BOARD ACTION
May 19, 2026

	EMPLOYEE AWARDS **FIVE YEARS** William Ondulich, Office of Building Services Director Office of Building Services Matthew Polinder, Senior Plans Examiner Office of Building Services Jessica Carr, Emergency Dispatch Lead Office of Fire Rescue – Emergency Dispatch Oisin McKenna, Computer Technician I IT – Service Desk **TEN YEARS** Jeremy Rodriguez, Public Works Permitting Technician I Public Works Department – Stormwater **TWENTY YEARS** Anthony Besciani, Firefighter/EMT Office of Fire Rescue John Yang, Telecommunications Supervisor IT – Telecommunications **TWENTY-FIVE YEARS** Mark Peck, Maintenance Technician II Office of Facilities Maintenance **RETIREMENT** Eric Welhaven, Office Manager Office of County Probation	KOVACS
APPROVED	**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTATION**	COONEY
APPROVED	**Tab 1.** Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meeting of April 7, 2026 (Regular Meeting).	COONEY
	CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD Mr. Banks Helfrich, a farmer from the Clay Road District, stated that his farm	

	tip of the day was that it was time to plant summer crops, such as watermelons, okra, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and luffas, noting that luffas could be eaten when green; additionally, when luffas were old, they could be dried out, skinned, and used for exfoliating in the shower. He commented that there was a seven-acre farm in the City of Clermont area that had 15 different gardens with three farmers working the farm, and that they participated in crop sharing, which was sharing crops amongst themselves or given away to the community. He mentioned that the 15 farms included the following: an 88-tree fruit bearing orchard; a vineyard of 15 different grape plants, which yielded about 60 pounds of muscadine grapes per year; a raised bed garden; a vegetable garden; an herb garden; a flower garden; a tea garden; two shade gardens; a pineapple patch; and a wild blackberry patch. He relayed that this farm opened its gates once a month to the public to come and experience a two-hour tour, which included picking and tasting whatever was in season, and noted that since there were no pesticides or herbicides, there may be insects on the plants. He remarked that the concept of this farm was to teach others how to grow their own food, and that plants, trees, and seeds were given away to attendees, opining that this was the best way to bring down grocery costs. He commented that this farm was borrowed from the master gardener's children and grandchildren and was named the Giving Farm, noting that he lived on this farm. Mr. Vance Jochim, a resident of Lake County, opined that the Board needed to establish a committee to investigate how to use artificial intelligence (AI) to improve operations and streamline administration, and said that there was much information for and against using AI, noting that he had done a study on school districts that were improving their operations using AI, such as saving about four hours per week for administrative personnel. He opined that the County should cap budget growth and set a 10 percent reduction in the department budgets until there were some results from the use of this new tool, and said that even though it could be challenging to learn, he had been using it on a daily basis. He also commented that there was a new all-Muslim development being proposed in the City of Tavares, and noted that three of them had already been banned in the State of Texas because of concerns. He also opined that the County's new agenda management software, which incorporated AI, was very confusing to use even though it included much information about accessibility, and he suggested that the user interface and design be reviewed.	
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 2.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-36** designating May 17-23, 2026, as National Emergency Medical Services Week.	CARPENTER
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 3.** Recommend approval and presentation of the National Older Americans Month **Proclamation 2026-43**.	CHRISTIAN

PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 4.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-44** honoring the Small Business Development Center at the University of Central Florida for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Development Center of the Year award.	DIAL
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 5.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-42** recognizing the Arching Oaks Art and Culture Center of Florida Budokan, per Commissioner Campione.	CAMPIONE
APPROVED	**Tab 6.** 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 the Founders Ridge Community Development District proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 in accordance with Section 190.008 (2)(b), Florida Statutes, for purposes of disclosure and information only. 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received the City of Eustis CRA Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for FY 2025. 4. Notice is hereby provided of having received the following items from the Town of Lady Lake: Ordinance 2026-02; Ordinance 2026-03; Ordinance 2026-04; and Ordinance 2026-05.	COONEY
APPROVED	**Tab 8.** Request from Management and Budget to recommend approval of the Veterans Treatment Intervention Program Agreement that provides financial support to Lake County for aid in felony and/or misdemeanor pretrial or post-adjudicatory veteran treatment intervention programs. This is a cost reimbursement agreement based on actual expenses incurred by the County. The County will be reimbursed on a monthly basis by the State of Florida for the actual service-related expenditures. The estimated total fiscal impact is not to exceed $109,654 (revenue) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 10.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval of a funding agreement between the County and Sheriff to equally fund the Senior CAD GIS Coordinator position. The fiscal impact is $57,765 (expenditure) and $57,765 (expenditure - Lake County Sheriff's Office reimbursement).	CARPENTER

APPROVED	**Tab 11.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval: 1. To utilize Contract 19-0707 with Ten-8 Fire and Safety, LLC (Bradenton, FL) for the purchase of one Pierce commercial pumper and one Pierce custom pumper; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The fiscal impact is $2,270,517 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 2 and 4.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 12.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval of the Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services MSTU Increment Revenues with the City of Leesburg. The fiscal impact is $281,198 (reduction of expenditures).	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 13.** Request from Housing and Community Services to recommend approval of the First Amendment to a HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Subrecipient Agreement between Lake County and Find, Feed & Restore, Inc., for an Affordable Housing Project for Fiscal Year 2026. There is no fiscal impact for this First Amendment. The original HOME-ARP Subrecipient Agreement was for $850,000 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 5.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 14.** Request from Library Services to recommend approval to designate Tammy Parrott as the Single Administrative Head of the Lake County Library System and authorize the Chairman to execute Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services Form DLIS/SA01, State Aid to Libraries Grant Certification of Credentials - Single Library Administrative Head.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 16.** Request from Transit Services to recommend approval: 1. To accept the Florida Department of Transportation under the Section 5310 Capital Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026; 2. To procure vehicles under the State's bid list through FDOT's Transit Research Inspection Procurement Services (TRIPS) Program; 3. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-51** (URR) to accept and appropriate $828,138 for the Florida Department of Transportation's Section 5310 Capital Grant Agreement; and 4. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $92,016 from Transit Reserves for Operations to Machinery and Equipment. The fiscal impact is $920,154 - $828,138 (revenue/expenditure - grant	CHRISTIAN

	funded) and $92,016 (expenditure - county match).	
APPROVED	**Tab 17.** Request from Transit Services to recommend approval to accept the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) under the Section 5310 Small Urban Operating Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026. The fiscal impact is $800,000 - $400,000 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and $400,000 (expenditure - county match) and is within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 18.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To proceed to closing on a road easement dedication from Blake's Ridge (DR-25024), which is in the City of Leesburg; and 2. To authorize the Chairman to execute any required closing documents. The estimated fiscal impact is $1,500 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 5.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 19.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To proceed to close on right-of-way and easement dedication from Daniel Z. Wise Trustee for the Hooks Street Extension Project, which is in the City of Clermont; 2. Approval of a Subordination of Utility Interests Agreement substantially similar to the form attached with Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, with County Attorney review and approval of the final form; and 3. To authorize the Chairman to execute any necessary closing documents. The estimated fiscal impact is $800 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 2.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 20.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To proceed to close on right-of-way and easement dedication from Waterbrooke Homeowner's Association, Inc. for the Hooks Street Extension Project, which is in the City of Clermont; and 2. To authorize 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 2.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 21.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To proceed to close on the deeded right-of-way purchase for Hartwood Pines Homeowners Association, LLC., for the Hartwood Marsh Road Widening Project, which is in the City of Clermont; and 2. To authorize the Chairman to execute any required closing documents.	BONILLA

	The estimated fiscal impact is $1,500 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 2.	
APPROVED	**Tab 22.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To proceed to close on the deeded Right-of-Way dedication for Florida Discount Self Storage No 4, LLC. for the Hartwood Marsh Road Widening Project, which is in the City of Clermont; and 2. To authorize 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 2.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 23.** 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, lot splits, and stormwater projects. The fiscal impact is $308.60 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 25.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To adopt **Resolution 2026-52** declaring the failure of CR 44 Haynes Creek Bridge (Bridge Number 114079) 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 process otherwise required pursuant to that statute; 2. To increase the emergency expenditure limits of Contracts 25-743A-C for on-call emergency infrastructure repair services from $4,500,000 to not exceed $6,000,000; 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 26.** Request from Public Works to recommend adoption of **Resolution 2026-53** to install all-way stop signs and all-way plaques on Radio Road at Treadway School Road, in the Leesburg Area. The estimated fiscal impact is $5,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 3 and 5.	BONILLA

APPROVED	**Tab 27.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To adopt **Resolution 2026-54** for Vision Zero/Target Zero Goal and Framework; 2. Of the Lake County Safety Action Plan; and 3. Of the submission of a Safe Streets for All Implementation Grant application; and 4. To authorize the County Manager to execute associated documents. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.	BONILLA
PULLED	**Tab 28.** Request from Parks and Trails to recommend approval: 1. Of Contract 26-420 with Florida Recreational Products, LLC. (Lynn Haven, FL) for the one-time purchase of a replacement playground at North Lake Regional Park for the Office of Parks & Trails. 2. For the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreement and all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is $173,224 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 7.** Recommend approval of **Proclamation 2026-33** designating June 2026 as Tobacco - Free Parks Month in Lake County.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 9.** Request from Human Resources and Risk Management to recommend approval of a Workers' Compensation Claim Settlement for a former employee who sustained an injury on April 17, 2024, in the amount of $45,000 (expenditure).	KOVACS
APPROVED	**Tab 15.** Request from the Office of Tourism to recommend approval: 1. To provide Tourist Development Tax funding for marketing/promotional fees and related expenses for Discover Lake County to be designated as a proud partner of the United States of America Track & Field (USATF). 2. To authorize the Chair to execute the Marketing Agreement. The fiscal impact is not to exceed $450,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2026, 2027 and 2028 Budgets. The itemized fiscal impact per year is $150,000 per year.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 24.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of an Amendment to the Roadway Improvement Agreement with Jen Florida 30, LLC regarding North Hancock Road Widening; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is $7,767,248 (expenditure) of which $4,267,248	BONILLA

	is estimated to be given to the Developer as South District transportation impact fee credits and up to $3,500,000 to be paid to the Developer in cash from South District impact fees. Commission District 2.	
	ANNEXATION REPORT **The Board approved to send a letter of opposition to the City of Fruitland Park regarding the Vita Serena Development.**	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 29. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval of the second amendment to the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) between the City of Groveland and Lake County. There is no fiscal impact.	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 31. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-22** repealing Chapter 6.5, Lake County Code, entitled Cable Communications, and amending Section 18-3, Lake County Code, entitled Right-of-Way Utilization Permits. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 32. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-23** 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. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 30. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-21** creating Section 2-6, Lake County Code, establishing Lake County as a Bill of Rights Sanctuary County. There is no fiscal impact. **The Board approved the original ordinance with some language changes, which included the following: removing the term "sanctuary"; leaving in the actual text of the Bill of Rights; adding "protect the rights of law-abiding citizens" in subsection C; adding the phrase "as an American citizen" to the definition; and calling it the Bill of Rights Protection Ordinance.**	MARSH

APPROVED	**Tab 33.** Recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance repealing Article VIII, Chapter 3, Lake County Code, entitled Pain Management Clinics. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPOINTMENT/ APPROVED	**Tab 34.** Recommend approval to appoint Stephanie Winheim to the Lake-Sumter MPO Community Advisory Committee. There are two vacancies and one application.	CAMPIONE
APPOINTMENT/ APPROVED	**Tab 35.** Recommend approval to appoint a member to the WellFlorida Council as a Lake County Provider. Three applications were received, and there is only one (1) Lake County Provider position vacant. • Juana De La Cruz (also appointed to the Children's Services Council and Library Advisory Board) • Christopher Gonzalez • Colleen Wallace There will be no vacancies if the Board appoints one of the applicants. **The Board appointed Ms. Colleen Wallace to the WellFlorida Council as a Lake County Provider.**	BARKER
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Ms. Barker commented that all County offices would be closed on May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.	BARKER
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Sabatini mentioned that the State was in Legislative Session currently, and he asked the Board to keep watching the bills because it would be for the budget, including the appropriation projects and funding for various other things. He stated that it would end after the current week, and that they would finalize the budget after 72 hours in the following week.	SABATINI
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks expressed appreciation to Ms. Jennifer Barker, County Manager, and staff for helping him with a presentation in the previous week at the South Lake Chamber of Commerce.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks wished everybody a thoughtful and safe Memorial Day.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith relayed that since it was budget time, he would like to see people in attendance for the budget meetings to give suggestions or comments on the budget that they would be taxed for, opining that it was important to understand the budget and to have their voices heard.	SMITH

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith indicated appreciation to the County staff, the City of Leesburg, and other municipalities who attended the workshop for rural protection, and opined that it was moving in a positive direction. He opined that once these maps were done, the Board could meet with each City to solidify this instead of having all municipalities in the same setting, and that it could be more productive moving through the process.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith asked that everybody remember why there was a Memorial Day, including the morning memorial, which was for the fallen, and the afternoon memorial, which was for people currently serving. He expressed appreciation to all the veterans and active duty members for their service to their country.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Morris remarked that in the prior week, there was a project development and environmental (PD&E) study for CR 466A, and indicated his appreciation to Mr. Jeff Earhart, Engineering and Operations Director for the Public Works Department, and staff, opining that they did a great job. He mentioned that the City of Fruitland Park and residents had been in attendance, and opined that even though there were differences of opinion, there was a good basis of what was happening there.	MORRIS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione opined that since the municipalities had the maps, including those with joint planning agreements (JPAs), those with interlocal service boundary agreements (ISBAs), and those with nothing, there was the potential to work well together.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione indicated her understanding that the Britt Road bid went out on the current day, and that the County should be receiving responses from contractors. She stated that after a decision was made, the work would begin, opining that it would be a very happy day.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione relayed that in the current week, the City of Mount Dora would be doing a ribbon cutting on the Donnelly Street project.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione commented that she attended the South Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting, opining that staff did a great job. She hoped that the County could replicate something similar for the North Lake Chamber of Commerce meetings, and opined that since the South Lake Chamber of Commerce had one large group, it was easier to present it to everybody at once. She wondered if one of the North Lake Chamber of Commerce meetings could be chosen and if the others could be invited for the presentation on the issues that were covered at the South Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting.	CAMPIONE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione opined that most people would be finding different ways to observe Memorial Day and to bring honor to those who had fought and died for the country, and asked that they would remember what a solemn holiday it was, noting that it was to recognize those who made the ultimate sacrifice for them.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione expressed appreciation for the hard work done on the Bill of Rights ordinance discussion, opining that it was very thoughtful. She opined that one could delve into some of the things that were raised for future discussion, and said that she was glad that there was something put in place on the current day to say what was important to Lake County to protect the rights of the citizens and to respect the Bill of Rights, the laws, and their actions.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith said that it was National Plant Something Day.	SMITH