

BOARD ACTION
April 9, 2024

	<p><u>EMPLOYEE AWARDS</u></p> <p><u>FIVE YEARS</u> Felix Ortiz, Maintenance Technician III OFM – Energy Management</p> <p>Matthew Rinaldo, EMT Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p>Troy Borowsky, Firefighter/EMT Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p>Jimmie Hobby, Licensing Investigator Office of Building Services</p> <p><u>TEN YEARS</u> Rolando Torres, Fire Lieutenant/EMT Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p>Antonio Johansmeyer, Firefighter/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p><u>TWENTY YEARS</u> Erikk Ross, Information Technology Department Director IT – Business Office</p> <p>Janes Willis, Equipment Operator III PWOPS – Maintenance Area III</p> <p><u>TWENTY-FIVE YEARS</u> James Fletcher, Fire Lieutenant/EMT Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p>Michael Kopilash, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p>Kirk Biccum, Fire Lieutenant/EMT Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p><u>RETIREMENT</u> Robert Ford, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue</p>	KOVACS
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	<p>Sharon Hogan, Floodplain Coordinator Office of Public Works</p> <p>Randy Dean, Area Maintenance Supervisor Office of Public Works</p> <p>Scott Schock, Paramedic Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p>Douglas Bert, Delivery Service Driver Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p><u>QUARTERLY AWARDS</u> <u>EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER</u> Maximus Ruiz, Firefighter/EMT Office of Fire Rescue</p> <p><u>SUPERVISORS OF THE QUARTER</u> Jimmy Wise, Solid Waste Coordinator Office of Solid Waste</p> <p>Johnny Taylor, Solid Waste Coordinator Office of Solid Waste</p> <p><u>T.E.A.M. OF THE QUARTER</u> <u>Office of Visit Lake</u> Amanda Martin, Tourism Marketing Manager Andrew Grant, Sports Tourism Manager Briana Ochoa, Financial Coordinator</p>	
	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</u></p> <p>Mr. Chris Carmody, with GrayRobinson PA, reported on the 2024 legislative session, and reviewed budget items for 2024. He stated that the local projects that were funded included \$1 million for the Lake County Public Safety Radio Tower for Wellness Way and \$400,000 for the Lake County Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail and trailhead improvements.</p>	BARKER
	<p><u>ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Mr. Bill Blend, with Moore Stephens Lovelace (MSL), stated that he did not have anything significant about the audit to report other than good news, and that no adjustments had to be made. He related that they evaluated the grants at both the federal and state levels, and that they had no issues in regards to compliance with those programs. He mentioned that they evaluated internal</p>	COONEY

	<p>controls, and that they had no findings in that regard. He relayed that the management letter was required by the Auditor General in the State of Florida, and that there were no findings or additional matters to report. He noted that the independent accountant’s report covered some Florida Statute compliance issues, and that the County had complied with those statutes. He concluded that Lake County was in a good financial position, and he reviewed some financial statistics from the report.</p> <p>The Board approved to accept the County’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year (FY) ended September 30, 2023.</p>	
<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>Tab 1. Request for approval of the minutes of the BCC Meeting of February 13, 2024 (Regular Meeting).</p>	<p>COONEY</p>
	<p><u>CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD</u></p> <p>Mr. Rick Carlins, a resident of Lake County, requested that a discontinuance of taxpayer funds for the Florida Supervisors of Election (FSE) be placed on the agenda for a future Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting because the FSE was a non-governmental organization not subject to Florida Sunshine Law. He related that personnel from the Lake County Supervisor of Elections attended the FSE meetings and events in their official capacities, and that about \$17,000 was provided in the Lake County budget to the Supervisor of Elections in the previous year for the FSE attendance. He opined that voting and voting machine integrity was a large concern among citizens of the United States (U.S.), and that planning and consultation with corporate equipment and software providers was conducted in FSE meetings. He also opined that concerned citizens wanted transparency from elected officials, especially if funded by taxpayer funds. He relayed that the FSE had hired lobbyists who lobbied in the most recent legislative session for House Bill (HB) 721, opining that it was detrimental to First Amendment rights. He explained that according to HB 721, harassment of election workers would result in criminal penalties. He requested that the \$17,000 be withdrawn from the Lake County budget request until such time as they complied, noting that the Lake County Republican Executive Committee (REC) passed a resolution to support this request as well as the Florida Republican Assembly (FRA).</p> <p>Mr. Mike Trainor, a resident of Lake County, commented that he was a poll worker and a member of the REC. He opined that the First Vice Chairman of the REC was currently involved in a contentious election with the current Supervisor of Elections, and that this was an attempt to involve this non-partisan Board in the election and to discredit and weaken the current Supervisor of Elections. He opined that the current Supervisor of Elections was doing a good job.</p>	

	<p>Mr. Banks Helfrich, a former Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Chairperson and current candidate for State House of Representatives District 25, spoke on community resilience. He remarked that he had spoken at the Lake County Eco Expo on community resilience, opining that it was closely related to sustainability, which was the ability of a community to withstand difficult times. He said that as a farmer, he opened his farm to a tour once a month, and he invited everyone to come on the second Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Schuh, a resident of Lake County, stated that he was a veteran, and that for the love of country, he wanted to talk about public safety. He related that on November 3, 2023, a car driving on Hammock Ridge Road went through the Homeowner’s Association (HOA) fence and his privacy fence into his yard. He expressed concerns about the accidents on Hammock Ridge Road, opining that there were serious speeding issues in this area. He expressed appreciation to the Lake County Office of Fire Rescue for saving his daughter’s life on January 27, 2020, and noted that she had been in the backyard shortly before the accident. He indicated appreciation for Commissioner Parks for his help with this issue, noting that after speaking with him seven years ago, a sign had been placed at a school bus stop. He requested that the County install some safety features, such as a traffic circle or guard rails.</p>	
<p>PROCLAMATION /APPROVED</p>	<p>Tab 2. Approval and presentation of Proclamation 2024-22 designating April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. There is no fiscal impact.</p>	<p>CARPENTER</p>
<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>Tab 3. Approval of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller’s Consent Agenda (Item 1)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>COONEY</p>
<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>Tab 4. Request from County Attorney to recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance amending Section 2-57, Lake County Code, entitled Conditions of Employment, regarding the position of the county attorney. There is no fiscal impact.</p>	<p>MARSH</p>
<p>APPROVED</p>	<p>Tab 5. Request from Procurement Services to recommend approval: 1. Of revisions to County Policy LCC-18 County Manager Expenditure Authority. The update clarifies contract modification limits and contract irregularities policy; and</p>	<p>BARKER</p>

	2. Of revisions to County Policy LCC-39 Purchasing Policy and Contract Administration. The update addresses cybersecurity compliance as per Section 119.0725, Florida Statutes.	
APPROVED	Tab 6. Request from Visit Lake to recommend approval to advertise an Ordinance repealing and replacing Division 4, Article IV, Chapter 2, Lake County Code, entitled Lake County Arts and Cultural Alliance, and creating Section 13-2, Lake County Code, to be entitled Florida Arts License Plate Fees. There is no fiscal impact.	CHRISTIAN
APPROVED	Tab 7. Request from Facilities Management to recommend approval: 1. To utilize Contract 23-402 with Hill York Service Company, LLC (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) to provide for the repair or replacement of boilers; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is \$367,840 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Commission District 3.	SCHNEIDER
APPROVED	Tab 8. Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. Of Contracts 24-705 with Aero Groundtek, LLC (Ocoee, FL), Faithworks Total Ground Maintenance, LLC (Mt. Dora, FL) and Apex Landscaping Inc. (Eustis, FL) for as needed sidewalk, retention pond, and associated mowing areas as well as guardrail trimming and trash removal; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated annual fiscal impact is \$163,120 (expenditure). Annual expenditures, including contractual and estimated as-needed services, are estimated to be \$255,000 and will not exceed available funding in the Fiscal Year Budget.	SCHNEIDER
APPROVED	Tab 9. Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To utilize Contract 21-0940B with Stanley Consultants, Inc. aka Traffic Engineering Data Solutions, Inc. (Debary, FL) to provide a traffic signal and roadway design at the Old Highway 50 and Mohawk Road intersection; and 2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation. The estimated fiscal impact is \$109,289.48 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Commission District 2.	SCHNEIDER
APPROVED	Tab 10. Request from Public Works to recommend approval: 1. To utilize Contract 21-0940A with Metric Engineering, Inc. to provide a traffic signal and roadway design at the County Road 448A and Duda Road	SCHNEIDER

	<p>intersection; and</p> <p>2. To authorize the Office of Procurement Services to execute all supporting documentation.</p> <p>The estimated fiscal impact is \$93,106.30 (expenditure) and is within, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Commission District 3.</p>	
APPROVED	<p>Tab 11. Request from Transit Services to recommend approval:</p> <p>1. To accept the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 CRRSAA Operating and Security Training Grant for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and</p> <p>2. To adopt Unanticipated Revenue Resolution 2024-50 adding \$169,060 to the Federal Transit Administration 5307 CRRSAA Grant for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.</p> <p>The fiscal impact is \$169,060 (revenue/expenditure - 100 percent grant funded).</p>	SCHNEIDER
APPROVED	<p>ADDENDUM CONSENT Tab 14.</p> <p>Recommend approval of an agreement with Forefront Architecture & Engineering, LLC (Clermont, FL) for Architectural Services and Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (Gainesville, FL) for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the design and construction of the new Supervisor of Elections Facility.</p> <p>The estimated fiscal impact is not to exceed \$882,000 for Architectural Services and \$96,000 for Construction Manager at Risk Pre-Construction Services (expenditure) and is included, and will not exceed, the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.</p>	BARKER
PRESENTATION	<p>Tab 12. Pinestate Range Compatible Use Zones Presentation by US Naval Representatives Commander Mary Robinson, Commanding Officer of Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facilities Jacksonville, and Mark McManus, Planning Liaison Officer.</p>	STERN
APPROVED/ APPOINTMENT	<p>Tab 13. PUBLIC HEARING:</p> <p>Recommend approval:</p> <p>1. To adopt Ordinance 2024-8 creating Division 7, Article IV, Chapter 2, Lake County Code, to be entitled Keep Lake Beautiful Advisory Committee; and</p> <p>2. To approve a waiver of potential ethical conflict for Mayor Ed Freeman, Town of Lady Lake, and appoint him as a municipal elected representative to the Keep Lake Beautiful Advisory Board. The term for his appointment is through May 31, 2028.</p>	MARSH/ SHIELDS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Shields mentioned that he attended an Early Learning Coalition Board meeting.	SHIELDS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks relayed that he attended the groundbreaking for State Road (SR) 516, which would connect U.S. Highway 27 to SR 429 through Wellness Way, and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Shields for attending. He stated that most of SR 516 was in Lake County, opining that it would significantly reduce the traffic between SR 50 and U.S. Highway 192. He relayed his understanding that this would be one of only a few roads in the world that would have devices that could charge electric vehicles as they were driving, and that this would be studied and experimented with. He remarked that he was interested in how it would affect hybrid trucking and electric trucks as well as regular electric vehicles, and that it would be a toll road. He opined that the road was designed to be the ultimate in sustainability with trails and landscaping, and that it would take into account the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks related that he would be attending the Liberty Tree dedications at Umatilla High School on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., and at East Ridge High School on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. He expressed appreciation to Cherry Lake Tree Farm, the County staff, and the Lake County School Board, and relayed his understanding that it was a goal of the Lake County School Board to do a Liberty Tree dedication at every high school and middle school in Lake County.	PARKS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Campione commented that there were some lakes in the Wolf Branch Sink area that were very high, and that one property owner had a cottage that was lost due to the rising water and a workshop that was being threatened with flooding. She opined that a grant could possibly be obtained from the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to do a hydrology study, and that the City of Mount Dora may consider participating.	CAMPIONE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith remarked that he attended a Tourist Development Council (TDC) meeting on the previous day, and noted that two new members were invited to the TDC.	SMITH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith relayed his understanding that the Liberty Tree dedication was about history and how the country came together, which ultimately led to the country's independence. He relayed that there would be educational speakers there, and opined that it would be very good. He expressed appreciation to the Lake County School Board for bringing the history of the country back to Lake County schools.	SMITH

FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Smith said that it was National Library Workers Day.	SMITH
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