

# Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

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Take a closer look at Tuesday's  
Board of County Commissioners  
meeting



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**Hey West Orange County,**

I hope you enjoyed a safe and happy Independence Day weekend! The celebrations commenced all across our district, but the fun doesn't stop just because the holiday weekend ended. Keep an eye out next week for a newsletter packed with community events and updates! For now, we've got quite a bit of legislative business to dive into.

The Board of County Commissioners meets on Tuesday, and this week's agenda contains a few very pressing items. I want to start by highlighting the final three items on the agenda, which pertain to the impacts of [Senate Bill 180](#).

Senate Bill 180, a recently-passed state law, threatens to overturn home rule and undo the will of Orange County voters. Under the guise

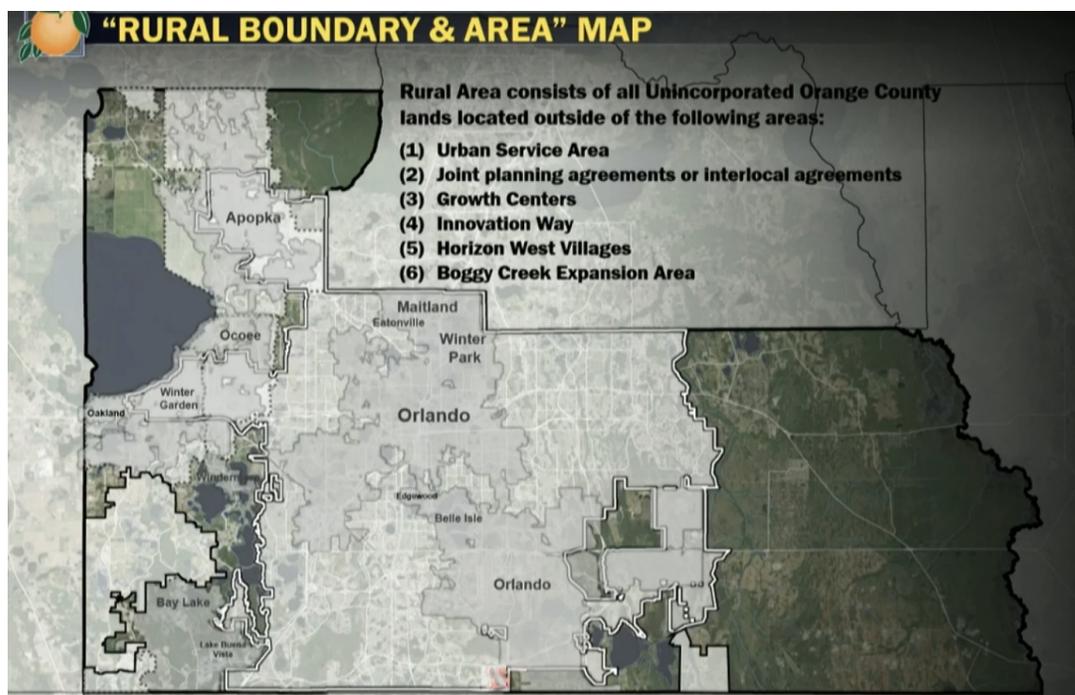
of "Emergency Management," the bill allows the state to preempt local governments from doing anything to regulate irresponsible development. That puts countless pieces of legislation at risk: Vision 2050, the Rural Boundary that was approved by voters in November, our Reams Road development moratorium, and many more.

The county has already been noticed by a party that is attempting to use this bill in order to get around protective local policies. **We will be discussing this notice, as well as the far-reaching implications of this bill, on Tuesday after 2:00 p.m.**

[Click here to sign up for public comment.](#) Democracy is a verb, and we always appreciate your involvement!

**Here are the particular agenda items addressing S.B. 180:**

- **Public Hearing E-7:** This hearing is regarding the notice calling for Orange County to repeal an amended map of the [Lake Pickett Study Area](#). This map amendment was completed to protect rural acreage in East Orange County from encroaching development.
- **Public Hearing E-8:** The county is being noticed to repeal the [Rural Boundary charter amendment](#), which was approved by 73% of voters in November of 2024. **Again, this legislation was enacted to protect rural lands county-wide.** It is now being targeted for repeal.



#### **Discussion Item A-2: Senate Bill 180 Impacts.**

- This is the final item on tomorrow's agenda. County staff will discuss S.B. 180 provisions and legal implications, its impacts on recent and current County initiatives; and near- and longer-term actions that could be necessary in order to comply with S.B. 180.

Now, a look at some other key items on Tuesday's BCC Agenda.

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## BCC Preview: Consent Agenda

### **Approval of additional grant funding for Matthew's Hope Ministries, for Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Diversion.**

- Matthews Hope is the only center in West Orange County that has comprehensive day services with medical overlay for the homeless.
- This is an amendment to provide more funds to an agreement that marked first time the nonprofit received grant funding from a local government. I am proud to have collaborated with their team to make it happen!
- [Matthews Hope Ministries](#) currently serves approximately 125 individuals monthly with medical and behavioral health services. These additional funds will continue to support ongoing care and care for new individuals who may seek these vital medical services.
- Residents who are unhoused and/or precariously housed in West Orange County may seek services Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM, on site at Matthew's Hope in Winter Garden.



The D1 team got a chance to visit the facilities at Matthew's Hope last week. This team truly cares about our neighbors in need and provides a long list of goods and services to help them out. There is always a need for donations of jeans, boxers, cotton shirts, mesh tennis shoes, and travel-size hygiene supplies!

## BCC: Discussion Agenda

### **Discussion Item A-1: State of the Arts Presentation.**

- Vicki Landon, Orange County's Arts & Cultural Affairs Administrator will present the FY 2026 Annual State of Arts to the board.



2025 "State of the Arts" Presentation  
Arts & Cultural Affairs  
July 15, 2025 Discussion Item

**BACKGROUND & HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mission: to elevate Central Florida's arts and culture to that befitting a world-class community
- Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Council members and makeup
- Accomplishments from Orange County arts and culture organizations
- State of Florida arts funding update

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**Discussion Item B-1: Pluris Wedgefield Update.**

- Utilities staff will update the board on their ongoing efforts to purchase and rehabilitate the failing water system that is currently privately operated by Pluris and used by approximately 1,800 properties in the Wedgefield subdivision, located in southeast Orange County.

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**Discussion Item C-1: ICE Warrant Service Officer Addendum and Intergovernmental Service Agreement Update.**

**NOTE: Public comment on this item will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.**

- The ICE 287g program has made updates to the agreement that allows them to utilize Orange County Corrections resources. The original agreement was ratified by the Board on March 25, despite "no" votes from me and Commissioner Martinez Semrad.
- As opposed to sending new agreements for signature, ICE has created an addendum which supersedes sections of the MOA. The Florida Sheriffs Association forwarded the addendum to all sheriffs and county jails for signature. The Mayor declined to sign this addendum.
- **Additionally, the Corrections Department and the County Attorney's Office will provide an update to the Board on the status of the Intergovernmental Service Agreement.**

## 'This is a federal operation. It should be done by federal agencies'

**What they're saying:** District 1 Commissioner Nicole Wilson was one of the no votes on the agreement. She said she has concerns about due process for detainees — and questions who is paying for all of this.

"We call this the free state of Florida and this feels like the show your papers state of Florida," Wilson said. "This is a federal operation. It should be done by federal agencies, and we're being passed this bill."



Click above for the full video. Like many of you, I continue to be gravely concerned about the operations of ICE within Orange County and beyond. The constitutional rights of our residents, including the right to due process, are non-negotiable. I will continue fighting to protect them.

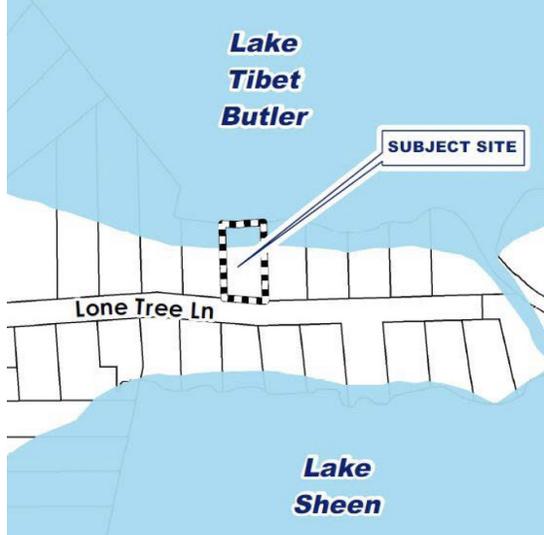
## BCC: Public Hearings

### Public Hearing B-3: Lake Tibet-Butler permit modification.

This Request is to modify a previously issued permit to remove the requirement to install riprap waterward of a new seawall along the shoreline. o

Property is located along Lake Tibet-Butler at 10017 Lone Tree Lane, Orlando, FL, 32836

[\(Click here for more info\)](#)



### Public Hearing D-5: Pool/deck variance request on Lake Butler



This Request is to allow a pool and deck with a setback of 35.5 ft. from the Normal High Water Elevation, in lieu of the standard 50 ft.

Property is located at 12607 W. Lake Butler Rd. Windermere, FL 34786.

[\(Click here for more info\)](#)

### Public Hearing E-6: Suspending Orange County’s “Minority/Women Business Enterprise Ordinance” and subsequently creating a “Small Business Enterprise” [\(Click here for more info\)](#)

- As discussed during our [last BCC meeting](#), this is the result of President Donald Trump’s executive order to end diversity, equity and inclusion programs. Failing to do this would be putting federal funding for initiatives like Head Start at risk.
- Make no mistake: we will continue finding ways to ensure that these invaluable programs being affected are still able to reach our residents in new forms.

## ABC's of the BCC

The Board of County Commissioners meets every other Tuesday.

Come on down!



Board of County Commissioners meetings occur every other Tuesday with a morning agenda and an afternoon agenda.

The early agenda allows public comment on any topic at 9:00 a.m., where a constituent may come to the Orange County Administration Building in person and give your thoughts on any item except for a public hearing, which is later.

Work Sessions or items on the Discussion Agenda are up for debate by the Board and are not voted on.

Public hearings begin after 2:00 p.m., which include zoning variances, public appeals, ordinances, and more. This is where constituents can submit public comments in person on a specific issue.

To attend the BCC, please find information [here](#).

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions or concerns at [district1@ocfl.net](mailto:district1@ocfl.net)

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