

BOARD ACTION
September 8, 2026

APPROVED	<u>Tab 1.</u> Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meeting of July 28, 2026 (Regular Meeting).	COONEY
	<u>CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD</u> Mr. Pat Kelley, a resident of the City of Minneola, asked for consideration for a future agenda item to adopt Florida Statute 193.703, Assessment Reduction Ordinance. He explained that the ordinance allowed one to receive an assessment reduction of 20 percent of the value increase of the property while a grandparent lived there, opining that it would help people who did not need the additional tax burden and those who lost portability. Ms. Lucina Alvarado, an owner of property near Florida's Turnpike in the Town of Montverde area, indicated that they owned a radio station and were facing issues since the construction of the Hills of Montverde. She opined that Hills of Montverde had been blocking the easement access to her property with trees, signs and a fence. She asked the Board to review this case, recalling that the case had previously been reviewed and that they came to the conclusion that prior to this issue, they gave her easement access which was on public record. She clarified that she had no access to her property. Mr. Banks Helfrich, a candidate for State House District 25 and a farmer in the Clay Road District, said that a farm tip of the day was that earthworms ate everything organic and that this was one way of keeping the landfill smaller. He then questioned if political discourse could coexist with kindness, compassion and decency, and he discussed this, opining that it could. He also mentioned that property taxes funded police, fire service, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, and he expressed support for tax cuts, though not at the expense of their first responders; furthermore, he opposed Amendment 3. Mr. John Labriola, with the Christian Family Coalition, mentioned that the current week was the one-year anniversary of the assassination of Mr. Charlie Kirk, and he thanked Commissioner Sabatini for sponsoring a resolution to name a road after Mr. Kirk. He mentioned that several County Commissions had agreed to do a Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance, and he asked if the Board could pass a resolution to declare October 14, Mr. Kirk's birthday, as the Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance. He also expressed support for asking if there could be a library display showing Mr. Kirk's books as a historical figure during his birthday week. Ms. Susan Collins, with Salt and Light Ministry at Church of the Lakes in the City of Leesburg, indicated their primary focus was civic engagement	

	and faithful citizenship. She requested that the Board name October 14 as a day of remembrance for Mr. Kirk, and said that Mr. Kirk had been an inspiration to their ministry. She opined that by officially recognizing October 14 as a day of remembrance and partnering with the community by featuring Mr. Kirk’s books in the library, they could take a meaningful step toward bridging divides and fostering unity. Mr. Jonathan Walker, a resident of Lake County, requested the remembrance of Mr. Kirk’s birthday, and he discussed Mr. Kirk, opining that Mr. Kirk encouraged them to speak and think. Ms. Kristin Nelson, a resident of Lake County, asked the Board to declare October 14 as a Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance in honor of Mr. Kirk’s birthday as Sumter, Marion, Gilcrest, Jefferson and Flagler Counties had decided to do, and to instruct library staff to set up a week-long display of the eight books Mr. Kirk wrote. Ms. Molly Coletti, a resident of Lake County, agreed with previous speakers. The Board approved to place an item on an agenda to create October 14 as a day of remembrance in honor of Mr. Kirk’s life. Mr. Suhail Chhabra, representing the hospitals, expressed gratitude for the Local Provider Participation Fund amendment. Mr. Egor Emery, a resident of Commission District 4, thanked the Board for the educational opportunities that these meetings provided, and opined that there seemed to be a significant weakness in the conditional use permit (CUP) process, as a single word could render it useless. He recalled discussion about hyperscale data centers, and said that the Board had indicated that they were considering using the CUP process to protect everyone from the dangers these installations presented; however, he no longer had any confidence in the CUP process. He opined that the industrial part of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) possibly did not protect them since a hyperscale data center would immediately be approved or not need to be approved, and he expressed concerns for any installation which used the quantities of water which seemed to be used by hyperscale data centers. He also expressed concerns for land use and air quality, opining that the County needed to look at the planning process to allow the Board to protect them from undesirable uses.	
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	Tab 2. Recommend approval of Orlando Cat Café Proclamation 2026-78 , per Commissioner Parks.	PARKS
PROCLAMATION /APPROVED	Tab 3. Recommend approval of Workforce Development Proclamation 2026-84 , per Commissioner Campione.	CAMPIONE

APPROVED	Tab 4. Approval of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's Consent Agenda (Items 1-2) 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. Lake County's Semi-Annual Investment Report of June 30, 2026 is hereby provided.	COONEY
APPROVED	Tab 5. Recommend approval and adoption of Constitution Week Proclamation 2026-22, per Commissioner Sean Parks.	PARKS
APPROVED	Tab 6. Request from County Attorney to recommend approval for the County Manager, or designee to execute on behalf of Lake County, as one of five equal remaindermen of a 1/3 remainder interest, all documents necessary to facilitate the sale of 2619 Gables Drive, Eustis, Florida, including but not limited to the listing agreement, and, upon sale, the deed, closing documents, and any other necessary documentation. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. (Revenue).	MARSH
APPROVED	Tab 7. Request from County Attorney to recommend approval to authorize the retention of outside counsel, Roper Townsend Sutphen, to represent Lake County in Florida Action Committee, Inc. v. Mark Glass, et al. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.	MARSH
APPROVED	Tab 8. Request from Human Resources and Risk Management to recommend approval: 1. Of the County's annual loss control insurance policies with Princeton and other insurance companies; and 2. Of the annual brokerage fee for professional services; and 3. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is \$3,369,728 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.	KOVACS
APPROVED	Tab 9. Request from Emergency Management to recommend approval: 1. To accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance	CARPENTER

	(EMPA) Trust Fund Base Grant; and 2. To execute the EMPA Trust Fund Base Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$105,806; and 3. To authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments/modifications that do not involve a financial impact; and 4. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 2 — Single Audits, Audit Compliance Certification (page 17); and 5. To authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Management to execute Exhibit 3 — EM Director Certification (page 18). The fiscal impact is \$105,806 (revenue/expenditure - grant funded) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.	
APPROVED	<u>Tab 10.</u> Request from Fire Rescue to recommend approval: 1. Of Contracts 26-305 for EMS Medical Supplies and Equipment as needed with the following pool of vendors: Bound Tree Medical, LLC (Dublin, OH); Henry Schein, Inc. (Melville, NY); Life-Assist, Inc. (Rancho Cordova, CA); Medline Industries, LP (Northfield, IL); Physio-Control, Inc. (Redmond, WA); and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is \$1,555,000 (expenditure) and is included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Future annual expenditures shall at no time exceed the available Fiscal Year Budgeted funds.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	<u>Tab 11.</u> Request from Housing and Community Services to recommend approval of a Subrecipient Agreement with LovExtension, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to support county-wide food delivery services to elderly and disabled Lake County citizens. The fiscal impact is estimated at \$222,561 (expenditure - grant funded) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	<u>Tab 12.</u> Request from Fleet Management to recommend approval: 1. Of Contracts 27-904A, 27-904B, and 27-904C with Beard Equipment Company (Ocala, FL), Dobbs Equipment, LLC (Riverview, FL) and Kraken Hydraulics, LLC (Eustis, FL) to furnish repairs to John Deere branded Construction Equipment on an as-needed basis; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation. The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$100,000 (expenditure) and is included	BONILLA

	in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.	
APPROVED	<u>Tab 13.</u> Request from Fleet Management to recommend approval: 1. Of Contracts 27-903A and 27-903B with Great Southern Equipment (Orlando, FL) and Kraken Hydraulics, LLC (Eustis, FL) to furnish repairs to County-owned Gradall manufactured operating equipment on an as-needed basis; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreements and all supporting documentation. The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$80,000 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget request.	BONILLA
APPROVED	<u>Tab 14.</u> Request from Parks and Trails to recommend approval of a First Amendment to the Maintenance Agreement with John Mixon, Deborah Mixon, and Christine Sloan relating to the Woods-Boyd Cemetery and Memorial Gardens located between Villa City Road and Stratton Avenue, in Groveland (a/k/a Alternate Key 1009413). There is no fiscal impact from this action. Commission District 1.	BONILLA
PRESENTATION/ APPROVED	<u>Tab 15.</u> Presentation by the Opioid Task Force to provide the Fiscal Year 2027 recommended Drug Treatment Court budget for approval.	CARPENTER
APPROVED	<u>Tab 17. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend approval: 1. To adopt Resolution 2026-100 for Solid Waste Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and 2. Of the rates of assessment and the assessment roll. The estimated fiscal impact is \$33,987,543 (revenue).	BARKER
APPROVED	<u>Tab 16. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend approval: 1. To adopt Resolution 2026-99 for Fire Assessments for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and 2. Of the rates of assessment and the assessment roll. The estimated fiscal impact is \$54,467,645 (revenue).	BARKER
APPROVED	<u>Tab 18. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend approval: 1. To adopt Resolution 2026-101 for Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) for Internal Subdivision Roads for the Fiscal Year beginning	BARKER

	October 1, 2026; and 2. Of the rate of assessment and the assessment roll. The estimated fiscal impact is \$85,549.75 (revenue).	
APPROVED	<u>Tab 19. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend approval: 1. To adopt Resolution 2026-102 for Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) for Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026; and 2. Of the rates of assessment and the assessment roll. The estimated fiscal impact is \$67,919.40 (revenue).	BARKER
APPROVED	<u>Tab 20. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program. The Program is funded through the General Fund, MSTU - Roads, Road Impact Fees, Federal/State Grants, Sales Tax Capital Projects - Public Works/Roads, and County Transportation Trust Funds. The estimated fiscal impact for 2027 is \$123,990,035 (expenditure) and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget request.	BONILLA
APPROVED	<u>Tab 21. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend adoption and execution of Ordinance 2026-41 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.	MARSH
APPROVED	<u>Tab 22. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend adoption and execution of Ordinance 2026-42 repealing and replacing Chapter 22, Article I, Section 22-17, entitled Administrative Fees. The fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.	MARSH
PRESENTATION/ APPROVED	<u>Tab 23.</u> Brian Bedrick, Site Manager for the University of Central Florida (UCF) Business Incubation Program in Eustis, will present an update on the Lake County Business Incubator. Recommend approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Eustis regarding ongoing support of a business incubator housed in downtown Eustis and serving the entire county. The fiscal impact over the next three years is not to exceed \$382,500, or	DIAL

	\$127,500 per fiscal year for FY 2027, FY 2028, and FY 2029 (expenditure). Commission District 3.	
TABLED	Tab 24. Recommend approval to appoint an individual to the Sales Surtax Oversight Committee to serve the vacant unexpired, four-year term ending November 19, 2026, followed by a four-year term ending on November 19, 2030. Lake County Board of County Commission Appointment (1 vacancy): Humberto Liriano. The Board approved to table this item and for information to be provided to the Board regarding what positions were open on the boards.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Sabatini requested the Board's permission for him to vote remotely on the current night, noting that he had to leave early on the following morning.	SABATINI
EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM/APPROVED	The Board approved to add an emergency item to the agenda to authorize Commissioner Sabatini to vote remotely on the current night; furthermore, the Board approved this item.	
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Sabatini relayed that he had visited the Norman Rockwell Museum in the State of Massachusetts, and he discussed an illustration of an individual standing up at a meeting.	SABATINI
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione related that she had attended the retirement for Fire Chief Michael Swanson, with the City of Eustis. She opined that it was a wonderful recognition from the City.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione said that on the previous Sunday, she visited Ponceannah Cemetery to see the cemetery and the easement road, noting that this was a Florida Forest Service road which went into the forest and bifurcated the cemetery property. She commented that the part it bifurcated was undeveloped property, and that the existing cemetery was on one side. She explained that people pulled in to visit the forest and left vehicles parked there, and that they were pulling into areas where the tombstones were, opining that this was an issue. She commented that staff had done a great job helping clean trash up and working with the Florida Forest Service to get a dumpster there, opining that they had to continue working on the road and easement issue. She opined that there could be fencing along the road, noting that there were other places to enter the forest, and that it did not need to be at this cemetery. She requested that the Board adopt a formal resolution asking the Florida Forest Service to either vacate that road or relocate it so	CAMPIONE

	that it was not impacting the cemetery.	
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith mentioned the passing of Ms. Dolly Parton, noting that she started the Imagination Library which was a wonderful program to have kids from zero to five years old receive books in the mail. He expressed support for this, and also said that it was International Literacy Day.	SMITH
CLOSED SESSION	Tab 26. Closed Session regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations pursuant to Section 447.605, Florida Statutes. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
CLOSED SESSION	Tab 25. Closed Session of the Board of County Commissioners 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
APPROVED	Tab 27. PUBLIC HEARING: Recommend approval: 1. To adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 tentative millage rates for the Lake County General Countywide Levy, the Lake County Voter Approved Debt Levy, the Lake County Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) for Ambulance and Emergency Services Levy, the Lake County MSTU for Stormwater, Parks and Roads Levy, the Lake County MSTU for Fire Rescue, the Lake County MSTU for Wellness Way, and the Lake County Water Authority Levy; and 2. To adopt the Lake County Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget; and 3. To announce that the final public hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and millage rates will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:05 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at the Lake County Administration Building, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida. The Board approved the following tentative millage rates for item one: the Lake County General Countywide Levy at 5.0254 mills; the Lake County Voter Approved Debt Levy at 0.0719 mills; the Lake County Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) for Ambulance and Emergency Services Levy at 0.4629 mills; the Lake County MSTU for Stormwater, Parks and Roads Levy at 0.4957 mills; the Lake County Fire Rescue MSTU Levy at 0.4800 mills; the Lake County Wellness Way MSTU levy at 0.1454 mills; and the Lake County Water Authority levy at 0.2940 mills. The Board also approved changes to the fiscal year (FY) 2027 recommended budget totaling \$150,080,143, and an FY 2027 tentative budget totaling \$1,109,315,071.	BARKER

APPROVED	<u>Tab 28. PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Recommend adoption and execution of Ordinance 2026-43 suspending acceptance of development applications for data centers within the unincorporated areas of Lake County. (Previously advertised as a moratorium). There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
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