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**Lee Board of County
Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda**

August 18, 2026

9:30 AM

County Manager

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Commission Chambers

2120 Main Street

Fort Myers, FL 33901

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Invocation - Pastor Kyle Strom, Ocean Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamations

Recap

Consent Agenda

- Items to be pulled for discussion by the Board
 - Public comment on balance of items
- Motion to approve balance of items
- Consideration of items pulled for discussion
 - Public comment taken on each pulled item as it is considered

Administrative Agenda

Public Hearings

Walk-ons and Carry-overs

Commissioners' Items/Committee Appointments

County Manager Items

County Attorney Items

Public Presentation of Matters by Citizens

Workshop Update (August 19, 2026 1:30 PM)

- Public Comment on Workshop

Adjourn

TRANSCRIPT

1. 8-28-2026 Transcript

PROCLAMATIONS

2. South Fort Myers Youth Baseball (Pendergrass)

3. Length of Service Awards (Human Resources)

RECAP

4. 8-18-2026 Recap

CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK OF THE COURTS

1. Approve and Record County Disbursements per Florida Law

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Chapter 136.06(1), Florida Statute requires that all County disbursements be recorded in the Minutes of the Board. This is for the check and wire registers viewable on the Clerk's website - <https://www.leeclerk.org/departments/finance/financial-reports/bocc-check-registers-and-wire-transfers>.

2. File and Record Proof of Publication of Annual Unclaimed Cash Bond Refunds

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$1,331
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Clerk expense to run the legal ad.
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 116.21, this publication notifies criminal and civil cash bond depositors of unclaimed funds held by the Clerk of Courts.

3. Present Driver Education Safety Trust Fund Report for July 2026

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This is a monthly report from the Clerk of Court's Office that provides financial activity for the driver's education safety trust fund.

COUNTY LANDS

4. Accept Donation of Easement & Land for Right-of-Way in Lehigh Acres

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$100
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Transportation Trust
Comments:	Cost for recording fees of easement and warranty deed

Item Summary:

Accept donation of a +/- 225.35 square foot Perpetual Drainage and Access Easement and donation of a +/- 1,198.86 square foot parcel of land for right-of-way from Lemonade MM Lehigh Acres, LLC. This easement and right-of-way are being donated pursuant to a development order for the property located at 1110 Homestead Road N, Lehigh Acres.

5. Accept Parcel in East Lee County for Road Right-of-Way

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$30
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Transportation Trust
Comments:	Cost for recording fees of easements

Item Summary:

Accepts a +/- 5,227 square foot parcel for road right-of-way from CNL Fort Myers Blackstone, LLC, located at 336 Blackstone Drive in East Fort Myers. The right-of-way parcel is being granted to the County pursuant to a development order.

6. Approve License Agreement to Stage Boats on County Property on Ft Myers Beach

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves a Permissive Use License Agreement between Lee County and TPI-FMB, LLC for use of Lee County owned property located at 1113 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, commonly known as Seafarers, from September 9-15, 2026 for staging boats and boat trailers. Access for vehicles will be from Fifth Street only, and there is no fee associated with this short-term use.

7. Approve Lease with U.S. Postal Service on Pine Island

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$10,800
Included in the Current Budget?:	No

Fund:	General
Comments:	\$9,000: Rental fee \$1,800: Leasing commission fee

Item Summary:

Approves a 5-year lease agreement with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for the County building located at 7450 Pineland Road, Bokeelia, at a rental rate of \$9,000 per year. The building was badly damaged by Hurricane Ian, but has been repaired to allow USPS to reopen a post office in the facility.

COUNTY MANAGER

8. Approve CDBG-DR Program Implementation Support Task Orders

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$1,781,937
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Federal Grants through General Fund
Comments:	CDBG-DR

Item Summary:

Approves task orders under the County's existing contract with Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC to continue providing grant administration support for the County's Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) programs for Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton through December 31, 2026. Services include staff augmentation, compliance and monitoring, environmental review, grant management system support, and technical assistance for County-administered programs. The total estimated cost for projects receiving CDBG-DR funds being administered by Lee County exceeds \$2.1 billion.

9. Accept HMGP Funding for Residential Home Elevations

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$88,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Federal Grants through General Fund
Comments:	HMGP Grant Funded, state pass-through

Item Summary:

Approves a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant agreement through the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to elevate homes that sustained significant flooding in Hurricane Ian and are located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) or are designated as a repetitive/severe loss property. The grant is limited to properties previously approved through the 2023 application process. The FEMA Elevation Program provides seventy-five percent (75%) of the funding to elevate the houses with the property owner contributing the remaining twenty-five percent (25%). The initial grant agreement provides funding for engineering, permitting, and feasibility assessments. Each property will undergo an engineering evaluation to determine whether the home can be safely elevated at a reasonable cost. Elevation projects deemed feasible may proceed to construction through future grant amendments approved by FDEM and FEMA.

10. Approve RESTORE Act MIP Submission to U.S. Treasury

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	N/A
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	Submission of the MIP will allow a corresponding subsequent project application.

Item Summary:

Closes the minimum 45-day public comment period for the RESTORE Act Direct Component Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) and authorizes its submission to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The MIP identifies the San Carlos Island Working Waterfront Resiliency and Emergency Marine Operations Project as the County's proposed use of RESTORE Act Direct Component funding.

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT**11. Award Design Contract for DOT Traffic Warehouse****Funding:**

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$1,059,725
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	CDBG-DR Grant
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Procures RG Architects, P.A. to provide design services for the DOT Traffic Warehouse replacement located at 5650 Enterprise Parkway in the amount of \$1,059,725. This planned and budgeted project will be funded through Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery funds with an estimated total cost of \$15,000,000.

The existing 18,419-square-foot warehouse is more than 35 years old and no longer meets the department's operational needs. The planned 25,000-square-foot replacement facility will meet enhanced wind-resistance and structural standards to better protect over \$8 million in traffic safety assess and provide continuity of operations following weather events.

12. Replace Booster Pump and Shower Drain Piping at Ortiz Jail**Funding:**

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$155,560
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	General Fund
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves a purchase order with Titan Plumbing LLC for the replacement of a booster pump and shower drain piping for Ortiz Jail buildings Core 1 & 2 in the amount of \$155,559.95. The 25-year-old booster pump has exceeded its service life, and the deteriorated drain piping has developed widespread cracks. Replacing both systems will improve reliability, reduce ongoing maintenance, and help prevent future service disruptions. This planned and budgeted project will be funded through the General Fund.

HUMAN & VETERAN SERVICES

13. Approve Continuum of Care Subrecipient Contract for Grant #FL0267 with CASL

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$314,676
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Federal Grant through Continuum of Care
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approve a subrecipient contract with Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc. (CASL) utilizing funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$314,676.00 for Continuum of Care project #FL0267L4D032518 for the period April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027. Funding will provide rental subsidies for individuals residing in permanent supportive housing and have a chronic disabling condition and who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Approximately 27 individuals will receive housing assistance through this program.

14. Approve Continuum of Care Subrecipient Contract for Grant #FL0317 with CASL

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$156,396
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	Federal Grant through Continuum of Care
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approve a subrecipient contract with Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc. (CASL) utilizing funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$156,396.00 for Continuum of Care project #FL0317L4D032517 for period June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027. Funding will provide supportive services to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Approximately 17 individuals will be provided supportive service assistance through this program.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

15. Approve Piggyback Purchase of Dell Computers

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$246,250
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	ITG
Comments:	5 Year Lease

Item Summary:

Approves the 5-year lease-purchase of Dell hardware to replace obsolete computers utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint contract for Computer Equipment, Peripherals, and Related Services with Dell Marketing LP with a total expenditure of \$1,138,781.06 paid out over five years.

Using the piggyback method allows the County to take advantage of large-scale contract volume discounts. The County benefits from a shorter timeframe because a competitive procurement process has already been conducted. A market analysis was completed and the purchase under

this contract will represent a savings of \$115,463.42 or 11.35%.

LIBRARY

16. Approve Purchase of Library Network Equipment

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$249,300
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Library
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Authorizes the purchase of network equipment from Driven Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$249,299.64. This purchase provides replacement of switches, cloud services and hardware and maintains system standardization at Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, and North Fort Myers library locations.

NATURAL RESOURCES

17. Approve FDEP Grant Agreement Amendment

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	N/A
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	Unincorporated MSTU
Comments:	Budgeted in FY26/27

Item Summary:

Approves an amendment to a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant for water flow monitoring equipment located on Telegraph and Popash Creeks. The amendment increases the reimbursement of operating and maintenance costs to \$489,600.

The equipment at each site monitors the amount of water flowing into the Caloosahatchee River. That data is used to determine the amount of pollutants flowing into the river, which is currently under a Total Maximum Daily Load from the State of Florida for total nitrogen. The data also provides real-time reporting on potential flooding in response to storm events.

PARKS AND RECREATION

18. Award Contract for Berm and Slope Mowing Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$65,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Environmentally Sensitive Land Management
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Awards a contract to Jils Gardens LLC for berm and slope mowing services at the Six Mile North and Briarcliff berms. Expenditures for these services totaled \$56,000 in FY25, with \$65,000

budgeted for FY26. The contract provides for an initial three-year term, with an option to renew for up to two additional years.

PUBLIC SAFETY

19. Adopt Resolutions Updating Two Administrative Codes Related to EMS Billing

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

AC-7-3, Emergency Medical Services No Charge Policy, and AC-7-5, Emergency Medical Services Policy Concerning No-Charge, Write-offs, and Uncollectable Accounts prescribe procedures for the management of EMS billables. These were last updated in 1978 and 1987, respectively. These updates reflect current processes and meet applicable accounting standards in place with billing and collections vendors. There is no fiscal impact from the changes.

20. Approve a Grant Agreement with FDEM for Two Safe Rooms with Generators

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$590,569
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	General Fund (Grant)
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This item accepts a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program subgrant agreement through the Florida Division of Emergency Management to design two safe rooms with emergency generators at the Lee Health Sports Complex and the Babcock Ranch EMS Station. Phase 1 includes design and permitting, while Phase 2 is anticipated to fund future construction. The Phase 1 project cost is \$590,569, including a \$28,122 contingency, with the grant providing \$442,926.75. The County's 25 percent match is funded through the Hurricane Ian CDBG-DR program.

21. Approve Piggyback Purchase of Emergency Mobile Response Vehicle

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$896,264
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	CIP/All Hazards
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves the purchase of a fully equipped Mobile Command/Response Unit for Lee County Public Safety to support emergency operations, incident coordination, disaster recovery, and field communications during planned and unplanned incidents. The turnkey purchase includes the vehicle, body conversion, integrated systems, and all equipment necessary for mobile emergency management. This planned Capital Improvement Plan expenditure totals \$896,264.

The unit was designed to Lee County Emergency Management specifications and includes

manufacturer warranties for the vehicle, conversion, and installed equipment. It will replace the County's 2006 Mobile Response Unit, which has exceeded its useful life and is no longer cost-effective to maintain. The purchase uses a piggyback contract, allowing the County to leverage competitively procured pricing and expedite delivery. A comparative market analysis found the contract provides a savings of \$43,236 (4.6%) compared to alternate proposals.

22. Direct to Public Hearing COPCN Application for Ft Myers Shores Fire Rescue District

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Fort Myers Shores Fire Protection and Rescue District has applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. In accordance with Lee County Ordinance 08-16, new applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity may only be granted based on competent evidence and after a public hearing. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 1, 2026.

SOLID WASTE

23. Approve Piggyback Purchase of One Dump Trailer

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$119,210
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Solid Waste Operations
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves the piggyback purchase of one east trailer walking floor from Rechten International Trucks, Inc. in the amount of \$119,210 through the Florida Sheriffs Association Contract for Equipment. The trailer will replace a budgeted 12-year-old ash-hauling trailer with over 485,000 miles that has reached the end of its service life due to significant structural deterioration and metal fatigue.

A market analysis determined the cooperative contract provides a savings of \$5,322 (4.8%). Utilizing the competitively awarded contract allows the County to obtain volume pricing and expedite the procurement process.

24. Approve Piggyback Purchase of One Street Sweeper

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$465,155
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Solid Waste Operations
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves the piggyback purchase of one street sweeper and chassis from Sunbelt Waste Equipment in the amount of \$465,155.29 using the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract. The sweeper

is used to maintain solid waste sites in Lee and Hendry Counties by providing litter and dust control and removing metal hazards, such as nails and wire, from site roads. This budgeted purchase replaces an existing unit with 10,000 operating hours that is experiencing severe corrosion, frame delamination, and recurring electrical system failures, resulting in frequent downtime, reduced reliability, and impaired hazard control operations. The equipment was evaluated using an industry-standard, point-based assessment that considers age, operating hours and mileage, physical condition, and maintenance history. Based on this evaluation, the unit has exceeded the County's replacement criteria.

A market analysis determined the Sourcewell contract provides a savings of \$92,051.71. Using the piggyback contract allows the County to leverage competitively procured pricing, benefit from volume discounts, and shorten the procurement timeline by utilizing an existing competitively awarded contract.

25. Approve Single Source Purchase for Composting Equipment Parts and Service

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$350,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Solid Waste Operations

Comments:

Item Summary:

Approves a single-source procurement with McCourt Equipment Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 for a three-year term to provide proprietary parts and repair services for Backhus and Doppstadt composting equipment. McCourt Equipment Inc. is the sole authorized dealer for this equipment in Lee County and the surrounding region and is the only provider with access to the proprietary diagnostic software required for advanced diagnostics, repairs, and warranty-related services. While County staff perform routine preventive maintenance and general repairs in-house, proprietary parts, consumable components, and complex repairs requiring manufacturer-specific expertise must be obtained through McCourt Equipment Inc. The vendor also provides regional fixed pricing with a 3% discount on all parts.

Lee County Solid Waste operates and maintains five Backhus and Doppstadt machines that are critical to biosolids processing and composting operations. Approval of this procurement will ensure continued access to authorized parts and repair services, minimize operational disruptions, and protect the County's investment in specialized equipment. The single-source method is appropriate when only one vendor can provide the required product or service and allows the County to maintain continuity of operations by leveraging existing equipment, systems, and prior investments.

TAX COLLECTOR

26. Authorize Mailing 2026 Tax Notices Prior to VAB Hearing

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Lee County Taxing Authorities
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approval of this item allows the Lee County Tax Collector to mail 2026 Tax Notices on or before November 1, 2026; to collect and distribute tax revenue to Taxing Authorities before completion of

the Value Adjustment Board hearings.

TRANSIT

27. Approve Submission of FTA Transit Funding Grant Application

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$15,101,532
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	Grants
Comments:	Projects will be 100% federally funded under this grant and will help offset capital and operating expenses.

Item Summary:

Approve the electronic submission of a combined grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$12,784,067 in Urban Area Formula grant funds for capital and operating assistance; \$817,465 in FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grant funds for capital assistance; and \$1,500,000 in Florida Highway Administration Flex Funds for capital purchases. The funds will support transit capital purchases and limited operating costs. If approved, the grant will provide LeeTran with a total appropriation of \$15,101,532.

TRANSPORTATION

28. Approve Contract Change Order for Burnt Store and Pine Island Rd Resurfacing

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$227,386
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	CDBG-DR
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves a change order to the contract with Ajax Paving Industries of Florida LLC for the Burnt Store Road and Pine Island Road Resurfacing – CDBG-DR project. The change order increases compensation by \$227,385.59 for additional milling and resurfacing along Burnt Store Road, extending the project limits beyond the Gator Slough Canal to Delilah Drive. The change order will increase the contract total to \$2,327,186.17 and is funded through CDBG-DR funds.

29. Award Contract for Storm Drain Work in Covington Meadows and Candlewick

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$352,877
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Transportation Trust
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Awards a low bid contract, with Local Vendor Preference, to Shenandoah General Construction, LLC for the Cured in Place Pipe Lining of multiple storm drains in Lehigh Acres in the amount of \$352,877.50. Work will include lining 2,291 linear feet of corrugated metal pipes in the Covington Meadow Circle and Candlewick Circle neighborhoods off Beth Stacey Boulevard. The budgeted work is set to begin in the fall.

UTILITIES

30. Approve Sodium Hypochlorite Contract Renewal and Amendment

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$102,369
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Utilities Operating
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approves the contract renewal with Allied Universal Corporation, under Solicitation No. B240206CFC, Sodium Hypochlorite for Water & Wastewater Facilities, through August 31, 2027, and an amendment to adjust the price of sodium hypochlorite from \$1.595 to \$1.66 per gallon. The vendor submitted the required documentation to Procurement Management to support the requested 4.07% adjustment, resulting in an estimated annual contract impact of \$102,369.23. Sodium hypochlorite (bleach) is used as the primary disinfectant solution at all County water and wastewater treatment plants. Total expenditures during the previous 12-month period were \$2,434,367.17.

31. Approve Single Source Purchase of Monitoring Equipment, Parts, and Services

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$140,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Utilities Operating
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Secures CL2 Solutions, LLC as the single source provider of YSI process monitoring equipment, Halogen sensors, Flexim flow meters, Av-Tek flow control products, original replacement parts, repair services, and technical support. These products are used at water and wastewater treatment facilities to provide process monitoring, flow measurement, flow control, and system protection. CL2 Solutions, LLC is the exclusive sales and service representative in Florida and Georgia for these products. Using the single source method helps maintain continuity in existing County products and services by leveraging prior investments in time and cost. This approach ensures the County can avoid service disruptions and continue using established systems. Total expenditures for the prior twelve-month period were \$128,510.36.

32. Approve Single Source Purchase of Level Instruments and Maintenance

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$140,000
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Utilities Operating
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Secures VEGA Americas, Inc. as the single source provider of VEGA level instruments, parts, maintenance, repairs, and support services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$140,000. The

instruments are used at water and wastewater plants to monitor tank and structure water levels, control pumps, prevent overflows, and maintain safe, efficient, and compliant operations. VEGA Americas, Inc. is the manufacturer and only representative in Florida to provide these services along with their products. Using the single source method helps maintain continuity in existing County products and services by leveraging prior investments in time and cost. This approach ensures the County can avoid disruptions in service and can continue using established systems. Total expenditures for the prior twelve-month period were \$110,867.20.

33. Award Contract for Green Meadows WTP Deep Injection Well Surface Facilities

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	\$1,964,200
Included in the Current Budget?:	Yes
Fund:	Utilities Capital Improvements
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Awards a competitively bid construction contract to Douglas N. Higgins, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$1,964,200 for the Green Meadows Deep Injection Well IW-2 Surface Facilities project. Two bids were received. The project includes construction of the surface facilities necessary to operate the new deep injection wells, improving the reliability and operational efficiency of concentrate disposal at the Green Meadows Water Treatment Plant. The drilling and underground well construction were previously approved by the Board, and this project is included in the FY26 Capital Improvement Program. As only one responsive bid was received, the County negotiated the contract price from \$2,177,200 to \$1,964,200, resulting in a savings of \$213,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

COUNTY MANAGER

34. Approve Underwriter Selection for Water and Sewer Revenue Tax-Exempt Bonds

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Approve BofA Securities, Inc. as the Co-Senior (Bookrunner), Wells Fargo Securities as the Co-Senior, and PNC Capital Markets LLC as the Co-Manager to serve as Underwriters on their 2026 issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Tax-Exempt Bonds to provide proceeds in the amount of \$375 Million to pay off its line of credit (currently estimated \$130 Million) and fund projects (currently estimated \$245 Million) plus cost of issuance/underwriter discounts.

UTILITIES

35. Approve Bond Reimbursement Resolution

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A

Comments:

Item Summary:

Approves a resolution that allows Lee County Utilities (LCU) to be reimbursed for planned Capital Improvement projects by securing funding through revenue bonds. These projects are necessary to accommodate the growth, resiliency, and water quality in Lee County. Utilities' Capital Improvement Fund will initially fund the projects and be reimbursed through issuing tax-exempt debt. The new debt shall not exceed \$300,000,000 aggregate principal, including contingency and an estimated 1% fee for issuing the bonds. LCU pays debt through net revenue earned from its operations and customer services.

SOLID WASTE

36. Award Disaster Recovery Services Contracts

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	Final cost depends upon the quantity of material managed
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	Solid Waste Operations
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Awards five-year, as-needed disaster recovery services contracts to CrowderGulf Joint Venture as the primary vendor, Ceres Environmental Services as the secondary vendor, and DRC Emergency Services as the tertiary vendor. These prepositioned contracts will provide Lee County with resources to support disaster response, management, tracking, and recovery activities following hurricanes, flooding, and other natural or man-made disasters.

Authorizes the County Manager or designee to activate the primary vendor upon declaration of a State of Local Emergency by the Board of County Commissioners. Secondary and tertiary vendors may be activated if the preceding vendor is unable or unwilling to perform within the required timeframe. Once a subsequent vendor is activated, previously ranked vendors will not be eligible to provide services for that event.

Through negotiations, County staff reduced contract pricing by 9.1% for CrowderGulf, 2% for Ceres, and 6.5% for DRC. Funding will be based on the severity of the event and services required. Funding is not included in the annual adopted budget. Individual purchases exceeding \$100,000 will be presented to the Board for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - 9:30 AM

COUNTY ATTORNEY

37. Repeal Ordinance 04-24, Price Gouging

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

Florida Statute 501.160 prohibits the sale of essential goods and housing at an unconscionable price during a declared state of emergency providing more protection than Lee County Ordinance 04-24, Price Gouging. Ordinance 04-24 is duplicative of Florida Statutes 501.160 and no longer necessary.

COUNTY MANAGER

38. Adopt and Certify the Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment Rolls for MSBUs

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	
Comments:	The MSTBU office has collected Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments using the Uniform Method of Collection (Tax Roll) as authorized by Florida Statute 197.3632. Utilization of this method has been favorably received by the property owners insofar as the assessment is incorporated with the annual tax bill. Interlocal agreements have been executed with the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser, as required. This Public Hearing is held for the Board to adopt and certify the assessments and take public input.

Item Summary:

Adopts and certifies non-ad valorem special assessment rolls to collect annual assessments for 29 Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU), per Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. This approval allows the County to include these annual fees on property tax bills, a method authorized under Florida law and generally preferred by property owners for its convenience. Agreements with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser have already been completed to support this process.

39. Adopt an Ordinance Amending Lee County Local Provider Participation Fund

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	See comments below.
Included in the Current Budget?:	No
Fund:	10456
Comments:	The ordinance amendment has no immediate fiscal impact. Funds collected via any LPPF special assessment will reimburse all LPPF costs incurred by the County.

Item Summary:

Conducts a public hearing to adopt an Ordinance amending the Lee County Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) related to the State of Florida's Medicaid Managed Care hospital-directed payment program, Low-Income Pool program, and other supplemental or managed care quality incentive programs or arrangements authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services and expressly designated in an assessment resolution. The amendments would update the definition of Institutional Health Care Provider to account for approved or pending health care tax waivers, update the authorized Supplemental Payments, and replace broad-based assessment language with language requiring compliance with federal and state requirements for health care-related assessments. The Ordinance does not levy an assessment or set an assessment rate. Those actions will occur through a separate assessment resolution and non-ad valorem assessment roll, as required. Continued operation of the LPPF will result in no economic impact to the County budget and no increase or decrease in County staffing. Funds collected via any special assessment will reimburse all costs incurred by the County for administration of the LPPF.

SOLID WASTE

40. Adopt a Resolution to Certify FY27 Annual Solid Waste Special Assessments

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	N/A
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	Solid Waste Operations
Comments:	

Item Summary:

This Public Hearing sends the previously approved solid waste rates to the Lee County Tax Collector for certification, adoption, and collection. This is a non-ad valorem assessment of the Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection and the Disposal Annual Special Assessment Roll and Disposal Facilities Special Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year 26-27. Complies with applicable Lee County Ordinances, Florida Administrative Code, and Florida Statutes.

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5. Authorize Chairman to Negotiate and Execute Contract for the Next Chief Hearing Examiner

Funding:

Current Year Dollar Amount:	No funding required.
Included in the Current Budget?:	N/A
Fund:	N/A
Comments:	

Item Summary:

The Chief Hearing Examiner is a contract employee of the Board. Donna Marie Collins will retire early in 2027 prompting the need to identify the next individual to serve in this role. The requested motion authorizes the Chairman to negotiate and execute a contract with an effective date of January 21, 2027.