

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2026

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anthony Sabatini, District #1

Sean Parks, District #2

Kirby Smith, District #3

Leslie Campione, District #4

Timothy Morris, District #5

Jennifer Barker, County Manager

Gary J. Cooney, Clerk to the Board

Melanie Marsh, County Attorney

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This booklet has been prepared for the convenience of the Board of County Commissioners in discussing matters before them. Every effort has been made to include all items to be discussed at this Board of County Commissioners meeting; however, Commissioners may add items to the agenda up to 4 days prior to the meeting. They also may remove items from consideration at any time. While it has been the goal to present error-free information, we do not represent that documentation is without errors or omissions.

In addition to regular Board meetings, the Board of County Commissioners may, from time to time, schedule a workshop during which they will receive information from staff, have discussions with staff and among themselves, and then proceed to give staff direction on the subject matter being discussed unless otherwise shown on the Agenda item. These discussions and workshops do not take the place of the formal public hearing process during which any member of the public may comment and formal action is taken.

The Board and staff welcome written comments prior to workshops and other meetings. If you have comments or questions regarding the subject matter of any Board action or workshop, please deliver your written comments to appropriate County staff or mail to the Board of County Commissioners, Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778.

ITEMIZED AGENDA

May 5, 2026

10:00 A.M. Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. AGENDA UPDATE

Discussion regarding proposed revisions to today's Agenda.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Tab 1 Recommend approval of the following minutes:

- March 10, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
- March 24, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
- March 25, 2026 (Special Meeting)

CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

At this point in the meeting the Board of County Commissioners will hear questions, comments and concerns from the citizens. If the issue raised is not on today's agenda, action will not be taken by the Board. Questions may be answered by staff, or referred for appropriate staff action. If further action is necessary, the item may be placed on a future Board agenda.

Zoning and code enforcement matters cannot be discussed during the public comment period. Procurement matters not scheduled to be heard by the Board today also cannot be discussed during the public comment period.

Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes per person.

III. CLERK OF COURT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Tab 3 Recommend approval of the Clerk'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. Notice is hereby provided of having received the Deer Island 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.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (Tabs 4 – 9):

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Tab 4 Recommend approval of a Partial Release of Deed of Conservation Easement Standard with Third-Party Beneficiary Rights related to an eminent domain case with Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX), Case No. 2023-CA-2713; and authorization for the Chairman to execute the partial release.

The fiscal impact is \$135.50 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Commission District 1.

Tab 5 Recommend approval of a Termination and Release of Conservation Easement recorded in OR Book 820, Page 360, for property that is now in the City of Groveland. There is no fiscal impact. Commission District 1.

B. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Facilities Management

Tab 6 Recommend approval:

1. To apply for a Florida Division of Historical Resources Grant to replace the windows at the Historical Courthouse; and
2. Of a resolution in support of the window replacement project and to pledge matching County funds and authorize the County Manager to sign the application and, if awarded and accepted by the Board, award related grant documents.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$1,100,000 – \$550,000 (revenue/expenditure – grant funded) and \$550,000 (expenditure – county match) if awarded.

Public Works

Tab 7

Recommend approval:

1. To adopt a Resolution declaring the collapse of Lake Erie Road 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 \$3,000,000 to not exceed \$3,500,000; 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.

Tab 8

Recommend approval:

1. To adopt a Resolution declaring the collapse of Abbey Hill Court 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 \$3,500,000 to not exceed \$4,500,000; 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.

C. **PARKS AND WATER RESOURCES**

Parks and Trails

Tab 9 Recommend approval:
1. Of Contract 26-406 with Earthscapes Unlimited, Inc. (Coleman, FL) to provide athletic field painting and marking services; and
2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute the agreement and all supporting documentation.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$115,000 (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.

V. **PRESENTATIONS**

Tab 10 Presentation and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2027 Fire Assessment Study presented by Benesch.

VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: REZONINGS (SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)**

Tab 11 Public Hearings on Rezonings, Conditional Use Permits, and Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

VII. **REGULAR AGENDA**

A. **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Sabatini - District #1

Tab 12 Discussion and direction regarding the inclusion of language in the County's grant agreements from 8 USC 1621 to establish a procedure for determining compliance with the Federal Immigration Law.

There is no fiscal impact.

Commissioner Campione - District #4

Tab 13 Sunnyside Oaks Development Presentation. Commission District 5.

B. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Public Works

Tab 14

Recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance 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.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Tab 15

Recommend approval to appoint a member to the Elder Affairs Coordinating Council (Elder Affairs Council) and applicable waiver, as follows:

- District 1: David Hopkins (Seat 2 - term ending 1/31/2028)

Commissioner Leslie Campione is the Board's liaison for the Elder Affairs Council.

Tab 16

Recommend approval to appoint members to the Children's Services Council and applicable waiver, as follows:

- District 1: Lori Gravitt (Seat 1 term ending 5/14/2028)
- District 2: Juana Delacruz (Seat 1 term ending 5/14/2028) *Ms. Delacruz is also a member of the Library Advisory Board.*
- District 3: John Herrell (Seat 1 term ending 5/14/2028) with conflict waiver
- District 4: Byron E. Thompson (Seat 1 term ending 5/14/2028) with conflict waiver. *Mr. Thompson is also a member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.*
- District 5: Kayla Tufts (Seat 1 interim term ending 5/14/2026 and re-appointment for the next two-year term ending 5/14/2028)
- Member at Large: Courtney Domingue (Seat 1 term ending 5/14/2028)
- Member at Large: Angel Coba (Seat 2 interim term ending 5/14/2026 and re-appointment for the next two-year term ending 5/14/2028)
- Member at Large: Malika Ramrattan (Seat 2 term ending 5/14/2027)

Commissioner Anthony Sabatini is the Board's liaison for the Children's Services Council.

IX. REPORTS

A. County Attorney

B. County Manager

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Sabatini - District #1**
- B. Commissioner Parks - District #2**
- C. Commissioner Smith - District #3**
- D. Commissioner Morris - District #5**
- E. Commissioner Campione - Chairman and District #4**

The County Commission reserves the right to move any Agenda item to an earlier time during the day as its schedule permits, except in the case of items and appointments that have been advertised in a newspaper for a specific time.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this Commission meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record may include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact (352) 343-9760 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 or (352) 253-1840.