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## Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends,

At next Tuesday's Commission meeting we will get an update on the implementation of the **Hurricane Hermine After-Action Report**. The report included 80 recommendations that were compiled through extensive review of plans, preparations, response, and recovery efforts in the weeks following the storm. The recommendations are also a result of five (5) listening sessions that Commissioners and staff conducted with more than 400 residents throughout the community.



Staff will also recommend to the Commission that we enter in to an agreement with Airbnb, that will allow the County to collect Tourist Development Taxes (TDT) from them. In 2016, our staff estimated that 300 Leon County hosts generated nearly \$1 million from 8,000 Airbnb guests. Currently, the County does not collect tourist development taxes from Airbnb.

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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## 2017 Legislative Wrap-Up

The Legislature finished their 2017 Session in early May sending the Governor a final budget of nearly \$83 billion. Several local projects that were priorities of the County Commission were funded. They include:

**\$1 million to fund and implement a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project that will provide backup generators for libraries and community centers for use during and after natural disasters.**

**\$530,000 to replace the Veterans Memorial Highway Bridge on County Road 59, an evacuation route to the North used by many residents.**

**\$300,000 for Phase II of the Orchard Pond Greenway Trail.**

The budget also contains funding for several road projects within Leon County that are a part of the Department of Transportation 5-Year Work Program during the upcoming fiscal year. These projects are:

- \$8.4 million for widening Capital Circle SW from Crawfordville Hwy. to Springhill Rd.
- \$3.7 million for right-of-way acquisition along Woodville Hwy. from Capital Circle to Gaile Ave.
- \$3.5 million for resurfacing North Monroe St. from John Knox Rd. to Thomasville Rd.
- \$2.2 million for resurfacing U.S. 90 from Fernwood Rd. the Gadsden County Line.
- \$2.0 million for construction of a roundabout at Wakulla Springs Rd. and Oak Ridge Rd.
- \$1.4 million for resurfacing Wakulla Springs Road from Capital Circle to Wakulla County line.
- \$1.4 million to resurface Apalachee Pkwy. from Capital Circle to Jefferson County line.
- \$1.1 million for landscaping along Capital Circle NW from U.S. 90 to I-10.
- \$855,000 for landscaping along U.S. 27 from Allen Rd. to the Gadsden County line.
- \$706,400 for bridge painting – CSX railroad bridge over Apalachee Parkway.
- \$469,700 for engineering to resurface Blountstown Hwy. from Pensacola St. to Tennessee St.

The Legislature also approved a bill that would propose an amendment to the state constitution to provide an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption for certain homeowners. If approved by voters in November of 2018, the impact to the County's budget could be severe.

**This could result in a shortfall of millions of dollars in revenue starting in 2019. Staff is still crunching the numbers and will provide the Commission with estimates at our June 20th Budget Workshop. I would also expect the staff to present us with options at our June 20th Workshop, of cost savings measures that could help us prepare for the passage of the referendum.**

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## Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the upcoming Leon County Committee vacancies.

Applications for appointment can be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to -- Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: [SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov)

- Advisory Committee for Quality Growth
- Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- CareerSource Capital Region Board
- Planning Commission

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## Events in the Community

May 20 - **2017 Sundown Summer Concert Series presents FUTUREBIRDS and The New 76ers** at the Capital City Amphitheater in Cascades Park (7:00pm) - FREE

May 26 - **The Avett Brothers** in concert at the Capital City Amphitheater in Cascades Park (8:15pm) - Ticket prices vary

May 31 - **Leon County Citizen Engagement Series presents Prepare Now** at the Public Safety Complex (6:00pm; 911 Easterwood Drive) - FREE

June 3 - **Prepare to Weather the Storm: Build Your Bucket event** at the Pavilion at the Centre of Tallahassee (9:00am-noon) - FREE

June 3 - **National Trails Day at JR Alford Greenway** hosted by the Apalachee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association (9:00am-noon) - FREE

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

### May 23, 2017

9:00am: Community Legislative Dialogue Meeting (County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers)

3:00 pm: Leon County Commission meeting (view the Commission agenda [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

6:00pm: First and only Public Hearing to consider proposed ordinance amending the zoning map from the Single Family Residential (R-1) and Urban Residential (R-4) Zoning Districts to the Light Industrial (M-1) Zoning District (Tallahassee Utilities) (view Public Hearing agenda [here](#)) - Tallahassee City Commission Chambers

6:00pm: Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing for 2017 Out-of-Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments; Joint City/County Adoption Hearing on Cycle 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (view the Comp. Plan Amendments [here](#)) - Tallahassee City Commission Chambers

### May 25, 2017

9:30am: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting (view the CRA agenda [here](#)) - City Commission Chambers

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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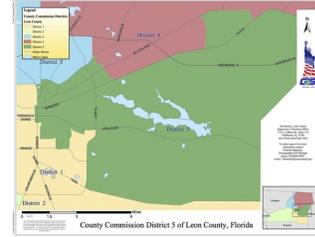
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