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Leon County Commissioner  
District 5

Dear Friends,

The summer is quickly winding down. Our public schools are back in session and our universities are starting to welcome a new Freshman class for the Fall Semester.

It is always a pleasure to provide you with valuable information about Leon County and the great things that are happening around our community. Thank you to everyone who has sent me such great feedback on the newsletter.



If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at [dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov). You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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## The 2015-16 County Budget

Every year the County Commission must pass a budget to fund essential services. This year's budget strikes a balance by being fiscally conservative, and at the same time, supporting our community's highest priorities.

In September, the County Commission will hold two (2) public hearings to allow citizens to weigh-in on the proposed budget for 2015-16. Below are highlights of the proposed budget:

### **Total Budget**

The tentative budget of \$238,553,913 represents a 4.4% increase from last fiscal year due to a positive increase in property values.

### **Property Taxes**

No increase in Leon County government-levied millage rates for the upcoming year.

### **Other Budget Highlights**

\*Eliminating of six (6) full-time positions and adding of three (3) full-time positions, for a net decrease of three (3) positions.

\*Increasing funding for social service agencies of an additional \$175,000 to the Community Human Service Partnership (CHSP) for a total of \$1 million.

\*Increasing salaries for Sheriff's employees over the next three (3) years to remain competitive in retaining deputies and correction officer.

\*Earmarking \$1.9 million for primary health care programs.

\*Allocating \$1.5 million for sidewalk projects.

To view the entire FY 15-16 tentative budget, [click here](#).

The first public hearing will be on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. and the second public hearing will be held on Sept. 29. at 6 p.m. Both public hearings will be held in the Commission Chambers on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse. Following the second public hearing, the Commission will adopt the final budget and millage rates.

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## Events in the Community

August 26 - [League of Women Voters of Tallahassee "Hot Topics" luncheon](#) (Improving Early Childhood Education in Leon County) at the Capital City Country Club, \$17/members and \$20/non-members (11:00am - 1:00pm)

August 27 - [Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's seminar](#) at Capital Regional Medical Center, 1st Floor Classroom (12:00pm) - FREE

August 28 - [Movie Night at the Museum featuring E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial](#), at the Capitol Complex Courtyard (8:00pm - 10:30pm) - FREE

August 29 - "Experience Tallahassee" an event to welcome back students to Tallahassee at Cascades Park (6:00pm - 9:00pm) - FREE

August 28, 29, 30 - [Rock of Ages](#) at Theatre Tallahassee

September 5 - [Free Planetarium Show](#) at Challenger Learning Center (10:00am - 11:00am)

September 11 - 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service Ceremony at the FSU College of Law (11:00am)

September 26 - [Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra: Fantastique Night](#) at Ruby Diamond Auditorium (8:00pm)

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

### September 15, 2015

12:00pm: Workshop on Council on Culture & Arts (COCA)

1:30pm: Workshop on the 2016 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (view the Commission agenda [\[here\]](#))

### 6:00pm Public Hearings:

1). First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for Fiscal Year 2016

2). First and Only Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendments to the Communication Antennas and Communication Antenna Support Structures Ordinance

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse. (Commission schedules and agendas are listed [here](#).) Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast channel 16 or stream it live through the [County's website](#). All meetings are open to the public.

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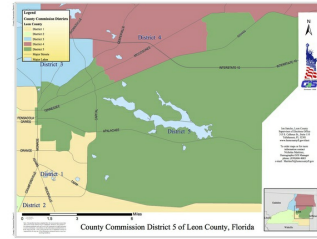
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