



Bryan's Brief  
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By the time you receive this, we'll be moving into the "dog days of summer". Instead of the ongoing drought we've been experiencing, we're blessed with rain but now we have to contend with the ever increasing mosquito population. The majority of the mosquitoes complaints we've received, (over 5000 in the past few weeks), came from the south side of the County. We're doing aerial spraying in that area which will free up the trucks and phones to concentrate on the rest of the County. Calls are taken on a first-come first-serve (?) basis - best way to contact is 606-1400.

As I'm sure you know from the media, we've been busy hammering out the budget. The proposed budget for FY13 is approximately \$223 million - that's a reduction of \$61 million in 5 years. We've been making cuts, reorganizing for cost effectiveness, and have had to use reserve funds to help balance the budget. We're fast reaching the point where very serious decisions may have to be made that could have a future impact on health and safety services and programs. The budget workshop agenda provides more specific information and can be viewed at <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/Workshops/WS120120709.pdf>. Keep in mind, it's not over - what we have done at this point is build a framework that will be used to estimate proposed taxes, budget impacts, and offer citizens time to see what the potential effect will be to them on an individual basis. The budget won't be final until September and the first public hearing will be [on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m.](#) in the Commission Chambers on the fifth floor of the Leon County Courthouse located at 301 S. Monroe St. The second public hearing will be at the same location [on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m.](#), at which time the Board will adopt the final budget. I am very proud of the fact that Leon County ranks sixth out of 67 counties with the net lowest budget per citizens served. In the comparison of County employees per citizens served we are the second lowest of the 67 Counties. We continue to work hard at doing more with less.

I'm aware the proposed budget is of concern to many, and I commit I'm listening to everyone. I appreciate all who have taken the time to write, call or speak to me about your concerns. I assure you I'll take those concerns into consideration in developing options and casting my final vote.

**Orchard Pond Toll Road** - the consultant has held a public hearing to take input on the proposed project that is proposed to extend from Meridian to Old Bainbridge. This project continues to move forward. For more information, go to agenda item 10 at:

<http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/view.asp?id=10593&phrase=Orchard+Pond+Toll>

**Bull Headley/Bannerman Road Intersection Improvements** - the bid has been awarded for intersection improvements to include a signal upgrade, a left turn lane from Bannerman onto Bull Headley and a sidewalk connection from the intersection to Summerbrook. Work should begin in the next 30 days and will take four to five months.

**Thomasville Rd Parks Property** - The Board has approved moving forward with the purchase of the property and is referring this project to the Leon County Sales Tax Committee for their consideration for inclusion in the infrastructure sales tax projects. To find out more about this committee, go to <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/LeonCountySalesTaxCommittee>. On the right side of that page, you can click on the agendas, minutes, future meeting dates, etc. Their mission is to take public input on the proposed infrastructure projects and make recommendations to the County Commission on those the public has indicated are of high priority. You may want to contact them to share your thoughts on this proposed District IV recreation project.

In closing, I want to tell all of you how honored I am that I will continue another term as your District IV Commissioner. To be elected for a second term without opposition is humbling and I commit to all of you that I will continue to do the best job I can in representing District IV residents' concerns. As always, I welcome your input and appreciate all of you who act as my eyes and ears in the District. Many of the improvements we've already made, or are working on now, came about because of suggestions or observations from some of you. As you plan for your Fall neighborhood/homeowner's association meetings, please let me know the dates and times so that hopefully I can join you. I hope you'll call on me if you have further questions or concerns – [deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov) or [606-5364](tel:606-5364).

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