BOARD ACTION
August 25, 2026

	EMPLOYEE AWARDS **FIVE YEARS** Jenny Deschenes, Records Compliance Coordinator County Attorney's Office Edward Morales, Delivery Service Driver/Operator Office of Library Services Keaton Woods, Telecommunicator Office of Fire Rescue – Emergency Dispatch **TEN YEARS** Norma Barrow, Office Associate III Office of Solid Waste Addison Harper, Firefighter/EMT Office of Fire Rescue Aaron Textor, Digital Services Manager Office of Communications **FIFTEEN YEARS** Nicole Deyarman, HCVP Coordinator Office of Housing and Community Services **TWENTY YEARS** Roland Breeden, Maintenance Technician II Office of Facilities Maintenance Thomas Carpenter, Assistant County Manager County Manager's Office Dwayne Henry, Construction Program Manager Office of Parks and Water Resources	KOVACS
APPROVED	**Tab 1.** Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meeting of July 14, 2026 (Regular Meeting).	COONEY
	CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD Mr. Banks Helfrich, a farmer from the Clay Road District, commented that it was harvest season, and that it was also time to put fall crops into the ground, including carrots, onions, radishes, turnips, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, brussels sprouts, and leafy lettuces. He mentioned that November 3, 2026	

was a harvest for the United States (U.S.), and that citizens could choose who the next representatives would be. He encouraged citizens to participate, opining that a republican democracy would not work unless the citizens were engaged, such as voting, speaking out at council meetings, writing letters to the editor, and running for office. He also opined that regarding artificial intelligence (AI) data centers, the residents should not give up their water, their electrical grid, and their soundscapes until due diligence was done, and said that he was in favor of a one year moratorium on AI data centers.

Ms. Lee Owen, a member of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter and Chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, opined that buying a house the traditional way was very challenging, and said that the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter was to make entry level homeownership possible. She commented that they did this by building safe affordable housing for qualified buyers, noting that they did not give houses away. She related that people had to qualify for and obtain their own mortgages, and that they helped people with that process. She remarked that their program empowered families to invest in the future through sweat equity and financial education, and that in the prior fiscal year, which closed on June 30, 2026, they had completed 35 repairs for low income homeowners across Lake County and built 11 new homes in the Cities of Tavares, Groveland, and Leesburg and in the Town of Lady Lake with an additional seven in Sumter County for a total of 18 new homes. She mentioned that for the upcoming fiscal year, they aimed to complete a similar number of repairs for low income homeowners and build 15 new homes in Lake County for qualified low income homebuyers within the Cities of Tavares, Eustis, and Leesburg with an additional seven in Sumter County for a total of 22 new homes. She expressed appreciation to Lake County for the infrastructure funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, and noted that it helped them with the Sager's Cove pocket neighborhood community, which would soon be under construction. She relayed that there were two celebrations coming up, including the Eustis High School Construction Academy's kick-off for the current year's building project on September 10, 2026 and the Leesburg High School Construction Academy's kick-off for their current project on September 11, 2026, noting that the youth were learning trades that could provide them with jobs after graduation.

Mr. Chuck Hiott, representing Lake 100, requested that the Board postpone the adoption and State submittal of the proposed 2050 Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) until after the November 3, 2026 property tax referendum vote, and opined that since land use policy and economic development were inherently connected, the Comp Plan would guide Lake County's growth, infrastructure investments, employment centers, and business climate for decades to come. He opined that if the property tax referendum passed, then it would be prudent have a long term policy framework that would help avoid

	future amendments while ensuring that the plan reflected the County's economic priorities, and said that Lake 100 had assembled a private sector review committee to evaluate the draft Comp Plan through the lens of economic development and business competitiveness. He stated that they had already begun identifying areas of concern, and opined that additional time was needed to develop constructive recommendations and practical solutions to strengthen the final document. He commented that their goal was to collaborate with the County by providing meaningful private sector input before the plan was finalized, and opined that a postponement would allow additional time for the County to consider the outcome of the property tax referendum while incorporating thoughtful recommendations from the business community, resulting in a stronger plan that better supported Lake County's long term economic prosperity.	
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 2.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-90** designating September 4, 2026, as Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day in Lake County, per Commissioner Campione.	CAMPIONE
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	**Tab 3.** Recommend approval and presentation of **Proclamation 2026-91** declaring the month of September 2026 as Hunger Action Month, per Commissioner Campione.	CAMPIONE
APPROVED	**Tab 4.** 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 2026-09 from the City of Minneola. 3. Notice is hereby provided of having received Ordinances 2026-E, 2026-E1, 2026-I and 2026-I-1 from the City of Umatilla.	COONEY
APPROVED	**Tab 5.** Request from County Attorney to recommend approval for County Attorney to conduct a Closed Session of the Board of County Commissioners to be held on September 8, 2026, to discuss Mark Dickinson, an individual, and Florida Carry, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, vs. Lake County Fair Association, Inc., Lake Agriculture and Youth Fair Association, Inc., Lake County, Florida, Peyton C. Grinnell, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Lake County, Florida, and Peyton C. Grinnell, individually; Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida; Circuit Court Case No. 2026-CA-001525.	MARSH

	There is no fiscal impact.	
APPROVED	**Tab 6.** Request from County Manager to recommend approval of the 2027 meeting dates for the Board of County Commissioners: 01/05/27, 01/19/27, 02/02/27, 02/09/27, 02/23/27, 03/02/27, 03/09/27, 03/23/27, 04/06/27, 04/13/27, 04/27/27, 05/04/27, 05/11/27, 05/25/27, 06/01/27, 06/08/27, 06/22/27, 07/13/27, 07/27/27, 08/03/27, 08/10/27, 08/24/27, 09/07/27, 09/14/27, 09/28/27, 10/05/27, 10/12/27, 10/26/27, 11/02/27, 11/16/27, 12/07/27 and 12/21/27.	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 7.** Request from Management and Budget to recommend approval of a budget transfer in the amount of $91,282 from Machinery/Equipment (Capital Expenses) to Operating Expenses, as requested by the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Lake County. The fiscal impact is $91,282 (expenditure).	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 8.** Request from Management and Budget to recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article IV, Lake County Code, entitled Local Provider Participation Fund. Required per the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law 119-21 (2025). There is no fiscal impact.	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 9.** Request from Building Services to recommend approval: 1. To increase the expenditure limits of Contract 25-734 for Document and Scanning Services with Advanced Data Solutions, Inc. (Oldsmar, FL) from $75,000 to an estimated $200,000; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is $125,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 10.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval: 1. Of Contract 26-522 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing Services to Digitech Computer, LLC (Dublin, OH); and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is $750,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Annual expenditures shall at no time exceed the available Fiscal Year Budgeted funds.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 11.** Request from Public Safety Support to recommend approval of a Perpetual Utility Easement to Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECO),	CARPENTER

	needed for electrical services for new Orange Mountain Public Safety Communications Tower, located at 15155 Schofield Road, in Clermont (Alternate Key 3960771). There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 1.	
APPROVED	**Tab 12.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To proceed to closing on Right-of-Way Dedications for CR-470 Villages Development, which is in the City of Leesburg; and 2. To authorize the Chairman to execute any required closing documents. There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 5.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 13.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval of a Maintenance Agreement with Pulte Homes Company, LLC to maintain landscaping, hardscape, and lighting associated with the new roundabout at the intersection Schofield Road and Lakehaven Boulevard. There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 1.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 14.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to award the CR 452 from CR 44 to the Lake/Marion County Line - Phase 2 project (Contract 25-741) to C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for $4,258,663.70. The fiscal impact is $4,258,663.70 — $2,971,194 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and $1,287,469.70 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 3 and 5.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 15.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of a Change Order to Wellness Way and Hancock Road Supplement Roadway Improvement Agreement with Lennar Homes, LLC, to add roadway and landscape design services in the Clermont Area; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation; and 3. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue **Resolution 2026-93** (URR) to accept and appropriate $2,000,000 for the South Transportation Benefit District Fund. The estimated fiscal impact is $532,440 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Commission District 1.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**Tab 16.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To accept public Right of Way and Easement Deeds that have been secured in conjunction with development, roadway, and stormwater projects; and 2. To authorize the Chairman to execute an Assignment of Rights, accepting transfer of rights related to the Johns Lake, LLC, Quitclaim Deed dated June	BONILLA

	16, 2026, if needed, with County Attorney approval of the form. The fiscal impact is $144.80 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	
APPROVED	**Tab 17.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval to adopt **Resolution 20226-94** to install all-way stop signs and all-way plaques on Lakeshore Drive (5154) and Woodward Avenue (City of Eustis Maintained Roadway), in the Eustis Area. The estimated fiscal impact is $10,000 (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 to adopt **Resolution 2026-95** to post "No Trucks Over 10 Tons Local Delivery Exempt" signs on Britt Road (4981) between Wolf Branch Road (4583) and State Road 44 (SR 44) in the Eustis area. Advance warning signs will be placed on Wolf Branch Road (4583) and SR 44 to notify drivers of the restriction. The estimated fiscal impact is $2,000 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 4.	BONILLA
APPROVED	**ADDENDEM CONSENT Tab 29.** Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval: 1. Of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Dora dated January 23, 2024, related to the Eudora Roundabout; and 2. Of a License Agreement with the First National Bank of Mount Dora; and 3. To authorize the Chairman to execute both documents with County Attorney review and approval. There is no fiscal impact at this time. Commission District 4.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	**Tab 19.** Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and supporting documentation related to the North Lake Trail - Beach Street to Lakeview Terrace Drive construction project amendment (Contract 26-702) to Bulldog Sitework, LLC; and 2. Of a budget transfer in the amount of $1,226,479 from Improvements Other than Buildings to Infrastructure. The fiscal impact is estimated at $1,226,479 (expenditure). Commission District 4.	BONILLA

PRESENTATION	**Tab 20.** Presentation on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan update by Kelley Klepper, Vice President with Kimley Horn. **The Board approved the revised timeline, extending the transmittal hearings to go from January to May 2027, and doing a reorganized clean version of the document.**	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 21. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Infrastructure Sales Tax Project Plan.	BARKER
APPROVED	**Tab 22. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-37** amending Sections 3.08.00 and 3.01.04(10), Lake County Code Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled Cemeteries. Required by HB 425 (2026). There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 23. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-38** amending Section 14.09.01, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled Site Plans. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 24. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend adoption and execution of **Ordinance 2026-39** 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 this item with the removal of the language allowing density bonuses.**	MARSH
ITEM 1 APPROVED	**Tab 25. PUBLIC HEARING:** Recommend approval: 1. Of the First Public Hearing of an Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on the construction or expansion of, and on the issuance of building permits, development permits, development orders, or the rezoning of property for data center facilities within the unincorporated areas of Lake County; and 2. To authorize, if accepted by a majority plus one vote, to conduct the Second Public Hearing of the proposed Ordinance at 9:00 a.m., rather than at	MARSH

	5:05 p.m. as required by Section 125.66(4), Florida Statutes. There is no fiscal impact. **The Board only approved Item 1, with the change in language from one year to 90 days and the removal of the word "moratorium."**	
APPROVED	**Tab 26.** Discussion and direction: 1. Regarding Public-Private Partnership (P3) Agreement for the Design, Build, Operation, and Maintenance of the Lake County Sports and Expo Center. There is no fiscal impact. 2. Retaining Scott Cole with GrayRobinson to assist with ensuring statutory compliance with Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, if direction is given to move the P3 Project forward, and authorize the County Attorney to sign the Engagement Letter. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. **The Board approved the following: moving forward with the P3 agreement, sending it out to bid rather than placing it with a registry; securing the services of Mr. Scott Cole, with GrayRobinson, to assist with the P3 agreement; and putting out a request for proposal (RFP) for design services for the site plan for an open-air arena as a parallel track as well as an event center.**	SMITH
APPROVED	**Tab 27.** Recommend approval: 1. Of the adoption and execution of **Resolution 2026-96** approving the execution of an Interlocal with Citrus County in connection with the issuance by Citrus County of its Industrial Development Revenue and Refunding Bond (Lifestream Behavioral Center, Inc. Project), Series 2026, to finance certain behavioral health treatment facilities and approving the issuance by Citrus County; and 2. Of an Interlocal Agreement with Citrus County. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
APPROVED	**Tab 28.** Recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 22, Article I, Section 22-17, entitled Administrative Fees. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.	DIAL
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Ms. Barker remarked that County offices would be closed on September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.	BARKER

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Sabatini mentioned that in the following month, he and Commissioner Parks would attend the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Technology Conference, and encouraged everyone to come, opining that there would be a lively conversation about AI.	SABATINI
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Sabatini relayed that he felt inspired to buy a road bike as a result of a prior trail discussion.	SABATINI
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks commented that the Islamic Center of Clermont was scheduled to be on the Planning and Zoning agenda for the September 1, 2026 BCC meeting, and that since there were many concerns, such as traffic, he had met with the applicant and they had withdrawn the application.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith stated that he attended a meeting with the City of Tavares for economic development, which included the trail between the Cities of Tavares and Mount Dora, opining that it would be phenomenal.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith related that he visited the Discovery Gardens and learned about the master gardening program, and encouraged those who did not know about it to go the Lake County Agricultural Center and look up the Discovery Gardens, opining that they had done a great job there. He mentioned that they had a master gardening program that taught residents to garden, and opined that it was fantastic what the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (UF/IFAS) and Lake County were doing to help with native Florida plants and teaching people about fertilizers and water.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Morris expressed congratulations to Commissioner Campione and Commissioner Parks for winning their primary elections.	MORRIS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione mentioned that work on the Haines Creek Road Bridge had begun, and asked for an update. She commented that staff had been working with multiple agencies to ensure that this was as efficient as possible, as it was only one lane and would be affected for 45 days; furthermore, she had been asked if the work could be done only at night.	CAMPIONE