Board of County Commissioners
Leon County, Florida

Date: July 24, 2026

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Vincent S. Long, County Administrator

Subject: Follow-up to County Commission Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026

The meeting was held in the Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 5th Floor, located at 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

The media and the public could access the meeting in real time on Comcast channel 16, the Leon County Florida channel on Roku, the County's Facebook page, YouTube channel, Twitter and County web site.

Citizens wishing to provide input on any item(s) on the published agenda (or a non-agenda subject) for the meeting could share public comment by using one of the following options:

- In-person at the meeting; or
- Register to provide comments using communications media technology during the meeting through the registration form using the following link https://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/

Citizens wishing to provide virtual comment must have registered by 8:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting to provide County staff sufficient time to provide instructions to citizens for comment during the meeting. Anyone needing assistance with registration may contact County Administration at 850-606-5300.

Please note that Board of County Commissioners Policy 01-05, Article IX., Section E., titled "Addressing the Commission", and Article IX., Section F., entitled "Decorum", shall remain in full force and effect.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Reverend Dr. Robert Gibbs, Retired United Methodist Clergy

Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Minor

Chairman Caban requested a motion to allow Commissioner Welch to participate in the meeting telephonically.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Commissioner Welch participating in the meeting telephonically.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **POSTPONED** – Proclamation Recognizing the Lincoln High School Baseball Team as State Champions
  (Vice Chairman O'Keefe / Commissioner Welch)
- Proclamation Recognizing Legal Services of North Florida's 50th Anniversary
  (Commissioner Cummings)

- 2026 Neighborhood Recognition Program
  (County Administrator / Community and Media Relations)

Commissioner Proctor recognized three of the Summer Youth Interns working with his office.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON CONSENT AND NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission.

The following speaker provided virtual comment:

- Ms. Susan Gill with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America spoke in opposition to the proposed Library Policy changes allowing firearms in public facilities.

The following speakers provided in-person comment:

- Mr. Max Epstein presented slides of information regarding the impaired health of Lake Munson and spoke of the lack of communication from Leon County staff regarding this topic. He requested an agenda item in August to discuss this further with the Board.
- Mr. Douglas Hahn spoke in opposition to the proposed Library Policy changes allowing firearms in public facilities.
- Ms. Sara Reid Vinyard commented in support of bringing a film incentive program to Leon County and highlighted the benefits other areas of Florida with these types of programs currently have.
- Ms. Angelina Lashay provided a document to the Board and spoke regarding housing needs in the community. She commented that the Tallahassee Housing Authority is not properly evaluating income requirements for program participants and asked the Board to conduct an audit of those records.
- Mr. Stanley Sims spoke with concern of local articles attacking certain local political candidates. He requested the Board not provide any more funding to certain outlets that continue this practice. He also spoke regarding the Fire Service Fees issue with the City.

The following 15 speakers provided in-person comments in opposition to the use of flock cameras:

- Mr. Tim Stadlmueller
- Mr. Devin Nobles
- Mr. Phillip Jackson
- Mr. Jonathan Gardner
- Mr. Nicholas Carlstedt
- Mr. Jackson Nolder
- Mr. Elijah Rodriguez
- Mr. Addis Defazio
- Mr. Carl Braxton II
- Mr. Daniel Cobbey
- Mr. Azariah Richardson
- Ms. Alexandria O'Connell. She also added support for the film incentive program in Leon County.
- Mr. Mason Beagle
- Mr. Darryl Alfred, candidate for City Commission Seat #3
- Ms. Jade DiGirolamo

CONSENT

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve the Consent Agenda, except for items #4 and #11, which were pulled for discussion.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

1. Minutes: May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting
   (Clerk of Court)

   Option #1: Approve the minutes of May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting.

2. Payment of Bills and Vouchers
   (County Administrator / Office of Management & Budget)

   Option #1: Approve the payment of bills and vouchers submitted for July 14, 2026, and the pre-approval of payment of bills and vouchers for the period of July 15, 2026, through September 14, 2026.

3. Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Florida Division of Emergency Management Grant Award on behalf of the Leon County Supervisor of Elections
   (County Administrator / Office of Management & Budget)

   Option #1: Accept the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Grant Award in the amount of $127,250 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Grant Agreement, including any future modifications, subject to legal review by the County Attorney; and authorize the Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office to realize and spend the funds in accordance with the Grant Agreement (Attachment #1); and

   Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment realizing the $127,250 into the FY 2026 budget (Attachment #2).

4. **PULLED** – Acceptance of Multiple Grants on behalf of the Leon County Sheriff's Office
   (County Administrator / Office of Management & Budget)

5. Ratification of the Library Services and Technology Act America250 Grant and Acceptance of the Florida Humanities America250 Book Collection Grant
   (County Administrator / Library Services)

   Option #1: Ratify the execution of the Agreement to accept the FY 2025 – 2026 Library Services and Technology Act America250 Grant and authorize the County Administrator or designee to approve and execute all documents and agreements related to the grant funded project, including any modifications, amendments, or associated agreements thereto, all subject to legal review and revision by the County Attorney;

   Option #2: Accept the Florida Humanities America250 Book Collection Grant and authorize the County Administrator or designee to approve and execute all documents and agreements with Florida Humanities, including any modifications, amendments, or associated agreements thereto, all subject to legal review and revision by the County Attorney; and

   Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment realizing the $5,055 into the FY 2026 budget (Attachment #1).

6. Acceptance of a Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant
   (County Administrator / Emergency Medical Services)

   Option #1: Accept the Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant for a total of approximately $13,648, and authorize the County Administrator to approve and execute all documents and agreements related to the grant funded project (Attachment #1),

including any modifications, amendments, or associated agreements thereto, all subject to legal review and revision by the County Attorney; and

Option #2: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request (Attachment #2).

7. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod / Mosquito Control State Aid
(County Administrator / Public Works)

Option #1: Approve the Detailed Work Plan Budget for Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Arthropod/Mosquito Control State Aid (Attachment #1), and authorize the Chairman to execute;

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to execute the associated Mosquito Control State Aid Agreement, when received from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and approve and execute any modifications, amendments or associated agreements thereto, all subject to legal review and revision by the County Attorney; and

Option #3: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request realizing $31,562 into the County budget (Attachment #2) From the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Mosquito Control Program.

8. Commissioner Appointments to the Code Enforcement Board and the Water Resources Committee
(County Administrator / County Administration)

Option #1: Ratify Chairman Caban's reappointment of Carson Rowe to the Code Enforcement Board for a three-year term ending July 31, 2029;

Option #2: Ratify Commissioner Cummings' reappointment of Dr. Jesse Jackson to the Code Enforcement Board for a three-year term ending July 31, 2029;

Option #3: Ratify Commissioner Maddox's reappointment of Willie Vann to the Code Enforcement Board for a three-year term ending July 31, 2029;

Option #4: Ratify Chairman Caban's reappointment of Danielle Irwin to the Water Resources Committee for a four-year term ending July 31, 2030; and

Option #5: Ratify Commissioner Welch's reappointment of Brandon Boyd to the Water Resources Committee for a four-year term ending July 31, 2030.

9. Fiscal Year 2027 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Funding
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Approve the proposed expenditures for the FY 2027 State Housing Initiatives Partnership allocation and authorize the County Administrator to realign funds within the State Housing Initiative Partnership program when necessary to maximize opportunities to increase or preserve affordable housing and meet minimum State Housing Initiatives Partnership expenditure requirements

10. Request to Schedule a Workshop on the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment with Healthcare Partners
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Schedule a Workshop on the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment with healthcare partners for Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

11. **PULLED** – Proposed Revisions to Library Policies
(County Administrator / Library Services)

12. Approval of a County Film and Television Incentive Program
(County Administrator / Tourism)

Option #1: Approve the establishment of a County Film and Television Incentive Program as a three-year pilot (FY 2026 – FY 2028) with an annual appropriation of $125,000 from Tourist Development Tax revenue, consistent with the County's adopted Tourist Development Plan;

Option #2: Direct staff to develop, finalize and implement the Film and Television Incentive Program framework, including eligibility standards, the method for scoring applications on tourism marketing value, mandatory tourism marketing deliverables, distribution to TV/media platforms, and recognized categories of qualifying production expenditure with input from the Tourist Development Council;

Option #3: Authorize the County Administrator to approve and execute agreements with qualifying productions under the Film and Television Incentive Program, and any modifications or amendments thereto, in a form approved by the County Attorney, consistent with the design elements established by this item and the Program framework finalized by staff; and

Option #4: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment (Attachment #1).

13. Reconsideration of a Resolution to Place the School Capital Outlay Surtax Referendum on the 2026 General Election Ballot on behalf of the Leon County School Board
(County Administrator / County Administration)

Option #1: Adopt the Resolution repealing and replacing the May 12, 2026, Resolution, and direct the placement of the revised question to impose the 0.5 percent Leon County Schools Capital Outlay Surtax on the 2026 General Election ballot (Attachment #1).

Procurements:

14. Award of Continuing Services Contracts to Capital Asphalt, Inc. and Peavy & Son Construction Co., Inc. for Asphaltic Concrete Materials and Services
(County Administrator / Public Works)

Option #1: Approve the award of continuing services contracts for Asphaltic Concrete Materials and Services to Capital Asphalt, Inc. and Peavy & Son Construction Co., Inc., and authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreements (Attachments #1 and #2), and any amendments thereto, subject to legal review by the County Attorney.

Status Reports:

15. Status Report on the Florida Department of Health in Leon County
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Accept the status report on the Florida Department of Health in Leon County.

16. Status Report on Programs and Services for Homeless Women and Children, and Contract Extension with Big Bend Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care, Inc. d/b/a Big Bend Continuum of Care
(County Administrator / Human Services and Community Partnerships)

Option #1: Accept the status report on programs and services to assist women experiencing homelessness; and

Option #2: Authorize the County Administrator to approve and execute any necessary modifications, amendments, or associated agreements with Big Bend Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care, Inc. d/b/a Big Bend Continuum of Care, related to previously allocated American Rescue Act Plan dollars for homeless services, all subject to legal review and revision by the County Attorney.

17. Semiannual Status Report Regarding Curbside Collection Service Provided by Waste Pro, Inc.
(County Administrator / Office of Resource Stewardship)

Option #1: Accept the semiannual status report regarding curbside waste collection service provided by Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

4. **PULLED** – Acceptance of Multiple Grants on behalf of the Leon County Sheriff's Office
(County Administrator / Office of Management & Budget)

- This item was pulled from Consent by Chairman Caban.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, to approve Options #1 through #3 as amended to remove the use of any funding for flock cameras.

- Commissioner Maddox asked several questions to staff from the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).
  - Ms. Elise Gann with the LCSO responded with information about these grant funds.
- Commissioner Proctor spoke in support of the motion.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe also noted support for the concern of the speakers and the motion on the floor.
- Commissioner Cummings noted support for the motion but asked what would happen to the funding if not approved as stated in the motion.
- Commissioner Maddox noted that an agenda item is coming back to the Board regarding the legal use of flock cameras in Leon County soon.
- Commissioner Proctor asked what authority the Board has to evaluate or deny any funding being sought on behalf of Constitutional Offices.
- Chairman Caban noted the agenda item scheduled for the September BOCC meeting laying out the legal information surrounding flock cameras. He expressed support for law enforcement, and added concern for these cameras and how they are used.
- Commissioner Cummings requested clarification on the proposed denial of funds requested for use to purchase and use flock cameras.
  - County Administrator Long noted that staff would need to coordinate with the LCSO based on current direction of the Board to determine where those funds would be reallocated.
  - Ms. Gann spoke regarding the changes to the grant funding as directed by the current motion and how those funds would be presented back to the Domestic Security Oversight Council for reallocation toward a different purpose.

The following speakers provided in-person comment:

- Mr. Evan Dunlap spoke in opposition to the use of flock cameras in Leon County and spoke of vulnerabilities of these cameras.
- Ms. Catherine Fidd spoke with concerns regarding flock cameras and flock drones. She added comments regarding Agenda Item #20 and noted opposition to the annexation.
- Mr. Uriel Gottschalu spoke in opposition to flock camera use in the community.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, to approve Options #1 through #3 as amended:

Option #1: Authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realize and spend $1,600,007 from the State Homeland Security Grant Program to support the acquisition of law enforcement equipment (with the exception of the purchase of license plate reader trailers), specialized training, and salary and benefits for the Fusion Center Analyst position, and authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realign the $440,000 previously allocated for license plate reader trailers to another funding category in coordination with the Regional Domestic Security Task Force (Attachment #1);

Option #2: Authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realize and spend $371,459 from the State Homeland Security Grant Program for equipment and infrastructure enhancements to the Florida Public Safety Institute (Attachment #2); and

Option #3: Authorize the Leon County Sheriff's Office to realize and spend $68,000 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the support of a Critical Infrastructure Specialist position (Attachment #3).

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

11. **PULLED** – Proposed Revisions to Library Policies
(County Administrator / Library Services)

- This item was pulled from Consent by Vice Chairman O'Keefe.

The following speaker provided in-person comment:

- Ms. Maisa Mims spoke regarding Consent Agenda Item #11 and concerns for the potential changes to the Library Policy Changes.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1 for discussion.

- Vice Chairman O'Keefe noted one of the proposed policy revisions relates to allowing firearms in the facility and asked for clarification on the legality of this change. He asked if there were any legislative proposals during the last session to address this loophole.
  - County Attorney Chasity O'Steen noted that legally, the County cannot prohibit open carry in public libraries and commented that there are several clear penalties for counties that attempt to do so.
  - Ms. Hatch responded that a few bills were filed to clean up the loophole, however, they were never heard in any legislative committee. She reaffirmed that this issue is a high priority for the Legislative team moving into the next Legislative Session.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe asked for confirmation of information related to fines and changes.
  - County Administrator Long asked Ms. Pamela Monroe, Director of Library Services, to provide answers the questions.
  - Ms. Monroe answered questions from the Board.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe commented that his main concern with these proposed policy revisions is that they seem to be making it more difficult for 16- and 17-year-olds to borrow items from the Library. He suggested that the Board not make any change to the policies regarding that age group of users.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe amended his motion, seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to approve Option #1 as amended to remove the policy changes related to 16- and 17-year-olds.

- Commissioner Maddox thanked Vice Chairman O'Keefe for the motion, but he asked if there is a way to come up with a policy that reduces the risk of delinquency and destruction of resources. He asked for clarification of the application process for receiving a library card.
    - Ms. Monroe noted there is an application and proof of residency (with some exemptions) requirement for obtaining a library card in Leon County.
- Commissioner Maddox noted the opportunity for an educational period after the application by a 16- or 17-year-old to get a library card, as a way to address the importance of not becoming delinquent or damaging County property.
- Commissioner Minor suggested that he has concerns for protecting resources and assets but also noted concern for taking away access for 16- and 17-year-olds. He noted a potential option to specify that the most expensive assets require a legal adult/guardian to accept responsibility for their 16- or 17-year-old checking out those types of resources.

Commissioner Minor offered a substitute motion, seconded by Chairman Caban, to approve Option #1 as amended, to require an adult/guardian to accept responsibility for 16- and 17-year-olds checking out the most expensive assets available from the library.

- Commissioner Cummings asked questions about the fines. She noted concern for restricting 16- and 17-year-olds from using library cards.
    - Ms. Monroe responded with specific numbers related to fines.
- Commissioner Minor suggested his substitute motion is more of a proactive measure to ensure the resources of the library are protected.
- Commissioner Proctor commented that the library should not be a punitive space.
- Commissioner Welch commented that with the impending property tax discussion, there may not be much importance of this discussion if libraries have to close due to funding shortfalls. He suggested support for maintaining the status quo with the policies and noted that he could support the substitute motion if the Board chooses to move forward with changes.
- Commissioner Cummings asked if there is a period of time that those individuals with delinquent accounts can return materials and have their fines waived. She asked what the collection process is currently.
    - Ms. Monroe noted that the Leon County Library has a one-time waiver option for patrons, as well as options of payment plans for those with higher fines and fees. She noted that Leon County has not collected any fines or fees over $100 from delinquent library patrons since 2020.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe asked what funding source provided the resources that are the most expensive at the library.
    - Ms. Monroe stated that some of those items were grant funded, some were purchased with County funds, and some were obtained with donation funds from the Friends of the Library.

Commissioner Minor made a substitute motion, seconded by Chairman Caban, to approve Option #1 as amended, to require an adult/guardian to accept responsibility for 16- and 17-year-olds checking out the most expensive assets available from the library.

The motion failed 3 – 3 with Commissioner Maddox, Commissioner Cummings, and Vice Chairman O'Keefe in opposition and Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1 as amended: Approve revisions to Policy No. 19-7, "Eligibility for Library Cards", Policy No. 22-1, "Loan of Library Materials and Equipment", Policy No. 21-3, "Library Code of Conduct", and Policy No. 01-07, "Reservable Spaces - Library", removing any proposed changes to policies affecting 16- and 17-year-old's library card eligibility.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Library Services – Shington Lamy / Pamela Monroe

GENERAL BUSINESS

18. Ratification of Actions Taken at the June 16, 2026 Budget Workshop
(County Administrator / Office of Management & Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced the item.

The following speakers provided in-person comment:

- Dr. Jazmyne Bryant representing Oasis Center for Women and Girls spoke with thanks to the Board for working to assist with continuing funding for the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CSWG).
- Ms. Stephanie Shumate thanked the Board and staff for coordination on ensuring the CSWG is compliant with SB 1134 and can receive continued funding for services to the community.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #1 b - j.

- Commissioner Proctor asked for information regarding the Medical Examiner's Office as it compares to Jacksonville or other cities. He noted concern for the Leon County Morgue not covering the total costs.
  - Ms. Roshaunda Bradley, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, responded that the total cost for the Leon County Morgue is being covered and there is no shortfall.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #1 b-j.

Option #1: Ratify the direction provided by the Board during the June 16, 2026 FY 2027 Budget Workshop, including:

b. Approve the funding of fee rate studies for the Stormwater non-ad valorem assessment and Development Support & Environmental fees as reflected in the Resolution and Budget Amendment (Attachment #1).

c. Approve the advance funding of capital projects in FY 2026 as reflected in the Resolution and Budget Amendment (Attachment #2).

d. Approve the District Medical Examiner Fees Schedule (Attachment #3).

e. Accept the FY 2026 annual status report and recommendations on the Sidewalk Program implementation.

f. Accept the status report on the FY 2022 – FY 2026 Strategic Plan.

g. Approve the Service & Advisory Model (Model 2) for arts and cultural programming.

h. Establish the maximum countywide millage rate for FY 2027 at 8.3144.

i. Establish the maximum Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Municipal Services Taxing Unit for FY 2027 at 0.75 mills.

j. Approve proclamations to be presented to Maya Sargent, WTXL/ABC 27 and the Legal Services of North Florida.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / Office of Management and Budget – Ken Morris / Roshaunda Bradley

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1a.

- Commissioner Maddox recused himself from voting on this Option due to a conflict with his employment.
- Commissioner Minor noted the importance of working with entities that are going to be impacted by SB 1134 to bring them into compliance with the new law prior to January 1, 2027 and continue funding those important services in the community.
- Commissioner Proctor noted that he is pleased by what staff have put together for the proposed line item budget and offered compliments for their work on this.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe asked for clarification regarding funding for these organizations beginning with the new Fiscal Year (FY) in October.
    - County Administrator Long noted the proposed budget includes funding for CSWG beginning in the new FY.
- Commissioner Cummings asked for clarification on several other organizations that may also need to amend their mission to comply with SB 1134.
    - County Attorney O'Steen commented that staff are working with all organizations that may be impacted by SB 1134 to determine their intentions and ability to come into compliance to receive County funding in the future. She reemphasized to the Board some statutory constraints regarding restrictions of the Board in speaking about topics that will appear on the General Election ballot.
- Commissioner Proctor noted the importance of citizens in standing up against the government when the laws are unjust.
- Commissioner Minor noted that the CSWG contract with the City and the County ends on September 30, 2026. He asked staff to work with CSWG staff to ensure no gap in funding or services.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #1a.

Option #1: Ratify the direction provided by the Board during the June 16, 2026 FY 2027 Budget Workshop, including:

a. Accept the overview of the FY 2027 Preliminary Budget.

The motion passed 6 – 0 with Commissioner Maddox recusing himself from the vote.

Staff: Administration / Office of Management and Budget – Ken Morris / Roshaunda Bradley

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #2: Schedule the first and only public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the Leon County Tourist Development Plan, incorporated within Chapter 11, Section 11-710, Leon County Code for September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion passed 6 – 0 with Commissioner Maddox out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration / Tourism – Mathieu Cavell / Kerri Post

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #3, providing a 4% pay raise across the board.

- Commissioner Proctor asked if the current budget calculations would allow for a 5% raise for employees across the board.
  - County Administrator Long deferred to Ms. Bradley for confirmation of the available budget.
  - Ms. Bradley responded that the proposal of a 4% raise across the Board could be funded without utilizing any reserves. However, a 5% raise would require the use of reserves.
- Commissioner Minor reiterated his comments from the last several years about supporting a performance-based pay raise using the rating tools already in place within the County.
- Commissioner Welch noted support for performance-based pay raises and cautioned that the potential property tax changes could significantly impact the County budget in the near future.
- Commissioner Cummings thanked Commissioner Proctor for always providing support for County staff in the form of recommendations for pay raises. Each of the Commissioners praised staff for their hard work and dedication to their job and the betterment of the services provided to County residents, and this 4% raise proposal takes out of the equation any form of bias from supervisors that could impact individual employees if using a performance-based approach.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #3, providing a 4% across the board pay raise for all Leon County Government and Constitutional Officer employees in the FY 2027 Tentative Budget.

The motion passed 4 – 3 with Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Welch, and Vice Chairman O'Keefe in opposition.

Staff: Administration / Office of Management and Budget – Ken Morris / Roshaunda Bradley

19. Voluntary Annexation of Three Parcels Totaling 18.58 +/- Acres Located at Capital Circle Southeast and Tram Road
(County Administrator / Development Support & Environmental Management)

The following speaker provided in-person comment:

- Mr. Robert Volpe, representing the applicant for annexation, addressed the Board with a request to approve this voluntary annexation rather than objecting.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to waive the rules requiring a motion prior to Board discussion on this item.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

- Commissioner Maddox asked if the objection to this item and Item #20 are the same. He noted that in the past, his stance has been that if an annexation request meets all the statutory requirements, the Board has no authority to object to it. However, this item does not meet all the statutory requirements, and he noted support for staff recommendation to object.
  - County Attorney O'Steen responded that they are similar, but Item #20 has multiple pockets, whereas Item #19 has only one pocket.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Find that the proposed voluntary annexation petition of Parcels # 31-21-20-601-000-0; 31-21-20-611-000-0; and 31-21-20-607-000-0 owned by Mossy Head, LLC, located at the intersection of Tram Road and Capital Circle Southeast (Attachment #1) warrants an objection as to statutory compliance with the reasonable compactness requirements of section 171.044, Florida Statutes; authorize the County Attorney's Office, in coordination with the County Administrator, to file formal objections with the City; and authorize the County Administrator and/ or his designees to meet and confer with City administration; and, if unresolved, proceed to Mediation in accordance with *The Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County for Annexation Procedures*.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / County Attorney / Development Support & Environmental Management – Chasity O'Steen / Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Scott Brockmeier

20. Voluntary Annexation of Five Parcels Totaling 1,741.9 +/- Acres Located North of Gardner Road and West of N. Meridian Road in Northern Leon County
(County Administrator / Development Support & Environmental Management)

County Administrator Long introduced this agenda item.

The following speakers provided virtual comment:

- Mr. Stephen Martin spoke in support of the objection to the annexation.

The following two speakers provided in-person comments in support of the annexation:

- Mr. Gary Hunter, representing the applicant, disagreed with the legal interpretation provided by the County Attorney.
- Mr. Ian Phipps spoke of the history of the Phipps family to conserve land in Leon County over the past 90 years.

The following 11 speakers provided in-person comments in opposition to the annexation:

- Mr. Jeremy Matlow, City Commissioner, spoke in support of the Board's decision earlier in the year not to expand the Urban Services Area to this portion of land, and with the proposed objection based on what County legal staff has identified. He noted the importance of the City and County continuing the positive coordination on these types of actions.
- Ms. Vivian Young with 1000 Friends of Florida
- Ms. Sophie Waungne-Speer
- Mr. Ben Naselius with Tall Timbers
- Ms. Alexandria O'Connell
- Ms. Lynn Takacs
- Ms. Jo Jenkins
- Mr. Eric Draper
- Mr. Jeff Takacs
- Mr. Tim Stadlmueller
- Mr. Uriel Gottschalu

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1.

- Commissioner Minor thanked the Phipps family for their legacy of conservation in Leon County. He noted that the Board has the responsibility of reviewing agenda items based on the validity of the specific information presented in the item.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe thanked staff for presenting this detailed information related to the annexation request.
- Commissioner Welch commented that he supports objecting to the annexation request and noted that this annexation request will ultimately be decided by the City of Tallahassee. He noted some of the environmental concerns that could be used to support annexation and incorporation into the Urban Services Area to reduce the impact of septic systems being used by any future developments in the area.
- Commissioner Maddox asked about steps for this annexation to move forward even with the County's objection.
    - County Attorney O'Steen provided the steps of the annexation process and noted the potential options for this to move forward even with the objection by the County.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1: Find that the voluntary annexation petition of Parcels #24-02-20-401-000-0; 24-01-20-401-000-0; 24-11-20-002-000-0; 24-13-20-002-000-0; and 14-18-20-206-000-0 owned by Orchard Pond, LLC, located north of Gardner Road and west of N. Meridian Road in northern Leon County (Attachment #1) warrants objections as to statutory compliance with the contiguity and reasonable compactness requirements of section 171.044, Florida Statutes; authorize the County Attorney's Office, in coordination with the County Administrator, to file formal objections with the City; authorize the County Administrator, and/ or his designees to meet and confer with City administration; and, if unresolved, proceed to mediation in accordance with *The Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Tallahassee and Leon County for Annexation Procedures.*

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / County Attorney / Development Support & Environmental Management – Chasity O'Steen / Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Scott Brockmeier

21. Report Regarding Data Centers and Consideration of a Moratorium
(County Administrator / County Attorney / Development Support & Environmental Management)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

The following speakers provided in-person comment:

- Ms. Tiffany Hill spoke in opposition to data centers in Leon County due to impacts to utilities, water use, and an increase in noise from these types of facilities.
- Ms. Alexandria O'Connell noted opposition to data centers and spoke in support of Option #2.
- Nic Zateslo, candidate for Congress, spoke on the importance of protecting the land and residents from data centers.
- Tim Stadlmueller spoke in opposition to data centers.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #2.

- Commissioner Maddox stated there is a time and a place for data centers. He noted opposition to data centers in most areas of Leon County but suggested the 12-month moratorium would allow for staff and the Board to learn more about the topic and the plausibility of data centers being located anywhere in Leon County.
- Commissioner Proctor suggested that an 18-month moratorium would get the Board through to the end of 2027, and would be a good option for timing to make a decision. He requested a friendly amendment to increase the moratorium to 18-months.

The friendly amendment was accepted by both the motion maker and the seconder.

- Vice Chairman O'Keefe noted that this decision will have an impact on future residents and Commissions in Leon County.
- Commissioner Cummings spoke in support of the amendment to the motion on the floor and mentioned that rural areas are more susceptible to these data centers. She added that this was a big discussion at the recent Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference. Other counties are entertaining ideas to address noise control, building size, and other issues to govern these types of facilities with limited impacts to the community.
- Chairman Caban asked if staff plans on conducting research regarding this topic to present information back to the Board prior to expiration of the proposed moratorium.
    - County Administrator Long responded that staff would do exactly what the Board is seeking and would bring an agenda item with recommendations before expiration of the moratorium.
- Commissioner Welch commented that the biggest detriment of the Leon County economy is the lack of economic development opportunities. If a data center were to offer additional opportunities for continued economic prosperity and growth with minimal impact to the community, he would be interested in learning more to determine positive impacts of this type of facility. He noted support of the moratorium until additional information can be gathered.
- Chairman Caban echoed the comments of Commissioner Welch. He thanked staff for the quick turnaround on this agenda item, and he looks forward to continuing discussion on this topic.
- Commissioner Proctor asked that staff utilize the professionals of this particular field or a citizen panel to gather information in preparation of the future agenda item that will be presented to the Board in advance of the moratorium expiring.
    - County Administrator recommended that staff prepare the materials for Board consideration and initial guidance prior to seeking citizen panel input.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #2 as amended: Direct staff to prepare an ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium for a duration of ~~12~~ 18 months pausing the acceptance, review, or approval of applications for development permits, development orders, rezoning, or site plans related to large load customers, including for large-scale data centers, consistent with the scope and purpose of Senate Bill 484, as enacted in Chapter 2026-65, Laws of Florida; and authorize staff to schedule two public hearings for September 15, 2026, and October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Administration / County Attorney / Development Support & Environmental Management – Chasity O'Steen / Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Scott Brockmeier

22. Consideration of Engagement of Outside Counsel to Assess Standing and the Constitutionality of Senate Bill 1134, and Potential Causes of Action
(County Administrator / County Attorney)

- County Attorney O'Steen introduced this agenda item.

The following speaker provided in-person comment:

- Paul Aarons spoke in opposition to SB 1134.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, to approve Option #2.

- Commissioner Maddox asked if there are other entities that have challenged SB 1134 or any conversations at the Florida Association of Counties meeting to do so.
  - County Attorney O'Steen confirmed there are no current legal challenges to SB 1134. She addressed what the exceptions are to the restriction of local governments in challenging the constitutionality of state law.
  - County Administrator Long added that there are no discussions of legal challenges at any association meetings which he has attended.
- Commissioner Maddox noted the potential for a waste of time and money on something that no one has found any standing for local governments to challenge and he would not support doing so.
- Commissioner Minor spoke of the impacts of SB 1134 on things such as Leon County's Emancipation Day, Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Pride Month. He requested a friendly amendment for an agenda item adding legislative priority to support legislative bills being created that would add these specific holidays or celebrations into Florida law to allow Leon County to continue to recognize these particular events.

  The friendly amendment was accepted.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe asked about the timing of this agenda item and the capacity of the County Attorney's Office to research this issue. He suggested that the Board hire outside counsel to evaluate any ambiguity in Leon County's current practices and this new law to determine specific questions that can be submitted via declaratory judgement.
  - County Attorney O'Steen responded that her office made it a priority to research the options of potential standing, however, there is no current capacity for creating and evaluating specific questions to submit for declaratory judgement. She provided additional information on how other County Attorneys are evaluating this topic to address issues in their jurisdictions and what the judicial system would consider in any potential litigation.
- Commissioner Cummings noted that the actions available to the Board appear to be a potential waste of time and money. She asked if there was precedent for other bills that have such ambiguity to be sent back to the Legislature for additional direction on implementation.
  - County Attorney responded that there is no precedence for that type of action; however, there may be unintended consequences that occur once this bill becomes effective that could prompt action by private entities or other organizations to initiate amendments or new bills to provide clarity or correct omissions of information such as definitions. She commented that nothing has been filed at this time, but there may be discussions from certain groups to potentially do so in the future.
- Commissioner Proctor noted his disappointment of this bill and the impact it has on all citizens.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, to approve Option #2 as amended: Do not direct the County Attorney to retain outside counsel to assess standing and the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1134 and potential causes of action, and direct staff to prepare an agenda item to add a legislative priority to specify the inclusion of specific holidays or celebrations into Florida law to allow Leon County and other local governments to continue to recognize.

The motion passed 4 – 1 with Vice Chairman O'Keefe in opposition and Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration / County Attorney – Chasity O'Steen / Nicki Hatch

23. Full Board Appointments to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board
(County Administrator / County Administration)

- County Administrator Long introduced this item.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1: Appoint two eligible applicants, Tiffany Santner and Dr. Shanna Autry, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for the remainder of three-year terms ending September 30, 2026.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Welch and Commissioner Proctor out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration – Lisa Davis

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.

24. First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27, of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, Based on Guidance from the County's External Auditors
(County Administrator / Office of Management and Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and adopt the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2., Section 2-27 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, entitled "Salaries" (Attachment #1).

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

25. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Fire Rescue Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Office of Management and Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the proposed Resolution adopting the Fire Rescue Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #1) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #2).

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

26. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Office of Management and Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Stormwater Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #1), and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #2).

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

27. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve the Resolution Adopting the Solid Waste Disposal Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Office of Management and Budget)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve proposed Solid Waste Assessment Rate Resolution (Attachment #1), approve the Resolution adopting the Solid Waste Disposal Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #2), and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #3).

The motion passed 6 – 1 with Chairman Caban in opposition.

Staff: Office of Management and Budget – Roshaunda Bradley

28. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve a Resolution Adopting the Belair/Annawood Area Sewer Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1.

- Commissioner Proctor reminded the Board that these citizens are being charged fees by the City with no representation on the City Commission.
- Chairman Caban noted his opposition on this and the next three items. He stated the understanding of the current structure of funding, but he commented with disapproval of the County developing the infrastructure and then donating it to another government entity to manage and run with no oversight or ability to coordinate the fees being charged to County residents.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Belair/Annawood Area Sewer Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #1) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #2).

The motion passed 5 – 2 with Commissioner Proctor and Chairman Caban in opposition.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

29. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve a Resolution Adopting the Killearn Lakes Plantation Subdivision Units 1 and 2 Sewer Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Option #1.

- Commissioner Proctor asked if the citizens in Killearn Lakes are able to vote in the City elections.
- Commissioner Welch responded that they are not eligible to vote in City elections. He also noted that he will be voting against this item based on the large increase instituted by the City last year.
- Commissioner Maddox asked what happens if this item fails. He asked about the timing of negotiating a renewal of the Interlocal Agreement related to this item.
    - County Attorney O'Steen responded that if the Board fails to pass this agenda item, the County is in violation of the Interlocal Agreement and would be sued by the City. She advised that there is no end term to this agreement. Any requested changes would have to be mutually agreed upon by all parties.
- Chairman Caban noted the possibility of negotiating these and other agreements in the future after the upcoming City elections.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Maddox, to approve Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Killearn Lakes Plantation Subdivision Units 1 and 2 Sewer Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #1) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #2).

The motion passed 4 – 3 with Commissioner Proctor, Commissioner Welch, and Chairman Caban in opposition.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

30. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve a Resolution Imposing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Sewer Service for Certain Real Property in the Northeast Lake Munson Sewer System Project Area and a Resolution Adopting the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, to approve Options #1 and #2.

Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve a Resolution imposing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Sewer Service for certain property in the Northeast Lake Munson Sewer Project Area (Attachment #1); and

Option #2: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Northeast Lake Munson Area Sewer Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #2) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #3).

The motion passed 5 – 2 with Commissioner Proctor and Chairman Caban in opposition.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

31. First and Only Public Hearing to Approve a Resolution Imposing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Sewer Service for Certain Real Property in the Woodville Sewer Phase 1 Project Area and a Resolution Adopting the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, and Certification of the Entire Roll to the Tax Collector
(County Administrator / Public Works)

- County Administrator Long introduced this public hearing.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Keefe, to approve Options #1 and #2.

- Commissioner Proctor asked for additional coordination with the County Administrator offline in the next few weeks to learn more about these charges to ensure complete understanding.
    - Ms. Anna Padilla, Stormwater Management Coordinator, responded with the amounts for all users impacted by this assessment. She provided information on what these charges cover and how this compares to other sewer service fees collected in other areas of Leon County.
- Chairman Caban noted concern with charging residents for multiple years in one assessment. He suggested that staff consider ways to spread out payments for those retroactive costs rather than charging them all at once. He suggested that this structure is barbaric and added frustration that Leon County allows another governmental entity to assess County residents whatever fees they want to.
    - County Attorney O'Steen responded that the City could provide opportunities for users to pay in different methods, but the County has no authority to make changes to what the City identifies as the required fees per property.
- Chairman Caban asked if there is any opportunity for the County to provide assistance to residents receiving both retroactive assessments and future assessments all in one tax bill.
    - County Administrator Long responded that all residents who connect to these services in the area are charged the same amount and it is important to treat all users consistently with the assessments.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe, to approve Options #1 and #2.

Option #1: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve a Resolution imposing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Sewer Service for certain property in the Woodville Sewer Phase 1 Project Area (Attachment #1); and

Option #2: Conduct the first and only public hearing and approve the Resolution adopting the Woodville Phase 1 Project Area Sewer Service Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll (Attachment #2) and authorize the certification of the entire Roll to the Tax Collector (Attachment #3).

The motion passed 5 – 2 with Commissioner Proctor and Chairman Caban in opposition.

Staff: Administration / Public Works – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS

3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.

- None.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items from the County Attorney

- County Attorney O'Steen described a new Opioid settlement proposal. She requested Board approval of the settlement agreement and authorization for staff to execute any necessary documents on the Board's behalf.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe asked if there are any different aspects of information sharing related to this settlement.
- County Attorney O'Steen responded that there are restrictions prohibiting the issuance of press releases or additional mass communication regarding this settlement.

Commissioner Minor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to authorize the County Attorney to accept the settlement agreement and authorize staff to execute any necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: County Attorney – Chasity O'Steen

- County Attorney O'Steen noted a recent memo provided to the Board regarding the Fire Services Fee dispute with the City of Tallahassee. She requested Board direction on next steps.
- Chairman Caban asked for the County Attorney's recommendation on the best possible option for the County regarding this issue. He added that there will be a workshop on Fire Services in September for the Board to learn more information and discuss future options.
- County Attorney O'Steen responded that notification to the City regarding termination for cause puts the County in the best position moving forward.
- Commissioner Maddox asked what the expediency is for this decision. He noted his desire to continue negotiations with the City on an updated Interlocal Agreement.
- County Attorney suggested that the consultant will present information to the Board in September with information to consider on potential costs of standing up a County-run fire department. By initiating this action now, it will require the City to provide a response identifying the asset transfer information needed for that discussion in September rather than only having speculated information during that discussion.
- County Administrator Long responded that the September Board Workshop will provide information for Board consideration, but the timeline initiated by the termination for cause letter provides the Board with the best options to evaluate and make decisions on how to move forward.
- Commissioner Cummings supports staff recommendation to put the County in the best position moving forward.
- Commissioner Minor noted support for the motion on the floor.
- Vice Chairman O'Keefe asked if there was any ability by the City Commission to dictate the date of termination if the Board pursues this termination for cause.
- County Attorney O'Steen responded that there is no case law that indicates the City Commission would be able to dictate the termination date.

- Commissioners Minor, Maddox, Cummings, and Vice Chairman O'Keefe all commented that the best thing for the community is a negotiated and updated interlocal agreement.

  Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, to authorize the County Attorney to initiate the termination with cause notification to the City regarding the Fire Service Fee Interlocal Agreement.

  The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

  Staff: County Attorney – Chasity O'Steen

Items from the County Administrator

- None.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Cummings

- Commissioner Cummings recognized Tallahassee Democrat reporter Arianna Otero who has covered many Leon County meetings and events. She noted that Ms. Otero is relocating to South Florida and this is the last Leon County BOCC meeting she will cover.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, requesting a proclamation recognizing Tallahassee Democrat Reporter Arianna Otero for her service in providing coverage of Leon County events and meetings.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- She recognized County Administrator Long for being featured in an article in the Wall Street Journal.
- She commented on a historic preservation initiative by the Florida Civil Rights Museum (FCRM) to honor Dr. Charles Evans. Impacting the community over multiple decades, Dr. Evans served as a FAMU Professor, President of the NAACP, and civil rights advocate. The FCRM is seeking to place a marker on the Leon County Courthouse grounds honoring Dr. Evans's contributions as part of the "Florida Civil Rights and Education Heritage Trail". The FCRM will provide for design, fabrication, installation, and maintenance of the marker.

  Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, requesting an agenda item providing options for the placement of a historical marker on the Leon County Courthouse grounds recognizing Dr. Charles Evans.

  The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

  Staff: Administration / Office of Resource Stewardship – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Maggie Theriot

- She recognized Dr. Valencia Matthews, Dean of the FAMU College of Arts and Humanities, for her long-standing work conducting a summer youth theatre camp that recently completed its last show, and the camp will not be held in the future. She requested a proclamation honoring Dean Valencia Matthews for her dedication to teaching local youth about the arts and humanities for the last 30 years.

  Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, requesting a proclamation honoring Dr. Matthews for her dedication to teaching local youth about the arts and humanities for the last 30 years.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

Commissioner Minor

- Commissioner Minor wished Commissioner Cummings an early Happy Birthday.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe

- Vice Chairman O'Keefe spoke about an issue brought to his attention by constituents related to buildings or residences more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant and the increased costs for insurance as well as potential dangers with fire response. He requested an agenda item with information on this topic and options to address this where possible.

Vice Chairman O'Keefe moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, requesting an agenda item with information on buildings and residences more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant and recommendations for addressing this throughout the County.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration / Public Works / Office of Public Safety – Nawfal Ezzagaghi / Brent Pell / Charles Wu / Shington Lamy / Chief Chad Abrams

- He asked for clarification on why some legal notices are advertised in the Tallahassee Democrat versus on the County website, and the use of other news outlets to highlight County events and programs. He requested additional information be sent to him via email on this topic.
    - County Attorney O'Steen responded that there are some statutory requirements for notices to be advertised in the newspaper of broadest distribution, which is the Tallahassee Democrat. Therefore, those notices are advertised as required by law.
    - Mr. Mathieu Cavell, Director of Community Relations and Resilience, provided general information on funding spent for advertisement in local news outlets and confirmed that he would provide the requested details via email.

Commissioner Proctor

- Not Present.

Commissioner Maddox

- Commissioner Maddox requested a proclamation recognizing the 40th Anniversary of Advocacy and Citizen Engagement of the 1000 Friends of Florida organization.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, approving a proclamation for the 40th Anniversary of 1000 Friends of Florida.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration – Regina Glee

- He thanked Commissioner Cummings for her efforts over the years to ensure support by the Board for the Shoes for Schools program.

Commissioner Welch

- Not Present.

Chairman Caban

- Chairman Caban requested an agenda item at the next meeting to consider a potential tourism program that would partner with local colleges and universities to promote large events hosted at collegiate facilities to bring additional tourism into Leon County during off-peak travel periods.

Commissioner Maddox moved, seconded by Chairman Caban, requesting an agenda item at the next meeting to consider a tourism program that would partner with local colleges and universities to promote large events hosted at local collegiate facilities to bring additional tourism into Leon County.

The motion passed 5 – 0 with Commissioner Proctor and Commissioner Welch out of Chambers.

Staff: Administration / Tourism – Mathieu Cavell / Kerri Post

RECEIPT AND FILE

- Canopy Community Development District Approved Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
- **ADDED** – Children's Services Council Quarterly Financial Report April 1 – June 30, 2026

ADJOURN

The next meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are scheduled for

Monday, August 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

**All lobbyists appearing before the Board must pay a $25 annual registration fee.
For registration forms and/or additional information, please contact the Board Secretary
or visit the County Clerk website.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Leon County Board of County Commissioners
2026 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Meeting
January 26	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Board Retreat
January 27	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
February 10	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
March 10	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
~~**March 24**~~	~~Tuesday~~	~~1:00 p.m.~~	~~Workshop (if necessary)~~
April 14	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
~~**April 28**~~	~~Tuesday~~	~~1:00 p.m.~~	~~Budget Workshop~~
May 12	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
June 9	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
June 16	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop
~~**July 14**~~	~~Tuesday~~	~~10:00 a.m.~~	~~Budget Workshop~~
July 14	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
August 17	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on Charter Amendments
September 15	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
September 15	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	First Public Hearing on Tentative Millage Rates and Budgets
September 22	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Legislative Priorities Workshop
September 22	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rates and Final Budgets
October 13	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
October 27	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Workshop (if necessary)
November 17	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Installation, Reorganization & Regular Board Meeting
December 8	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting

All Workshops, Meetings, and Public Hearings are subject to change.

Note: All regularly scheduled Board meetings are generally scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month and workshops for the 4th Tuesday. If additional Board meetings are necessary, they would be scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month in addition to or in place of a workshop.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Leon County Board of County Commissioners

2026 Calendar

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
January 2026	Thursday 1	Office Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Friday 2	Office Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED
	Monday 12	10:00 a.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Retreat Tallahassee State College Capitol Center
	Monday 19	Offices Closed	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
	Wednesday 21		*Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day* *FSU Turnbull Conference Center* *Tallahassee, Leon County, FL*
	Monday 26	9:00 a.m.	Board Retreat FSU SGA Senate Chambers 75 N. Woodward Avenue, Room 3010
	Tuesday 27	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
February 2026	Tuesday 10	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Monday 16	Offices Closed	PRESIDENTS' DAY
	Tuesday 17	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
	Saturday 21 – Tuesday 24		*NACO Legislative Conference* *Washington, D.C.*
March 2026	Tuesday 10	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 12	3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 23	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
April 2026	Tuesday 14	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Saturday 18		*Honor Flight Tallahassee* *Washington D.C.*
May 2026	Tuesday 12	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 19	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
	Wednesday 20	Offices Closed	EMANCIPATON DAY observed
	Monday 25	Offices Closed	MEMORIAL DAY
June 2026	Tuesday 9	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
June 2026 (cont.)	Thursday 11	1:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Budget Workshop City Commission Chambers
		3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 16	10:00 a.m.	Budget Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 16	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 23 – Friday 26		*FAC Annual Conference & Educational Exposition* *Orlando, Orange County, FL*
July 2026	Thursday 2	Offices Closed	INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
	Friday 3	Offices Closed	INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
	Monday 6	Offices Closed	INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
	Tuesday 14	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Friday 17 – Monday 20		*NACo Annual Conference* *New Orleans, LA*
	Saturday 18 – Wednesday 22		*NAACP National Convention* *Chicago, IL*
	Wednesday 29 – Saturday 1		*National Urban League Annual Conference* *Nashville, TN*
August 2026	*Thursday 13 – Sunday 16*		*Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference* *Fernandina Beach, FL*
	Monday 17	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on Charter Amendments Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
September 2026	Monday 7	Offices Closed	LABOR DAY
	Tuesday 15	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
		6:00 p.m.*	First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for FY 25/26* Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Wednesday 16 – Friday 18		*FAC Innovation & Policy Conference* *Duval County*
	Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20		*Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference – Washington D.C.*
	Tuesday 22	3:00 p.m.	Legislative Priorities Workshop Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
		6:00 p.m.*	Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rates and Final Budgets Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Thursday 24	3:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
September 2026 (cont.)		5:00 p.m.	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Budget Public Hearing City Commission Chambers
	Monday 28	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
**These public hearing dates may change because of the School Board's scheduling of its budget adoption public hearings*			
October 2026	Tuesday 13	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Saturday 17 – Wednesday 21		*ICMA Annual Conference* *Long Beach, CA*
	Tuesday 20	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 27	1:00 pm	Board Workshop (if necessary) Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
November 2026	Tuesday 3	Offices Closed	ELECTION DAY
	Wednesday 11	Offices Closed	VETERAN'S DAY
	Thursday 12	3:00 pm	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting City Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 17	3:00 p.m.	Installation, Reorganization and Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Monday 23	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
	Thursday 26	Offices Closed	THANKSGIVING DAY
	Friday 27	Offices Closed	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
December 2026	*Wednesday 2 – Friday 4*		*FAC Legislative Conference* *Ponte Vedra Beach, FL*
	Tuesday 8	3:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting Judge Augustus D. Aikens, Jr. Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
	Tuesday 15	1:30 p.m.	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board Meeting Tallahassee City Hall, Commission Chambers
	Friday 25	Offices Closed	CHRISTMAS
January 2027	Friday 1	Offices Closed	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	Monday 18	Offices Closed	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Meetings listed in italics are included in the Board's 2026 Travel Schedule.

The 2026 Calendar may be updated periodically based on Board direction.

Citizen Committees, Boards, and Authorities

Current and Upcoming Vacancies

CURRENT VACANCIES

Advisory Committee for Quality Growth
Board of County Commissioners (6 appointments)

Animal Classification Committee
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment) – Licensed Veterinarian

Animal Shelter Advisory Board
City Commission (2 appointments)

Architectural Review Board
City Commission (2 appointments)

Board of Adjustments & Appeals
City Commission (4 appointments)

Canopy Roads Citizens Committee
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)
City Commission (3 appointments)

CareerSource Capital Region Board
Board of County Commissioners (2 appointments)

Code Enforcement Board
County Commissioner – District IV: Brian Welch (1 appointment)

Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Task Force
Board of County Commissioners (3 appointments)

Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)
City Commission (4 appointments)

Leon County Research & Development Authority
Board of County Commissioners (3 appointments)

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Board of County Commissioners Chairman: Christian Caban (2 appointments)

Water Resources Committee
County Commissioner – At-Large I: Carolyn Cummings (1 appointment)

FUTURE VACANCIES

July 31, 2026

Big Bend Health Council
Board of County Commissioners (4 appointments)

Leon County Educational Facilities Authority
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)

September 30, 2026

Animal Shelter Advisory Board
Board of County Commissioners (1 appointment)

September 30, 2026 (cont.)

Council on Culture and Arts Board
Board of County Commissioners (2 appointments)

Leon County Research & Development Authority
Board of County Commissioners (2 appointments)

Science Advisory Committee
County Commissioner – District III: Rick Minor (1 appointment)
County Commissioner – District IV: Brian Welch (1 appointment)

Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
County Commissioner – District III: Rick Minor (1 appointment)
County Commissioner – District I: Bill Proctor (1 appointment)
County Commissioner – District V: David O'Keefe (1 appointment)