



Mission Statement

To provide leadership and direction to County staff, to facilitate the implementation of Board priorities and policies, and to manage the operation of County functions to ensure the delivery of cost effective, customer responsive public services within the bounds of available resources.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Provided comprehensive organizational leadership of Leon County Government while continuing the people focused, performance driven culture.

Governance

- Continued to institute Leon LEADS Cross Departmental Action Teams, which performed an internal review to find efficiencies and yielded new productivities throughout many work areas.
- Facilitated the 2014 Board retreat, resulting in an updated FY 2012 - FY 2016 Leon County Strategic Plan, which assured the Commissioners staff has clear direction as to the execution of the priorities of the county.
- Continued to involve citizens as stakeholders in our community, through means such as the Citizens Engagement Series and Leon County Citizen Committees, including the Sales Tax Committee.

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PROVIDING FISCAL, STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- During FY2014 Leon County exercised sound fiscal stewardship, evidenced that even during a slow economic recovery for the organization and the people we serve:
 - » The international ratings agency Fitch continued to provide Leon County with a “AA” bond rating. According to Fitch “The County’s financial profile is characterized by prudent, forward-looking budgeting, high reserve levels, and strong liquidity...”
 - » Developed a proposed balanced budget without raising the property tax rate.
 - » Refinanced outstanding debt by leveraging the favorable conditions of the current financial markets to save \$170,000 annually or \$1.8 million over the life of the bonds.
 - » Realized \$500,000 in utility savings through the County’s energy efficient investments.
 - » Implemented a pay for performance plan based on employee’s evaluations, allowing us to recognize those employees based on their performance.
- Engaged citizens as stakeholders in their County government in meaningful ways:
 - » Partnered with the Village Square in establishing the “Club of Honest Citizens: A Forum for Fierce Community Collaboration.”
 - » Supported the Leon County Citizens Sales Tax Committee to develop a holistic set of capital projects which address long term infrastructure needs which will be voted on in a November referendum.
 - » Hosted the annual Operation Thank You, which recognized our WWII Veterans on the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.
 - » In honor of 9/11, partnered with local volunteers and transformed Crown Ridge Estates, a neighborhood in need.
- Even during the slow economic recovery, the Board continues to make appropriate investments in our community. County Administration manages and oversees the delivery of these projects, including:
 - » Continued Leadership over Blueprint 2000 project execution including Capital Circle and Cascades Park.
 - » The County Administrator serves with the City Manager and Sheriff as the governing body overseeing the consolidated Communication Dispatch Agency that provides dispatch services to all law enforcement, fire and EMS first responders.

Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service



Leon County Government received seven national awards recognizing outstanding county programs and services. The National Association of Counties (NACo) presented Achievement Awards to Leon County in categories ranging from Parks and Recreation to Information Technology. NACo’s awards recognize how Leon County provides the most cost-effective, high-quality service to citizens.



Did You Know

Leon County has been deemed a 2012-2014 Citizen Engaged Community by the Public Technology Institute.