



The Latest from Your District 5 Office

Dear Friend,

As your County Commissioner, I'm passionate about making sure everyone in our community has access to the healthcare they need. That's why I'm asking you to take a few minutes to fill out the **Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)**.

Your feedback is super important because it helps us figure out what health challenges we're facing and how we can solve them. **We can do things like expand healthcare access, improve mental health resources, and address food insecurity.**

Why is this so important?

- ✓ Your input helps shape local healthcare programs.
- ✓ It makes sure resources go where they're needed most.
- ✓ Together, we can create a healthier future for everyone.

Let's make our voices heard! Click below to take the survey

☐ **Please share!** The more people who take the survey, the better we can serve our community. Forward this email to your friends, family, and neighbors and encourage them to join us.

Thanks for being a part of this important effort!

Sincerely,

-David,

Take the survey today! Your voice and participation matters.

Recent Votes at the County Commission

Have you ever wondered how your local elected officials vote on various issues? These are the key votes from our January 28, 2025, County Commission Meeting.



1/28/2025 Votes

Approved an Ordinance related to code enforcement procedures removing language that allowed liens to be placed on real and personal property owned by the violator.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Proctor, Maddox

NO

Minor, O'Keefe

Not Present:

Abstained:



1/28/2025 Votes

Approved an Ordinance prohibiting the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits, including an exemption for the one retail store in the unincorporated area which currently sells rabbits.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe,
Maddox

NO

Not Present:

Abstained:



1/28/2025 Votes

Motion to accept the report on the CAJM proposal and direct staff to implement the proposal to reallocate 20% of the County's portion of the infrastructure sales tax to establish an Affordable Rental Housing Land Acquisition and Leaseback Program to provide financial assistance to multifamily housing development projects and to set aside units for very low and extremely low-income households.

FAIL

YES

Proctor, O'Keefe

NO

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Minor, Maddox



1/28/2025 Votes

Motion to have staff work with CAJM and other stakeholders and bring back funding options for more affordable housing at the Commission's next budget workshop.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Minor, O'Keefe, Maddox

NO

Proctor

Not Present:

Abstained:



Shelter Pet of the Month - Rider

Meet Rider! He's a 66lb., neutered male and the shelter staff thinks he's a 1 year and 5 month old Labrador Retriever and American Bulldog mix. He's a confident, goofy and smart boy and very social. He is house-trained and is a big fan of couches, beds, and lots of snuggles.

Rider loves the outdoors and is a great hiking buddy. While out on the trails he is wonderful passing humans, horses, cyclists and another pup. He is an amazing pup and will make a great companion!

By Appointment: Daily: 10:00a - 6:00

Walk-in Kennel Viewings: Wed., Sat. and Sun.: 1:00p - 5:00p

Phone: 850-891-2950

Shelter Address: 1125 Easterwood Drive

[Shelter Adoption Information](#)

WFSU Creating Sensory Spaces



In an effort to better serve our community and kids of all abilities, WFSU Education's team will be creating a designated sensory space at all of their upcoming events. To achieve this, they are accepting donations for sensory tools for young children, so all families can feel welcome and comfortable.

With a donation of just \$5 or more, you can help make their events more inclusive. Make a donation today by clicking [here](#)!

Black History Month

This month we celebrate and honor Black History. Black History is American History, and now more than ever, we need to celebrate it all year long. Keep up with all of Leon County's Black History Month [Events and Resources](#).



Railroad Crossing Improvements

Back at our July 2024 Commission Meeting I suggested that our staff bring back information about the safety of all the railway crossings in the county. As a result of that information we determined that safety improvements were warranted.

Work began in mid-December of 2024 to improve the safety at the four railway crossings in District 5 - Baum Road, Benjamin Chaires Road, Capitola Road and Chaires Cross Road. The new crossing surfaces and pavement markings now make it safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

I would like to thank Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad for their participation in this effort to make these improvements possible. Below are some 'before' and 'after' photos showing the improvements that were made.

District 5 Railroad Crossing Improvements



Baum Rd. - Before



Baum Rd. - After



Benjamin Chaires Rd. - Before



Benjamin Chaires Rd. - After



Capitola Rd. - Before



Capitola Rd. - After



Chaires Cross Rd. - Before



Chaires Cross Rd. - After





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