Safety Support

RETIREMENTS
Anthony Deaton, Chief Probation Officer
Office of County Probation

James Globig, Assistant Traffic Operations Supervisor
Public Works Department – Traffic Operations

Ricky Magnus, Sign Fabricator
Public Works Department – Traffic Operations

QUARTERLY AWARDS
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER
Mary Koch, Office Associate III
Office of Parks and Water Resources

SUPERVISORS OF THE QUARTER
Jeff Johnson, Roads Superintendent
Office of Public Works

Adam Sherk, Roads Assistant Superintendent
Office of Public Works

	T.E.A.M. OF THE QUARTER **STATE OF THE COUNTY** Office of Communications Staff Jeff Foley – Communications Manager Jason Andrews – Videographer/Editor Lexie Farmer – Public Information Officer Paul Long – Creative Services Manager Brian Petersen – Videographer Editor Chelsea Velez – Public Communications and Outreach Coordinator	
APPROVED	**Tab 1.** Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meetings of December 2, 2025 (Regular Meeting) and December 9, 2025 (Special Meeting).	COONEY
	CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD Mr. Banks Helfrich, a farmer from the Clay Road District in South Lake, mentioned that two types of crops were perennials and annuals, and that perennials lived year after year while annuals only lived one season, noting that eggplants and peppers were perennials. He stated that property taxes funded fire and police services, parks, libraries, and education, and that some of the ways the State of Florida wanted to eliminate property taxes was by doing the following: eliminating property tax for those over 65 years old; eliminating property taxes for those who had lived in their houses for at least 10 years; freezing the property tax when the home was bought and allowing it to go up only one to three percent per year, which was not an elimination of property taxes but a way to keep it at the same level; and increasing the homestead exemption to $250,000, which he opined was an equitable cut. He mentioned that if the State of Florida eliminated property taxes completely, then services would not be funded, and that some of the ideas to bring in funds included the following: increasing tolls for non-Florida residents; eliminating tolls for Florida residents; increasing tourism tax and expanding it to be used on roads, fire and police services, etc.; and increasing consumption taxes. He opined that even though people did not like to pay taxes, they did like the services they provided. Mr. Joe Fumasi, a concerned citizen, expressed concerns about the municipal services taxing unit (MSTU), and said that he did not understand the spending. He relayed his understanding that there were several poles that that were not activated even though rent was being paid to Duke Energy, and opined that it was not fiscally efficient. He questioned when Hooks Street was going to be finished, and opined that landscaping was interfering with possible commercial development. He opined that no turns out of Wellness Way could be made because of the palm trees and other plants, making it difficult for commercial development to apply. He also indicated concerns	

	about the wildlife corridor deed, opining that it was a way for developers to obtain more credits for impact fees by creating a wildlife area or to comply with a State of Florida law by making spaces for wildlife. He opined that this could be turned into a high-end selling point for homes, and said that he did not want developers taking advantage of this item.	
APPROVED	**Tab 2.** Approval of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Consent Agenda (Items 1-4). 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 Ordinance 2025-36 adopting the Roll Forward Budget Amendment for the City of Groveland's Community Redevelopment Agency FY 2025-2026 per Florida Statute 163.387(6). 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received Ordinances 2025-13 and 2025-14 from the City of Minneola. 4. Notice is hereby provided of having received Ordinance 2025-008 from the City of Fruitland Park.	COONEY
APPROVED	**Tab 3.** Request from Procurement Services to recommend approval to declare the items listed on the attached inventory as surplus, authorize their removal from the County's official fixed asset records, and authorize the Office of Procurement Services Director to execute all necessary documentation. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time (revenue).	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 4.** Request from Economic Development to recommend approval of the Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Clermont and Lake County for consulting services for the Wellness Way Urban Services Area. The total fiscal impact will not exceed $175,000 (expenditure) over five fiscal years and will not exceed the annual budget of $35,000 (expenditure) per fiscal year.	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 5.** Request from Planning and Zoning to recommend approval of an Amended Unity of Title and authorization for Chairman to execute the document. There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 1.	DIAL

APPROVED	**Tab 6.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval of the Fire Training Facility Use Agreement with Lake Technical College. The estimated fiscal impact is $16,226 (expenditure) plus the cost of water and LP gas which cannot be determined at this time, and is included in, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Future expenditures will not exceed the available funding in any Fiscal Year Budget.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 7.** Request from the Office of Tourism to recommend approval of a Tourist Development Sponsorship agreement with PFXA, Inc., d/b/a PFX Athletics for Legends Way Ballfields. The fiscal impact is $150,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 8.** Request from Transit Services to recommend approval to accept the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Fiscal Year 2026 Section 5311 Rural Operating Grant Program. The fiscal impact is $601,568 — $300,784 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and $300,784 (expenditure – county match) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 9.** Request from Fleet Management to recommend approval: 1. Of Contract 25-724 with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. (Gainesville, GA) to provide fuel delivery with related services; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is $702,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 10.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way dedication for Novack Self Storage (DR-24034), which is in the City of Eustis, and authorization for the Chairman to execute any required closing documents. The estimated fiscal impact is $800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 11.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for funding the construction and construction inspection services for Britt Road, in the Mount Dora area; 2. To adopt supporting **Resolution 2026-5** for the LAP agreement;	BONILLA

	3. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-6** (URR) adding approximately $1,584,526 to the Federal/State Grants Fund for the construction of the Britt Road project; and 4. To authorize the Chairman to execute the documents when available to avoid further delay in project construction. The estimated fiscal impact is $2,372,107 ($1,584,526 revenue/expenditure - grant funded; $514,581 ARPA funded expenditure; $273,000 Sales Tax expenditure). Commission District 4.	
APPROVED	**Tab 12.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); 2. To adopt supporting **Resolution 2026-7** with FDOT to fund the design services for the Hammock Ridge Road and Lakeshore Drive Roundabout; 3. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-8** (URR) to accept and appropriate $375,000 to the Federal/State Grants Fund for the design services for the Hammock Ridge Road Roundabout Project; and 4. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $425,375 from South Transportation Benefit District Infrastructure-Construction to South Transportation Benefit District Infrastructure-Design Hammock Ridge Road Roundabout. The estimated fiscal impact is $800,375–$375,000 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded), $425,375 (expenditure - county match). Commission District 1 and 2.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 13.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to adopt **Resolution 2026-9** accepting Amberbush Court (County Road Number 3-3783), Trailside Avenue (County Road Number 3-3883), Rustic Mill Street (County Road Number 3-3883A), Misty Pine Road (County Road Number 3-3883B), Emerald Forest Drive (County Road Number 3-3883C), Rope Bridge Road (County Road Number 3-3883D), and Spidersilk Way (County Road Number 3-3883E) into the County's maintenance system. The estimated annual fiscal impact is $47,831.72 (expenditure), which is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Future annual expenditures will not exceed available funding in the Fiscal Year Budget. Commission District 4.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 14.** Request from Parks and Trails to recommend approval: 1. To accept a Wildlife Corridor Dedication Deed consistent with the Wellness Way Area Plan; subject to receipt of acceptable survey, title commitment, and satisfactory results of due diligence items as determined by the County Manager and County Attorney; and 2. To authorize the Chairman to execute any necessary transfer/closing	BONILLA

	documents; and 3. To authorize County staff to conduct due diligence (environmental testing and survey). The estimated fiscal impact is $35,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.	
PRESENTATION	**Tab 15.** Presentation by Pam Nabors, President and CEO of CareerSource Central Florida, to provide an overview of CareerSource, Lake County partnerships, and CareerSource services and data specific to Lake County. There is no fiscal impact.	DIAL
PRESENTATION	**Tab 16.** Trust for Public Land Presentation Update by Melissa Hill.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 17. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval to adopt **Ordinance 2026-3** renumbering Section 3-5, Lake County Code, entitled Silver Glen Springs Run, to Section 5-4, Lake County Code, amending the section to designate Silver Glen Springs Run as a Noise Sensitive Zone, and providing penalties for violations. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 18. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval: 1. Of an amended budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which includes a reconciliation of the beginning fund balance and other adjustments; and 2. To adopt **Resolution 2026-10** for a supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2026.	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 19. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval to adopt **Resolution 2026-11** to vacate a platted driveway, walkway, and cul-de-sac easement within Lots 200, 201, 218, 219 as shown on the Dora Pines, Unit 1 plat recorded in Plat Book 22, Pages 25 & 26 of the public records. The closest municipality is Mount Dora. The fiscal impact is $2,295 (revenue) and is within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 4.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 20. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval: 1. To vacate a deeded drainage easement located east of County Road 33 and north of Manor Oaks Court, as part of the development of the Manor Oaks subdivision located within the City of Leesburg, and corresponding vacation	BONILLA

	Resolution 2026-12; and 2. Of a Developer's Agreement with Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc. related to the Manor Oaks subdivision. The closest municipality is Leesburg. The fiscal impact is $2,295 (revenue) and is within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 3. **Approved with Board modifications.**	
APPROVED	**Tab 21.** Recommend approval of proposals for settlement in Lake County, Florida vs. City of Mount Dora, et. al, as follows: Proposal 1: The parties agree to split the incremental revenues from the County's General Fund for the Expansion Property at 55 percent to the City of Mount Dora, and 45 percent to Lake County with Lake County utilizing its 45 percent share towards transportation improvements in and around the CRA area. Proposal 2: The parties agree to split the incremental revenues from the County's General Fund for the Expansion Property at 60 percent to the City of Mount Dora and 40 percent to Lake County with the City of Mount Dora assuming ownership, maintenance and jurisdiction over specified roadways within the downtown municipal area. Both proposals would provide that 100 percent of the incremental revenues for the EMS MSTU for the CRA plus the Expansion Property would remain with the County. This case involves a challenge to the City's expansion of the Mount Dora Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 22.** Recommend denial of **Resolution 2026-13** to advertise a public hearing to vacate a portion of an unnamed platted Right-of-Way 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 Right-of-Way 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. Commission District 1. The fiscal impact is $2,295 (revenue) and is within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. **The Board approved to advertise this item with the County retaining 33 feet.**	BONILLA

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks relayed that there had been a Public Lands and Trails Acquisition Advisory Committee (PLTAAC) meeting, and opined that the committee was doing a wonderful job. He mentioned that there was much discussion about philosophies, such as some points being worth a greater percentage than others, and that there were some changes made to the review criteria. He commented that the PLTAAC recommended approval of the revised review criteria for both the trails and the public lands categories, and that there would be a report on the decisions soon. He related that the PLTAAC would not be meeting again until April 2026; however, they wanted to meet more often. He stated that staff had expressed concern about meeting more often because of the constraints they had, and opined that the Board should be thoughtful about trying to help staff in their efforts to get applications done quickly. He remarked that even though there were many people in attendance with interest in selling their properties, some of them walked out when they heard about the timeframes, noting that it would take a year or more to close on those properties. He relayed his understanding that some property owners already had developer interest or offers, and opined that there was a race to get those properties into the system as quickly as possible. He wondered if the application period could be opened again on February 10, 2026, which would be based off the new review criteria that the PLTAAC approved, noting that this could be discussed and decided on at the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting on that day. He asked that this be placed on the agenda at that time, opining that this would speed up the process of purchasing properties. He mentioned that they still needed to decide how much of the bond should be released at a time, and opined that if the application could be opened before the committee met again in April 2026, then this could make a large difference on some of the properties. He pointed out that the decision to purchase those lands would come back to the BCC, and that the PLTAAC could start reviewing some of the applications as they came in.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione related that there had been three public meetings on the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) update, and that she attended the ones in the Cities of Umatilla, Leesburg, and Clermont, opining that they were good meetings and had good attendance. She mentioned that the public indicated concerns about developments, jurisdictions, transportation, congestion, inadequate public facilities, water issues, trails, roads, concurrency, and the Growth Management Act, which was a requirement by the State. She commented that the County did not have a map yet and did not know if the existing inventory would be sufficient for what was projected, opining that there were many difficult issues in the future to address.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione commented that she attended a meeting in the City of Mount Dora in the prior week regarding the Donnelly Street collapse and flooding, and noted that there was staff there from the Public Works	CAMPIONE

	Department. She stated that the City went over what had been done through the years, what could have been done, what was supposed to have been done and maintained, and what they wanted to do in the future. She remarked that the City was going to come back with a timeframe for maintenance; however, there were issues with the structures that collapsed, and discussion about how those could be rebuilt better so they did not collapse again. She requested that the Public Works Department review the structure that came out of Lake Gertrude, and opined that the flooding was primarily along those areas where there was much velocity and volume of water coming through and washing out areas. She expressed concern that there was not enough outfall from Lake Gertrude to get water out fast enough, and opined that if that basin filled up and could not empty out to Lake Dora, then there could be flooding. She commented that even if there was increased drainage and structures in place, there could be too much water going into the lake that had nowhere to go. She recommended contacting the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) because it was the County's outfall structure from Lake Gertrude to Lake Dora, and opined that it was not large enough to handle the amount of water that would need to leave there to prevent flooding.	
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith stated that it was National Disc Jockey Day.	SMITH