BOARD ACTION
February 24, 2026

UPDATE	Chief David Kilbury, Public Safety Director, provided an update on drought conditions.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 1.** Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meetings of January 6, 2026 (Regular Meeting) and January 20, 2026 (Regular Meeting).	COONEY
	CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD Ms. Cindy Newton, a resident of Commission District 4, thanked Commissioner Parks for speaking at the Passion Flower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society on February 14, 2026. She also opined that the Eco Expo went well on the previous Saturday, and that many had left better informed with positive views of some items occurring in Lake County; additionally, she thanked Commissioner Sabatini for attending. Mr. Banks Helfrich, a farmer from the Clay Road District of South Lake, said that a farm tip of the day was to leave one's plants and trees alone after the recent freezes and water them, along with clipping them above the new buds. He then relayed information about a pig farmer receiving a conditional use permit (CUP) from Lake County, noting that he had assisted her. He opined that he helped citizens get through the intricacies of government, and relayed that he was an advocate for South Lake and a candidate for State House of Representatives District 25. Ms. Susan Fetter, a resident of the City of Leesburg and President of the Lake County Conservation Council, recalled that they had organized the Eco Expo, and opined that it was a great opportunity for citizens to learn about some of the great things happening there. She thanked the Board for their support, along with County staff who participated; furthermore, they had about 700 people onsite at the event. Mr. Manuel Mejie, a resident of the Shockley Heights area in the Ocala National Forest, requested clarification regarding an article published in the North Lake Outpost on February 19, 2026. He relayed that the Shockley Heights Community Club was in the process of evicting four elderly campers from their homes on the grounds that the campsite operated by the club was not zoned for being a campground. He relayed that the Office of Code Enforcement had informed them that the campsite was not supposed to be there, though opined that the location of the campsite in the Lake County Property Appraiser records was marked as a recreational vehicle (RV) campsite. He indicated his understanding that they were not supposed to be shutting down utilities as part of an eviction proceeding, and that the Office of Code Enforcement would visit to see if the individuals were gone. He	

	inquired if the Office of Code Enforcement was aiding or saying that they could go outside Florida Statutes to carry out this eviction. Ms. Vicki Dewey, a resident speaking via Zoom, spoke in reference to her friend near Postal Colony Road, relaying her understanding that tract six had been split off in the 1920s and that her friend's property was the east half of tract six. She elaborated that the west half of tract six was owned by another individual. She explained that it was a dirt road which split off, and that they only had a small portion to enter their property, though it was currently being blocked off. She indicated her understanding that the Office of Code Enforcement was allowing an individual to block it with gates and fences, and opined that this had become a burden. She relayed that the warranty deed indicated that it was subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record, and that a public record showed that it said "alleyways and roadways for public use." She said that Postal Colony Road was not County maintained, though opined that this should not affect this individual being able to put up a gate that her friend had to get out of her vehicle to unlock when it was not her property. She asked how to move forward with this.	
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 2.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-14** designating March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month, per Commissioner Campione.	CAMPIONE
APPROVED	**Tab 3.** Approval of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller'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 Annexation Ordinance 2025-25 from the City of Mount Dora as required by Chapter 171.044(3) Florida Statutes with the accompanying map. 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received Annexation Ordinance 2025-K and map of the Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment from the City of Umatilla as required by Chapter 171.091, Florida Statutes.	COONEY
APPROVED	**Tab 4.** Request from County Attorney to recommend approval to remove an advisory committee member from the Sales Surtax Oversight Advisory Committee. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 6.** Request from Management and Budget to recommend approval for the Chairman to execute a letter to the Florida Department of Criminal Justice	BARKER

	Bureau Chief Office of Criminal Justice Grants on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office requesting the return of $35,423 JAGC funds related to Grant Award Number 6N169/Award Title C-6N169 Negotiation Team Training & Police Equipment. There is no fiscal impact.	
APPROVED	**Tab 8.** Request from Economic Development to recommend approval to authorize the County Manager to execute payments for economic development incentive grants due under the applicable agreements to: 1. Encompass Health for the Economic Development Grant Incentive Program in the amount of $63,641.84; 2. Encompass Health for the Agreement for Waiver of Impact Fees in the amount of $45,089.32. The fiscal impact is $108,731.16 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 9.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval of a Perpetual Utility Easement to Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECO), needed for electrical services at Fire Station 85, located at 17800 CR455, in Montverde (a/k/a Alternate Key 3938174). There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 2.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 10.** Request from Solid Waste to recommend approval: 1. Of Contracts 25-918A with Aftermath Disaster Recovery, Inc. (Prosper, TX), 25-918B with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (Sarasota, FL), and 25-918C with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC (Greer, SC) to provide on-call emergency debris removal services throughout the County; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The fiscal impact (expenditure) cannot be determined at this time, as costs are incurred only during an emergency event.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 11.** Request from Transit Services to recommend approval: 1. Of the submittal of the 2027 Public Transit Block Grant application; and 2. Of the adoption of **Resolution 2026-23** supporting the 2027 Public Transit Block Grant application. The estimated fiscal impact is $2,072,054 — $1,036,027 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and $1,036,027 (expenditure - county match) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.	CHRISTIAN

APPROVED	**Tab 12.** Request from Fleet Management to recommend approval: 1. Of Contract 25-725I with Graham Automotive Supply, Inc. (Leesburg, FL) as an additional vendor to the pool for Fleet Parts Suppliers; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The addition of a vendor to the vendor pool does not affect the estimated annual fiscal impact and will not exceed available funding in any Fiscal Year Budget.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 13.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way dedication for Integra Wellness Way Apartments (DR-24035), which is in the City of Clermont, 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 14.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way and right-of-way easement dedication by plat for Griffin Preserve (DR-24031), which is in the City of Fruitland Park, 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 5.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 15.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to proceed to closing on a deeded right-of-way dedication for Huntington Oaks (DR-25026), which is in the City of Leesburg, 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 17.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval of **Resolution 2026-24** to reduce the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH on Number Two Road from CR 48 south to 1,850 feet east of Silverwood Lane. The estimated fiscal impact is $800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 3.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 18.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval of Change Order #1 to the Old 441/CR 19A at Eudora Road Roundabout contract for the addition of a small roundabout at the intersection of Bay Road and Short	BONILLA

	Street along with a permanent traffic signal at the intersection of CR 19A and Triangle Drive. The fiscal impact is $628,453.55 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 4.	
APPROVED	**Tab 19.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To award the Sun Eden Water Quality Retrofits construction project (Contract 26-706) to Estep Construction Inc. for $938,625. 2. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $303,625 from the Lower Palatlakaha Basin project to the Lake Harris/Little Lake Harris Basin project. The fiscal impact is $938,625 — $285,000 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and $653,625 (expenditure - county match). Commission District 3.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 20.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of **Resolution 2026-25** declaring the collapse of Empire Church Road as a qualifying event under Section 255.20(1)(c)1, Florida Statutes, which exempts the repair and reconstruction of the road from the competitive bidding requirements otherwise required; 2. To increase the emergency expenditure limits of Contracts 25-743A-C for on-call emergency infrastructure repair services from $250,000 to a not to exceed $3,000,000; and 3. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is unknown at this time as expenditures are emergency event related. Most projects shall not exceed the FEMA acceptable funding limits per project. Expenditures will not exceed available funding in each fiscal year's budget.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 21.** Request from Parks and Trails to recommend approval: 1. To adopt **Resolution 2026-26** authorizing the program manager of the Mosquito Management Division, Department of Parks and Water Resources, to execute any necessary grant agreements or required amendments or other documents associated with the receipt of state funding for the arthropod control program; providing that the program manager of the Mosquito Management Division, shall be Lake County's Authorized agent for this purpose only; and providing for an effective date. 2. To authorize the Chairman to submit a letter to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) acknowledging the change of position for Brad Russ and recommending Justin Walker as the Mosquito Management Program Manager. There is no fiscal impact.	BONILLA

APPROVED	**Tab 5.** Request from County Attorney to recommend approval of a waiver of conflict for GrayRobinson regarding its representation of the Pulte Home Company with respect to the Round Lake Road project from South of Wolf Branch Road to North of S.R. 44. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 7.** Request from Human Resources and Risk Management to recommend approval of a Liability Claim Settlement for a motor vehicle accident on May 20, 2025. The fiscal impact is $125,749.25.	KOVACS
APPROVED	**Tab 16.** Request from Public Works to 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 $5,015.10 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	BONILLA
PRESENTATION	**Tab 22.** Presentation of the 2026 Economic Forecast by Neil Hamilton.	DIAL
PRESENTATION	**Tab 23.** Kelley Klepper, Vice President with Kimley Horn, will present an update on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan	DIAL
PULLED	**Tab 24.** Discussion and direction regarding funding for the Lake County Historical Museum.	BARKER
PRESENTATION/ NO ACTION TAKEN	**Tab 25.** Discussion and direction regarding the Wolf Branch Innovation District Logo. Recommend approval of the logo for use in the Wolf Branch Innovation District.	DIAL
PRESENTATION/ APPROVED	**Tab 26.** Presentation and recommendation for approval to advertise an Ordinance amending Section 9.02.00, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, entitled Tree Protection. There is no fiscal impact.	DIAL
PRESENTATION/ APPROVED	**Tab 27.** Presentation and recommendation for approval to advertise an Ordinance amending the Lake County Affordable Housing Assistance Trust Fund and Live Local Act requirements pursuant to Senate Bill 1730 (2025). There is no fiscal impact.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 28.** Recommend approval of the Five-Year Destination Strategic Plan.	DIAL

APPOINTMENTS/ APPROVED	**Tab 29.** Recommend approval to appoint members to the Lake County Library Advisory Board. •Betsy Dokken as the primary member representing the City of Eustis (reappointment). Term will expire 2/28/2030. •Beth Sharpe will move from the alternate member to the primary member representing the City of Mount Dora to fill the unexpired term ending 2/28/2028. •Marcia Ford as the alternate member representing the City of Mount Dora to fill an unexpired term ending 2/28/2028. Commissioner Morris is the liaison to the Library Advisory Board.	MORRIS
TABLED	**Tab 30.** Recommend approval to appoint Randy Bumbalough to the Board of Building Examiners to fill the following position: Architect. Mr. Bumbalough would fill a vacant position for a term beginning on 03/05/2026 and expiring on 01/14/2030.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione said that the alum treatment demonstration on the previous day was great, and that there was an opportunity between the current time and the end of March 2026 for Commissioners who would like to visit, noting that they could have staff arrange this. She added that they were creating a video which went into the science involved with this and how it worked, and she urged the Board to watch it.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith thanked staff for the recent workshop, opining that it was good.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Morris commented that they had a great grand opening of the Children's Library at the Town of Lady Lake on the previous day, noting that the Town was appreciative of the County and their partnership.	MORRIS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks congratulated the Clermont Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5277, noting that they were celebrating their 100th birthday. He added that he attended the event and that it was great.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks thanked staff for the workshop in the previous week.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith relayed that it was National Tortilla Day.	SMITH