BOARD ACTION
July 14, 2026

APPROVED	**Tab 1.** Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meetings of May 5, 2026 (Regular Meeting), and May 18, 2026 (Special 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 about okra, and opined that to make it more appetizing, one could slice and roast it to make it crispy. He commented that America was 250 years old, and noted that Americans included the following: travelers from the Bering Strait Bridge about 20,000 years prior, such as the Hopi, Navajo, Cherokee, and Seminole; settlers from the Country of England in search of religious freedom; immigrants from the Countries of China, Japan, Iran, Syria, Venezuela, and Columbia in search of a better life for their families; forced immigrants from Africa who called America home; people who were black, brown, mocha, and white with a melting pot of cultures; and those who exercised the freedoms and liberties available. He opined that America was diverse and united, and that without unity there was no United States (U.S.) of America. Mr. Ed Freeman, a representative of the League of Cities, related that the League of Cities was made up of municipalities from Lake and Sumter Counties, and opined that the new Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) would influence growth, infrastructure, utility service, transportation, and economic development for decades to come. He hoped that the transmittal of this document would recognize the result of the property tax referendum and would promote stronger coordination between the County and the municipalities. Mr. Egor Emery, a resident of Lake County, expressed concern about a project by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the Ocala National Forest to build an airport, and relayed his understanding that they were using a conditional use permit (CUP) from a couple of landowners who had applied for a grass strip so they could fly to their retreat in the Ocala National Forest. He opined that Embry-Riddle was proposing something much more substantial than that, including repaving this parcel to make a longer airstrip for training purposes, and that this project deserved a public hearing. He asked that the Board review this CUP, opining that this project was more substantial than what the CUP allowed. He hoped that the County would encourage Embry-Riddle to bring this project forward and explain what their initial plans and long-range goals were in a public hearing where the public could discuss the merits of this project with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).	

	Mr. John Blodgett, a resident of Lake County speaking via Zoom, indicated concerns about the septic to sewer conversions and the advanced wastewater treatment requirements, opining that there were issues providing sewer services to the rural areas and the costs associated with that. He inquired if there were grants available for this, and opined that this was not just an environmental issue, but also a growth management issue because pushing sewer systems into rural areas could increase the growth in those areas. Ms. Susan Fetter, a resident of the City of Leesburg speaking via Zoom, mentioned that there was a discussion on the agenda about the budget in relation to the property tax amendment, and said that she was interested to learn more about what the budget would look like if the amendment passed, opining that it was important for residents to understand what the tradeoffs could be. She wondered how this would affect their quality of life even though it would mean paying less taxes, and said that she wanted to learn about the County's priorities and if there was an efficient budget for providing services. She opined that the County could be trusted to focus on public safety, and relayed her understanding that the statewide firefighter's union was not endorsing this bill because they were concerned about the effect on public safety. She questioned how the County would prioritize cuts to the budget and how public input would come into play.	
APPROVED	**Tab 2.** Approval of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Consent Agenda (Items 1-7) 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 Greater Lakes/Sawgrass Bay Community Development District's Annual Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2025. 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Avalon Groves Community Development District's FY 2027 Proposed Budget/Public Hearing Resolution 2026-07. 4. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Lakehaven 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. 5. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Parkside Trails Community Development District Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year	COONEY

	2027 in accordance with Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes for purposes of disclosure and information only. 6. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Wellness 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. 7. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Windsor Cay 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.	
APPROVED	**Tab 3.** Recommend approval of Croqueta Day **Proclamation 2026-77**, per Commissioner Sean Parks.	PARKS
APPROVED	**Tab 4.** Request from Human Resources and Risk Management to recommend approval of a Liability Claim Settlement for an incident which occurred on February 17, 2024. The fiscal impact is $300,000.	KOVACS
APPROVED	**Tab 5.** Request from Human Resources and Risk Management to recommend approval of a one-time $75,000 cash death benefit, pursuant to Section 112.1816, Florida Statutes. The statute provides the benefit to the designated beneficiary or dependents of a firefighter who dies due to a designated occupational cancer. The fiscal impact is $75,000.	KOVACS
APPROVED	**Tab 6.** Request from Building Services to recommend approval: 1. Of Contract 24-441 for Community Development Software; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation; and 3. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $45,075 from Stormwater Machinery/Equipment to Stormwater Machinery/Equipment Permitting Software Replacement; and 4. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $45,075 from Engineering Machinery/Equipment to Engineering Machinery/Equipment Permitting Software Replacement. The estimated fiscal impact for the first year is $1,126,858, which includes implementation and migration costs. In subsequent years, the estimated annual fiscal impact is $531,646 annual. Fiscal impacts are within available Fiscal Year Budgets and will not exceed appropriated amounts.	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 7.** Request from the Office of Tourism to recommend approval: 1. To provide Tourist Development Tax funding for host fees and related event expenses for Lake County to host the 2027 IWWF World Wakeboard	DIAL

	Championships, to take place at Lake David (Groveland). The dates for this event are October 28, 2027–November 8, 2027; and 2. To authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement with IWWF. The fiscal impact is not to exceed $150,000 (expenditure – TDT funding) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Commission District 1.	
APPROVED	**Tab 8.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval: 1. Of the Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement for Property with Finlayson Family, LLC, for the Eustis EMS Ambulance Station located at 801 North Bay Street, in Eustis (a/k/a Alternate Key 1197414); and 2. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $100,000 from Rentals and Leases to Buildings; and 3. To authorize the Chairman to execute any necessary closing documents. This fiscal impact is $1,019,114.50 plus any closing costs (expenditure). Commission District 3.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 9.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval and execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Villages Public Safety Department Special Assessment Funding. There is no fiscal impact.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 10.** Request from Library Services to recommend approval of Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-81** for the appropriation and expenditure of unanticipated revenue through an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. The fiscal impact is $6,000 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded).	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	**Tab 12.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to enter a Lighting Services Agreement with Duke Energy One, Inc. to install and maintain street lighting along 0.6 miles of Hancock Road from the south corner of the Hartwood Landing Subdivision to Hartwood Marsh Road. The capital fiscal impact is $443,980 (expenditure - South District Road Impact Fee Fund) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The annual fiscal impact for maintenance is $3,708 plus electric fees (expenditure - Wellness Way MSTU Fund) and will be included in the future Fiscal Year Budgets. Commission District 1.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 14.** Request from Parks and Trails to recommend approval: 1. Of Contracts 26-405A, 26-405B and 26-405C with Apex Landscaping, Inc. (Eustis, FL), Green Isle Gardens, Inc. (Groveland, FL) and Site One Landscape Supply (serviced out of Clermont, FL) to provide trees, native	BONILLA

	grasses, plants on an as-needed basis; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation. The fiscal impact is estimated at $225,000 (expenditure). Annual expenditures will not exceed available funding in the Fiscal Year Budget.	
APPROVED	**Tab 11.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to award the Britt Road Reconstruction and Culvert Replacement construction project (Contract 26-711) to Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. for $1,070,286.13. The fiscal impact is $1,070,286.13 — $744,224.87 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and $326,061.26 (expenditure - ARPA), and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 4.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 13.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of a County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) agreement; and 2. To adopt a supporting **Resolution 2026-79** with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for funding the construction services for the CR 466A from East of Timbertop Lane to East of Poinsettia Avenue Project; and 3. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-80** (URR) to accept and appropriate $3,112,000 for the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP); and 4. Of a Budget Transfer within the Central Transportation Benefit District fund in the amount of $2,400,000 from Easements/ROW to Infrastructure-Construction 466A Phase IIIB; and 5. Of a Budget Transfer within the Federal/State Grant fund to move $3,611,561 from Infrastructure-Construction CR466A Phase III (860674.50041) to Infrastructure-Construction 466A Phase IIIB 860674.50073). The estimated fiscal impact is $21,334,706 — $6,723,561 (revenue/expenditure - grant funding) and $14,611,145 (expenditure - county match). Commission District 5.	BONILLA
	Tab 19. REZONING AGENDA	
	CONSENT AGENDA REZONING CASES:	
APPROVED	Tab 1. **Ordinance No. 2026-29** Rezoning Case # PZ2026-02 Clark and Diaz Property Rezone approximately .74 +/- acres from Neighborhood Commercial District (C-1) and to Rural Residential District (R-1).	DIAL

APPROVED	Tab 2. **Ordinance No. 2026-30** Rezoning Case # PZ2025-348 Vibes Academy Amend Community Facility District (CFD) Ordinance #2023-16 to facilitate educational uses.	DIAL
	REGULAR AGENDA REZONING CASES:	
APPROVED	Tab 3. **Ordinance No. 2026-31** Rezoning Case # PZ2023-232 Hartle Hills Apartments Amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) on approximately 17.89 +/- acres from the Regional Office Future Land Use Category to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to facilitate a development program for Hartle Hills Apartments, a 212-unit multi-family apartment complex with associated amenities.	DIAL
APPROVED	Tab 4. **Ordinance No. 2026-32** Rezoning Case # PZ2023-231 Hartle Hills Apartments Rezone approximately 17.89 +/- acres from Agriculture (A) District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to facilitate a development program for a 212-unit multifamily apartment complex with associated amenities. **The Board approved this item including traffic calming according to the engineer's recommendation and a push-button walk signal for pedestrian safety.**	DIAL
TABLED	Tab 5. Rezoning Case # PZ2025-83 Tiger Paw Estates PUD RZ Amend Skiing Paradise/Swiss Fairways Planned Unit Development Ordinance No. 2018-6 to revise the approved land uses by replacing the 18 duplex villas (36 dwelling units) and 30 vacation suites (comprised of 10 triplex buildings) with 29 single-family residential units, in order to facilitate and incorporate the Tiger Paw residential development. **The Board tabled this item to the October 6, 2026 BCC meeting.**	DIAL
	VARIANCES	
APPROVED	Tab 6. **Final Development Order No. 2026-1** Case # PZ2025-240 Scharlach Property - W Thyme Avenue	DIAL

	A variance to Land Development Regulations (LDR) Section 6.01.04(A)(1) to allow for an unpermitted deck to remain constructed forty-five (45) feet from the ordinary highwater line, mean high water line, or jurisdictional wetland line, whichever is further landward, in lieu of the required 50-foot setback.	
APPROVED	Tab 7. **Final Development Order No. 2026-2** Case # PZ2025-342 Cliché Property A variance to Lake County PUD Ordinance #29-93 Section II(A), entitled Setbacks and Buffers, to allow construction of a pool, pool deck, and associated screen enclosure 5 feet from the rear property line in lieu of the required 20 feet between structures or 10 feet from the property line.	DIAL
POSTPONED	Tab 8. Case # PZ2025-343 Komos Property Variance to Planned Unit Development Ordinance #2005-45 Section III(A)(1)(d)(1) to allow the construction of a pool, pool deck and associated screen enclosure five (5) feet from the rear property line, in lieu of the required 15 feet. **The Board postponed this item to the September 1, 2026 BCC meeting.**	DIAL
APPROVED	Tab 9. **Final Development Order No. 2026-3** Case # PZ2025-396 Tuff Shed at Griffin A variance to Land Development Regulations (LDR) Table 3.02.05 to allow an accessory structure (storage shed) to be located 38-feet from the front property line in lieu of the required 62-foot setback requirement from the centerline of the road and to be located 5-foot from the side in lieu of the required 10-foot.	DIAL
APPROVED	Tab 10. **Final Development Order No. 2026-4** Case # PZ2026-19 Operation Parachute A variance to Land Development Regulations (LDR) Sections 10.01.01(E) to allow for the construction of an accessory structure to exceed the maximum height of the dwelling unit and or twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is greater and LDR 10.01.01(F) to allow for such accessory structure to be constructed in the front yard of the subject property in lieu of side or rear yards.	DIAL

APPROVED	Tab 11. **Final Development Order No. 2026-5** Case # PZ2026-37 Osprey Pointe Lot 9 A variance to Land Development Regulations (LDR) 9.02.12, entitled Heritage Trees, to allow the removal of one (1) heritage tree to facilitate the construction of a single-family residence.	DIAL
DENIED	Tab 12. Case # PZ2026-121 Rodriguez and Garcia Property A variance to Land Development Regulations (LDR) Section 3.01.04(1)(a) to allow a Livestock Building (horse barn) to be off-centered within the boundaries on the subject parcel, and to be constructed eleven (11) feet from the northern property line, in lieu of the required fifty (50) foot setback.	DIAL
DISCUSSION	**Tab 20.** Discussion and direction on negotiating the purchase of the Hamrick Transfer of Development Rights. There is no fiscal impact.	CAMPIONE
DISCUSSION	**Tab 21.** Discussion and direction on the Chisholm Trail RV Park and Campground. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. **The Board approved to foreclose on the existing liens.**	CAMPIONE
APPROVED	**Tab 15. PUBLIC HEARING:** First Public Hearing of an Ordinance creating Section 3.03.00, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, to be entitled, Certified Recovery Residences, and amending Appendix E, Chapter II, Lake County Code, Land Development Regulations, entitled Definitions, and Chapter III, Section 3.01.03, entitled, Schedule of Permitted and Conditional Uses. Required per Senate Bill 954 (2025). There is no fiscal impact.	DIAL
TABLED	**Tab 16. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of an Ordinance amending Chapter XVII, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations ("LDR"), entitled Rural Conservation Subdivision Design Standards. There is no fiscal impact. **The Board approved to table this item to the August 25, 2026 BCC meeting.**	DIAL

APPROVED	**Tab 17. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of an **Ordinance 2026-28** amending Section 14.07.00, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled Subdivisions, to bring the section into compliance with Chapter 2025-164, Laws of Florida, (Senate Bill 784 (2025)). There is no fiscal impact.	DIAL
PRESENTATION	**Tab 18.** Presentation by Jaime Stewart, Office of Management and Budget Director, providing an estimate of fiscal impacts resulting from recent legislative action.	BARKER
	ANNEXATION REPORT	
APPROVED	**Tab 22.** Recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance amending Section 9.01.06, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled Landscape Buffer Requirements, to establish a landscape buffer width and material requirements for properties developing along public roadways. There is no fiscal impact. **The Board approved a Type C, 25-foot landscape buffer.**	DIAL
DISCUSSION	**Tab 23.** Discussion and direction on the request that operation and maintenance responsibilities for the Lake Nellie Crossing subdivision DWTS program be transferred from the HOA/Developer to Lake County. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. Commission District 1. **The Board approved to assume ownership, operation, maintenance, and collection obligations over the system.**	BONILLA
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks expressed appreciation to the Public Lands and Trails Acquisition Advisory Committee (PLTAAC), opining that they spent many hours doing great work. He elaborated that they were trying to get their recommendations to the Board for the bond referendum, opining that the committee represented Lake County well.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith opined that the Fourth of July celebrations were fantastic around the county.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith opined that County staff did a fantastic job of running the Tourist Development Council (TDC) meeting on the previous day.	SMITH

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Morris remarked that he attended the League of Cities meeting, and had explained the Comp Plan process.	MORRIS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione related that the County did not obtain the grant for the Wekiva Trail and would have to find another way to fund the trail. She wondered if the County could use a natural trail, such as a lime rock trail, if the County acquired the right of way.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith said that it was Shark Awareness Day.	SMITH