BOARD ACTION
April 14, 2026

	EMPLOYEE AWARDS **FIVE YEARS** Kandace Pourbaix, Risk Management Coordinator Office of Human Resources and Risk Management Cecelia Koza, Office Associate IV Office of Human Resources and Risk Management Freya Sturgeon, Office Associate I Office of Human Resources and Risk Management Christopher Boyce, Compliance and Monitoring Specialist Office of Code Enforcement Megan Hurd, Office Associate V Office of Code Enforcement Cristian Cortez, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Bruno Muzzin, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Holman Horton, Licensing Investigator Office of Building Services Nancy Schultz, Licensing Investigator Office of Building Services Sheri Hutchinson, Senior Financial Coordinator Office of Development Services Anna Powell, Laboratory Associate Office of Water Resources – Laboratory and Hydrogeology Wendy Williquette, Probation Associate Office of County Probation Jesse Fullen, Roads Maintenance Operator Public Works Department – Maintenance Area III Umatilla	KOVACS

	TEN YEARS Thomas Bliffen, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Dylan Mauldin, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Austin Morsett, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Nicolas Fyock, Fire Lieutenant/EMT Office of Fire Rescue Daniel Lange, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Rinker Robinson, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue Gregory Sandler, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue William Snyder, Firefighter/EMT Office of Fire Rescue Anthony Ellis, Financial Coordinator Office of Solid Waste Kieran Johnson, Probation Officer Office of County Probation Larry Martin, GIS Administrator IT – Enterprise Support Neura Raywattie, Program Associate Office of Housing and Community Services Kelly Ellis, Trades Crew Leader Office of Parks and Trails Osvaldo Nunez, Design Engineer Public Works - Engineering	

FIFTEEN YEARS

Donald Gardner, Roads Area Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works – Maintenance Area I Leesburg

Leslie Westlake, Construction Inspector II
Public Works – Road Construction

Richard Marino, Roads Senior Equipment Operator
Public Works – Maintenance Area II Minneola

Aaron Taylor, Library Assistant II
Office of Library Services – Cooper Memorial Library

TWENTY YEARS

Robert Fickett, Battalion Fire Chief
Office of Fire Rescue

Matthew Barton, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic
Office of Fire Rescue

Roy Shores, Roadway Designer II
Public Works – Engineering

Dwayne Turner, Sign and Striping Technician I
Public Works – Traffic Operations

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

James Drake, Firefighter/EMT
Office of Fire Rescue

Juana Barron, Planning Manager
Office of Planning and Zoning

Rebecca Brown, Records Management Technician
IT – Business Office

Christopher Hicks, Roads Area Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works – Maintenance Area III Umatilla

RETIREMENTS

Frederick Bohler, Park Attendant (7 years)
Office of Parks and Trails

Katherine Blanton, Program Specialist (19 years)
Office of Housing and Community Services

	Jeffrey Coulthart, Fire Lieutenant/EMT (23 years) Office of Fire Rescue **QUARTERLY AWARDS** **EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER** Bill Campbell, Parts and Supply Technician Office of Facilities Maintenance **SUPERVISOR OF THE QUARTER** Miranda Lanoue, Budget Manager Office of Management and Budget **T.E.A.M. OF THE QUARTER** **COLD WEATHER SHELTERING RESPONSE TEAM** Emergency Management Megan Milanese, Ana Ruiz, Lynne McNamara, Dana McGeehan Office of Communications Lexie Farmer, Jeff Foley Office of Housing & Community Services Maria AbdoulKarim, Linette Torres, Daisy Woodard, Edna Scott, Andrea Hall, Sonia Gonzalez Tirado Office of Veterans Services Johnny Dubose Office of Transit Jill Brown, Joshua Smith, David Lazerson Public Safety Support Brad Keough, Anthony Moore, Mike Goodwin, Zachary Totton, Karen Burt Office of Library Services Ruth Shaw, Kassandra Flynt, Trent Rodriguez, Rayna Sousa Office of Building Services Jeremiah Letourneau Office of Animal Services Whitney Boylston, Brenna Dorfner	
APPROVED	**Tab 1.** Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meetings of February 19, 2026 (Special Meeting) and February 24, 2026 (Regular Meeting).	COONEY

	CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD Mr. Kevin Kisner, a resident of Lake County, opined that Lake County was growing quickly, and that the County needed to build a large fairground facility. He pointed out that the Hendricks County, Indiana fairgrounds were 110 acres built over 14 years prior, and noted that many sponsors had helped to build that facility. He also said that he did not know why the County was allowing the City of Eustis to annex so much property, and asked if the City was taking the tax funds while using County roads. Mr. Paul Perkins, a resident of Lake County, mentioned that he had previously emailed a petition to the Board as well as an attachment with the previous signage. He stated that Burhans Road was only about 10 to 12 feet wide, and that to pass an oncoming vehicle, one had to pull off onto the grass. He opined that the road maintenance had been very good; however, it was a dirt road that was being eroded consistently from increased traffic by people utilizing the Burhans Road boat ramp, camping, picnicking, fishing, and swimming, noting that it was creating issues for the residents. He remarked that he did not want access to the boat ramp taken away, and opined that everyone enjoyed recreation on Lake Dalhousie. He expressed concerns about people setting up tents and picnic tables, starting bonfires at 10:00 p.m., and driving recklessly in front of his house, noting that the petition represented the residents of this area. He opined that there should be a sign and some enforcement because people did not know what was going on, and that the sign verbiage should include the County ordinance restricting the boat ramp to boat launching and retrieving only. He pointed out that this was not a public recreation area, and opined that someone could be hurt from boat trailers backing in and out. Mr. Donnie Kent, a resident of Lake County, related that a year prior, the County had built restroom facilities at the Butler Street boat ramp, which took up parking space, and that at the same time, the Blue Creek Lodge Road boat ramp closed to the public and currently had private access only; therefore, many more people were currently accessing the boat ramp at the end of Lake George Road. He commented that this road went through a swamp, and indicated concerns about flooding. He mentioned that on October 15, 2026 he had met with Commissioner Campione and Mr. Bobby Bonilla, Assistant County Manager; however, there had been no communication since then, and he questioned what the County was planning to do to remedy this issue.	
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 2.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-18** designating April 12-18, 2026, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.	CARPENTER

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 the Estates at Cherry Lake Community Development District proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in accordance with Section 190.008(b), Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information. 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in accordance with Section 190.008(b), Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information.	COONEY
APPROVED	**Tab 4.** Recommend approval and adoption of Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel Day **Proclamation 2026-28**, per Commissioner Parks.	PARKS
APPROVED	**Tab 6.** Request from County Attorney to recommend approval and execution of the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Collaborative Planning Agreement between Florida Department of Transportation, Lake~Sumter Metroplanning Organization, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Lake County Community Transportation Coordinator, and the Sumter County Community Transportation Coordinator as required under the authority of Title 23 United States Code Section 134 and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance. This agreement will supersede and replace the previous agreement dated August 26, 2015. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 7.** Request from Emergency Management to recommend approval to adopt the updated 2026 Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation and Resilience Strategy Plan and authorize the Chairman to execute accompanying **Resolution 2026-37**. There is no fiscal impact.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 8.** Request from Emergency Management to recommend approval:	CARPENTER

	1. To accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement; 2. To execute the EMPG Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of $104,126.45; 3. To authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments/modifications that do not involve a financial impact; 4. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 1 - Federal Programs and Resources Awarded (page 29); 5. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 2 - Certification Regarding Telecommunications and Video Restrictions (pages 30 and 31); and 6. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 3 - Certification Regarding Lobbying (page 32). The fiscal impact is $104,126.45 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded).	
APPROVED	**Tab 9.** Request from Extension Services to recommend approval of the employment of Dallas Meringolo as Lake County Extension Director, Extension Agent II. The annual fiscal impact to the County is $36,536.59.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 10.** Request from Housing and Community Services to recommend approval: 1. Of a Substantial Amendment to the HOME-ARP Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Allocation Plan to allow a preference for individuals and households fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and 2. To authorize the Director of the Office of Housing & Community Services to execute any documents required by HUD; and 3. Of corresponding authorization **Resolution 2026-38** related to the Substantial Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Allocation Plan. There is no fiscal impact.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 11.** Request from Transit Services to recommend approval of the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc. D/B/A You Thrive Florida for the provision of transportation services for nutritional purposes. The estimated fiscal impact is $146,656 — $99,740 (revenue/expenditure) and $46,916 (expenditure – County funded) and is included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 12.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of a State Grant Agreement Number QG048 with the Florida Department	BONILLA

	of Environmental Protection (FDEP) related to the Lake County Septic to Sewer Conversion Program and to authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments and supplements. 2. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-39** in the amount of $1,500,000 to receive grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to assist in funding the County's septic to sewer conversion. The fiscal impact is $1,500,000 (revenue/expenditure – grant funded).	
APPROVED	**Tab 13.** 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 $240.60 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	BONILLA
TABLED	**Tab 5.** Request from County Attorney to recommend approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Lake County Tax Collector regarding Commercial Lease Space and funding. The estimated fiscal impact is $187,285.25 (expenditure) for Fiscal Year 2026 and $606,277.73 (expenditure) for Fiscal Year 2027. **The Board tabled this item until the Lake County Tax Collector would be available to attend.**	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 14.** Request from Facilities Management to recommend approval: 1. Of Contract 26-903 with Qualis General Contracting, LLC (Tampa, FL) for the Supervisor of Elections Building Commercial Tenant Improvements; 2. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $871,991 from Buildings to Leasehold Improvements; 3. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $87,149 from Repair and Maintenance to Leasehold Improvements; and 4. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is $3,119,387 (expenditure — $2,835,807 plus $283,580 for contingency purposes). Commission District 3.	BONILLA
DISCUSSION	**Tab 18.** Discussion and direction on a proposed Ordinance amending Section 14.14.02, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled Zoning Permits, to require a Homeowners Association Compliance Affidavit with Zoning Permit Applications.	CAMPIONE

	There is no fiscal impact. **The Board approved to advertise the ordinance as proposed.**	
PRESENTATION	**Tab 15.** Presentation by Megan Brew, Office of Economic Development Director, with an overview of the Lake County Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan.	DIAL
	ANNEXATION REPORT	
APPROVED	**Tab 16. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-16** creating Section 1.09.00, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, to be entitled Relief Concerning Declared Emergency Under Chapter 2025-190, Laws of Florida, in response to Senate Bill 180 (2025). There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 17. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption of **Resolution 2026-40** to vacate a portion of an unnamed platted Right-of-Way (ROW) 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 ROW 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. The fiscal impact is $2,295 (revenue) and is within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 19.** Recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance providing for the levy of an additional school district ad valorem millage tax in Lake County for operational purposes effective in 2027 and ending four (4) years thereafter pursuant to Section 1011.71(9), Florida Statutes, and providing for approval of the levy by voters in a referendum to be held on November 3, 2026, and providing for ballot language. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.	MARSH
DISCUSSION	**Tab 20.** Discussion and direction on establishing a minimum lot size, road frontage, and landscape buffer from public roads for residential development. There is no fiscal impact. **The Board gave direction for staff to move forward with two bifurcated**	DIAL

	ordinances, including one for the lot size of 65-foot lots and one for the buffer retaining as much natural vegetation and contouring as possible.	
APPROVED	**Tab 21.** Recommend approval to authorize the Chairman to execute letters of support to the County's federal legislative delegation and FEMA advocating for the restoration of funding for the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) program.	BONILLA
APPOINTMENT/ TABLED	**Tab 22.** Recommend approval to appoint a member to the WellFlorida Council as a Lake County Provider. Two applications were received, and there is only one (1) Lake County Provider position vacant. • Juana De La Cruz (Ms. De La Cruz is scheduled to be reappointed to District 2, Seat 1 for the Children's Services Council at the April 28, 2026, BCC meeting). • Christopher Gonzalez There will be no vacancies if the Board appoints one of the applicants. **The Board relayed consensus to table this item to the April 28, 2026 BCC meeting.**	BARKER
APPOINTMENT/ APPROVED	**Tab 23.** Recommend approval to appoint a member to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and applicable waiver, as follows: • Resident who is a concerned citizen for affordable housing: Don Spivey (term ending 11/30/27) Unless otherwise listed herein, the applicant is not a current member of another board or committee through appointment from the Board of County Commissioners (Board). Commissioner Timothy Morris is the Board's liaison for AHAC.	MORRIS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Sabatini relayed that the legislative session would resume soon, and that the budget needed to be finalized. He opined that the Board should continue to advocate for reform of Senate Bill (SB) 180, which he opined would be a topic alongside the budget.	SABATINI
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks expressed appreciation to the City of Clermont for redoing the entire streetscape with all native plants, and said that he was able to donate his time to do the design. He indicated appreciation to Cherrylake Inc. for its contribution to the project, and said that it was a local business with much knowledge, noting that it would be maintaining this for several	PARKS

	years. He pointed out that it was far below what a typical streetscape budget would cost, and that it would be more easily maintained. He opined that promoting Florida native plants was leadership by example, and that news of it should be coming out soon.	
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks related that the County and the City of Clermont had conducted Wellness Way meetings to review the tactical aspects and strategic focus of Wellness Way, such as promoting job centers and respecting the environment. He mentioned that at the prior meeting, the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation gave a presentation to provide a reminder and more details about why some parts of Wellness Way and the plan requirements were important, including the recent landscape design standards for the Wellness Way area. He displayed a map showing connection points to the Green Swamp from the Florida Everglades headwaters, and noted that this was the area where wildlife, such as bears and panthers, passed through from South Florida to North Florida. He commented that the circled areas were opportunities for connections to allow wildlife to get underneath Interstate 4 (I - 4), which was a major barrier, and that the opportunity for a connection point across United States (U.S.) Highway 27 in Polk County was gone, noting that it was all built out and had no more connection points there for wildlife. He pointed out that there were only two connection points left, and that one was in the Wellness Way area, opining that it was very important to be corridor compatible with all their design standards, as they wanted to promote this connection through that final point. He indicated appreciation to the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, opining that many people were made aware of the situation and understood what was going on.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks stated that he had been invited to be part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor trek, and noted that they did treks every couple of years. He relayed his understanding that there had been about three or four treks starting with the Thousand Mile Green Thread, and opined that they did great productions, which had previously been picked up by National Geographic. He opined that it was a great way to showcase what the State was doing to protect the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and said that this would include four elected officials, opining that policy would matter. He opined that the Florida Wildlife Corridor worked well with property owners, farmers, and ranchers to promote the corridor, which was about 10 million acres, and said that they would be on the trek for about a week. He opined that this was a chance to promote being corridor compatible, and he encourage everybody to read the *Corridor Compatible Communities Design Guidelines* book; furthermore, he opined that this would be a good opportunity to showcase Lake County. He mentioned that they would go 150 miles from the City of Thomasville, Georgia to the lighthouse at Saint Vincent Island, and that there was interest from the City of Tallahassee and the States of Texas, Georgia, and Alabama, noting that he would give a full report when he returned.	PARKS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith opined that the previous weekend was a large weekend at Hickory Point Park, and expressed appreciation to the Office of Parks and Trails, opining that they did a phenomenal job. He commented that there was a fishing clinic for kids, a soccer tournament, and a volleyball tournament with over 1,100 participants and visitors. He mentioned that there was also a pavilion rental at the same time, and opined that everything ran smoothly. He opined that the excellent job done by the Office of Parks and Trails made Lake County shine for all those visitors across Central Florida, other states, and the Territory of Puerto Rico.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione indicated appreciation to Mr. Bonilla for handling the situation from the current morning, noting that there was already a plan that was being worked on. She opined that they did their best informing the public, and hoped that people understood that these things did not happen quickly, especially large projects that were very expensive and difficult to engineer because of where they were located.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione mentioned that regarding the case involving the Mid Florida Materials landfill, there would be depositions conducted in the current week, and that she was one of the people being deposed.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione related that the Lake Louisa Road corridor had previously been reviewed for the purpose of calming traffic and dissuading people from using it as a highway because of the nature of the road and its proximity to Lake Louisa State Park and the lake itself, and indicated her understanding that people often traveled this road at high speeds. She opined that the traffic there needed to be slowed down, and that it put wildlife and people at risk who were walking or trying to cross the road. She requested that the County come back with a plan on how to calm traffic on this road.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione opined that the Artemis project was amazing, and that it was great to be a Floridian currently. She opined that it was like the old days of rocket launches and going back to the moon, noting that she was proud of the U.S. and proud of the astronauts, as well as all the people that made this happen, opining that it was great to see the young people excited about it.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith commented that it was National Pecan Day.	SMITH