

Bryan's Brief

November, 2010

Cold weather has arrived! Fireplaces and heaters are operating. We're raking leaves, settling in for the holidays and the elections are over. We can expect exceptional leadership with John Dailey elected as the Chair of the County Commission. Killearn Lakes resident, Akin Akinyemi was elected vice chair, and with two new commissioners - Kristen Dozier, representing District V and Nick Maddox, serving as an at-large commissioner - change has again come to the County. I'm looking forward to the new dynamics that comes with the new leadership and with the new elected officials. I ask you to join me in extending our appreciation to Bob Rackleff and Cliff Thael for their dedicated service to our County and wish them well in their new endeavors.

As with the County, we've experienced change across the street at the State. You may or may not agree with the politics of those elected, but please welcome the new administration - it behooves us to work together, whether City, County, or State elected official, so that we can more effectively address the many issues that face our County and State.

Since my election in 2006, I've served as a member of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) organization, lobbying on the State and Federal levels to address issues affecting Florida. I'm honored to have been elected in June as the Second Vice President of the FAC Board and will continue to work with them to try to address State issues that continue to negatively affect our County and the services provided to you!

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners adopted the fiscal year 2010/2011 budget of \$244,130,080 effective in October, reducing government spending by about \$3 million from last year's budget of \$247,165,925, keeping the millage rate at 8.35 and reducing property taxes by \$1.8 million. The adopted budget for FY2011 brings the total reduction of the County's budget to more than \$40.1 million, or roughly 17 percent, since 2008. And for the second year in a row, the County has reduced its citizens' property taxes, resulting in a cumulative savings of \$11 million over the past two budget cycles.

**DISTRICT IV UPDATE - Congratulations go out to Joe Brown, our Director of Engineering in Public Works, on his recent retirement from the County. We wish him much enjoyment in this next chapter of his life.** With Joe's retirement, we can expect some delays in our District IV projects, right now the Killearn Lakes Stormwater Project is on hold until we can complete the hiring process to fill Joe's position. The following projects will continue to move forward:

**Northeast Library** - renovations have been completed and the library is open for your use. We'll be scheduling a dedication soon.

**Intersection improvements**- Plans and engineering are complete for the Bannerman Rd/Bull Headley intersection project which includes adding turn lanes and stormwater improvements and we'll begin the process of bidding the project for construction in January.

**Sidewalk Extensions** - work continues on the sidewalk and safety improvement project for Deer Lake and Kinhega Drives and we are receiving many positive comments. This project should be finished by next summer.

**Micosukee Park** - work continues on the engineering, design and permitting for the expansion of the sports complex which will add much needed football and soccer fields. With the delays we are experiencing on this project, construction will be delayed until the summer.

**Roadway Improvements - Proctor Rd** - additional speed limit signs have been added and Sheriff Larry Campbell has assigned target patrols to the area. **Resurfacing** has been completed on County Rd 59!

As always, thank you for your continuing support. I'm honored to serve as your District IV Commissioner. I welcome your suggestions on how we can further improve our operations and services and hope you'll call me if you have any questions or concerns – [deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov) or 606-5364.

Respectfully,



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