



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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 enforcing the People Focused, Performance Driven culture.

Governance

- Facilitated the 2016 Board Retreat, resulting in an updated FY 2012 - FY 2016 Leon County Strategic Plan that ensured staff pursues County priorities.
- Continued to involve citizens as stakeholders in the community by hosting the Citizen Engagement Series, continuing the Club of Honest Citizens, and facilitating Leon County citizen committees such as Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) Programs Evaluation Committee.

Economy

- Developed an Economic Development Ecosystem Model in partnership with the City of Tallahassee to provide for the integration of policy, the collection and utilization of data, and the coordinated implementation of projects and initiatives through the new joint Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality.

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PROVIDING FISCAL, STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- During FY2016 Leon County exercised sound fiscal stewardship even during the slow economic recovery.
 - » Moody's Investor Service, the bond credit rating business, issued a report in August 2016, calling Leon County's financial position "very strong." The report focuses on Leon County's key credit factors including "a robust financial position" and "a healthy socioeconomic profile." Specifically, the Moody's report highlights the County's management and governance, stating that "balanced financial operations are a component of sound financial management."
 - » Developed a proposed balanced budget without raising the property tax rate.
 - » Allocated \$98,417 in savings from debt refinancing in FY15 to support related debt service payments.
 - » Realized \$850,000 in utility savings through the County's energy efficient investments.
 - » Saved \$879,297 in recurring costs and \$74,801 in one-time costs in the two years since implementing the County's I² (squared) Employee Awards Program.
- Engaged citizens as stakeholders in their County government by:
 - » Conducting 30 separate LEADS Listening Sessions with 350 citizen participants resulting in 124 proposed improvements to County business operations, employee satisfaction and customer experience.
 - » Continuing to partner with The Village Square to host Club of Honest Citizens events.
 - » Supporting the MWSBE Programs Evaluation Committee to develop recommendations to grow and expand opportunities for local minority and women-owned businesses.
 - » Partnering with local volunteers to revitalize the Woodside Heights neighborhood in recognition of 9/11.
- Throughout the slow economic recovery, the Board continues to make appropriate investments in the community. County Administration manages and oversees the delivery of certain projects, including:
 - » Hosting various Citizen Engagement Series workshops on topics such as race relations, public safety and the County's budget.
 - » Continued leadership over Blueprint 2000 project execution including Capital Circle, Capital Cascades Trail, and the Magnolia Multi-Use Trail.
 - » The County Administrator serves with the City Manager and Sheriff as the governing body overseeing the Consolidated Dispatch Agency that provides dispatch services for all law enforcement, fire and EMS first responders.
- Leon County Administrator Vincent S. Long served in 2015-16 as President of the Florida Association of County Managers (FACM) and continues to serve as Immediate Past President.

Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

Leon County Government received 14 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties, including one "Best in Category" award for Leon County's DesignWorks program. These awards recognize how Leon County provides cost-effective, high-quality service to citizens in categories ranging from Parks and Recreation to Information Technology.

