



Dear Friends:

I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! This Thanksgiving, I am incredibly grateful to you for giving me this chance to represent you on our County Commission. I also want to thank my Commission colleagues and the Leon County team for welcoming me with open arms.

For the past year, I've dedicated myself to bringing new energy and ideas to address our community's most significant issues: affordable housing, homelessness, public accountability, public safety, expanding sidewalks, pedestrian safety, climate change, and more. Meeting these challenges will continue to require our entire community to face them together.

I set out to bring the most transparent communications to show you what the County Commission is up to and how things work. I want to be the most open and available Commissioner you have. To accomplish this, we've tried many ways to connect with you, from emails to community meetings.

Here are just some of our communications:

- [Social Media Pages \(Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn\)](#)
- [Weekly Update Videos](#)
- [Week Ahead Schedules](#)
- [Pre-meeting briefing videos](#)
- [Meeting Vote Summaries](#)
- [Post-meeting summary videos](#)

Which of these work best for you? What other ways can we reach you? Would you be interested in behind-the-scenes videos?

Again, thank you for putting your trust in me.

Sincerely,

Thanksgiving Food Distribution Saturday 11/18/23 @7am

Second Harvest of the Big Bend's Thanksgiving Food Distribution starts at 7 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18, until the food is gone, in the Sears parking lot at Governor's Square Mall. Includes food/ingredients to make a Thanksgiving meal. This is designed as a drive-thru event only, but no one will be turned away until supplies are exhausted.

We also have links to food pantries on our [bio links page](#).

A promotional poster for a Thanksgiving food distribution event. The top section features a dark wood background with several autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. In the upper left corner, there is a circular logo for "Second Harvest OF THE BIG BEND" which includes a stylized apple icon. The main body of the poster has a solid orange background. The text is centered and reads: "THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION" in large, bold, white capital letters, followed by "SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH" in slightly smaller white capital letters. Below this, it says "STARTING AT 7AM AT GOVERNOR'S SQUARE MALL IN THE SEARS PARKING LOT TALLAHASSEE, FL" in white capital letters. At the bottom, it lists "*TURKEYS, DRY HOLIDAY GOODS, AND FRESH PRODUCE" in white capital letters. On the left side of the orange section, there is a cartoon illustration of a turkey's head and neck. On the right side, there are more autumn leaves.

Second Harvest
OF THE BIG BEND

THANKSGIVING FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

STARTING AT 7AM
AT GOVERNOR'S SQUARE MALL
IN THE SEARS PARKING LOT
TALLAHASSEE, FL

*TURKEYS, DRY HOLIDAY GOODS, AND FRESH PRODUCE

Shelter Pet of the Month

Meet Sassy! She is a spayed female and looks to be a Black Mouth Cur. The shelter staff thinks she's two years and two months old.

She's a 48 lb bundle of joy and a social butterfly through and through. Her greatest

joy is connecting with other humans and her fellow furry friends. Sassy enjoys everything from a picnic in the park to a stroll through the neighborhood. Can you help Sassy find her forever home?



[Find out how to adopt Sassy!](#)

November Blueprint Meeting Votes

Last week's Blueprint Meeting may have been our most productive since I joined the Commission in 2022. We've captured the vote summaries below.

BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Accept staff report. Bring agenda item to initiate the substantial amendment process to allow infrastructure funds to be used for affordable housing, with budget analysis and CEFA economic analysis.

PASSED



Matlow, Porter,
Williams-Cox,
Maddox, Cummings,
Minor, Proctor,
Welch

Dailey,
Richardson,
Caban

YES

NO

NOT PRESENT:

ABSTAINED:



David O'Keefe
Leon County Commissioner, District 5

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BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Bring an informational agenda item back to the February meeting, detailing the next steps to establish a staffing that reports directly to the IA Board. Including: Blueprint Director, Attorney, and OEV Director.



Matlow, Porter,
Caban, Cummings,
Minor, O'Keefe,
Proctor

YES

Williams-Cox

NO

NOT PRESENT: Dailey, Richardson, Maddox, Welch

ABSTAINED:



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BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Bring back an agenda item to address the scope of the Airport Gateway project.

PASSED

Matlow, Porter,
Williams-Cox,
Caban, Cummings,
Minor, O'Keefe,
Proctor

YES

NO

NOT PRESENT: Dailey, Richardson, Maddox, Welch

ABSTAINED:



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BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Appoint Christopher Daniels, Mary Glowacki, and Byron Greene to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

PASSED

Dailey, Matlow, Porter,
Richardson, Williams-
Cox, Caban, Cummings,
Maddox, Minor, O'Keefe,
Proctor, Welch

YES

NO

NOT PRESENT:

ABSTAINED:



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BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Appoint Chuck Goodheart to the
CAC in the role of Natural
scientist/Biologist.

PASSED

Dailey, Matlow, Porter,
Richardson, Williams-
Cox, Caban, Cummings,
Maddox, Minor, O'Keefe,
Proctor, Welch

YES

NO

NOT PRESENT:

ABSTAINED:



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BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Direct staff to analyze the Charlie Ward Foundation Sports Ranch proposal for the non-competitive project program.

PASSED

Dailey, Matlow, Porter,
Richardson, Williams-
Cox, Caban,
Cummings, Maddox,
Minor, O'Keefe,
Proctor, Welch

YES

NO

NOT PRESENT:

ABSTAINED:



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BLUEPRINT 11/7/23 Votes

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Direct staff to analyze the Tally Robotics proposal for the non-competitive project program.

PASSED

Dailey, Matlow, Porter,
Richardson, Williams-
Cox, Caban,
Cummings, Maddox,
Minor, O'Keefe,
Proctor, Welch

YES

NO

NOT PRESENT:

ABSTAINED:



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Nov. 14th County Commission Meeting Recap

- ✓ Gave final approval to a new ordinance that increases the available land for residential infill development by allowing Accessory Dwelling Units in additional zoning districts. **I SUPPORTED this ordinance.**
- ✓ Adopted a new legislative priority related to the sale of mobile home parks, allowing individual owners the right to buy the mobile home park before an outside investor and following in the footsteps of other states to prevent corporate investors from purchasing mobile home parks and doubling the rent. **I SUPPORTED this new legislative priority.**
- ✓ Directed staff to bring back a draft ordinance that authorizes law enforcement to

enforce solicitation and panhandling on private properties with penalties that could include fines and jail time. **I OPPOSED this new draft ordinance.**

Upcoming Public Meetings

☐ **Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m.:** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, City Commission Chamber, City Hall.

☐ **Nov. 28 at 1 p.m.:** County Commission Workshop on Human Service Programs, County Commission Chamber, County Courthouse.

☐ **Dec. 12 at 3 p.m.:** County Commission Meeting & Public Hearings, County Commission Chamber, County Courthouse.



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