



## 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

- Developed Interlocal Agreements, which consolidated public safety dispatchers for the Leon County Sheriff, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, Tallahassee Police and Tallahassee Fire, and provided for the support and maintenance of the Public Safety Complex and associated telecommunications and technology.

### Governance

- Continued to institute Leon LEADS (details on page 6 of this Annual Report).
- Facilitated the 2012 Board retreat, resulting in an updated FY 2012 & FY 2013 Leon County Strategic Plan, which includes 109 Strategic Initiatives. Progress is tracked and reported twice a year (details on pages 10 - 15 of this Annual Report).
- Instituted LEADS Cross Departmental Action Teams.
- Continued to engage citizens as stakeholders in our community, through means such as the Citizen Engagement Series and Leon County Citizen Committees, including the Sales Tax Committee.
- Prepared an ordinance, approved by the Board, which established the Leon County Domestic Partnership Registry that opened May 2013.

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## PROVIDING FISCAL, STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- FY 2013 was a year of change for Leon County government and a time of continued economic challenge for this organization and the people we serve.
  - » Exercised sound fiscal stewardship, evidenced by developing a proposed balanced budget that addressed an \$8.78 million budget shortfall without increasing property tax collection, and resulted in the 5th lowest net budget per capita and the 3rd lowest number of employees per capita in comparison to Florida's other 66 counties.
  - » Rebid and renegotiated an agreement for waste collection services, resulting in a cost decrease of \$72/year/household (a 30% decrease) for residents' curbside service.
  - » Renegotiated the Fire Services Agreement with the City of Tallahassee.
  - » Reinforced the importance of Leon County's "People Focused, Performance Driven" culture and underlying Core Practices, including instituting Customer Experience Training for all employees.
- Developed the following Interlocal Agreements, approved by the Board, that consolidated public safety dispatchers and provided for the use, support and maintenance of the Public Safety Complex: Joint Management and Use Agreement (County/City), Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Communications Agreement (County/City/Sheriff), and Telecommunications and Technology Agreement (County/City/Sheriff).
- Engaged citizens as stakeholders in their County government through means that include: supporting the Leon County Sales Tax Committee and proposed holistic capital projects, which address long-term infrastructure needs; continuing the Citizen Engagement Series; hosting Operation Thank You: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans; opening the Domestic Partnership Registry; and holding three well-attended community meetings to discuss proposed revisions to the Stormwater Management and Solid Waste ordinances and supporting fee structures, potential closing of rural waste service centers, and consideration of an additional 5-cent gas tax.
- Even in these difficult economic times, the Board made appropriate investments in our community. County Administration manages and oversees the delivery of those projects, including: the Public Safety Complex and associated telecommunications and technology, which includes a next generation 9-1-1 system; the new Lake Jackson Community Center in the Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington; the Cascades Park Amphitheater; Selena Road improvements to address flooding; Edinburg Estates drainage improvements; Miccosukee Community Park and Chaires Community Park improvements; Killearn Lakes drainage repairs/maintenance; Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington site improvements; Meridian and Rhoden Cove Roads intersection improvements; Lafayette Street turn lane, drainage and sidewalk improvements; Lakeside Drive drainage improvements; and Fairbanks Ferry emergency access improvements.
- Continued leadership over Blueprint 2000 project execution including Capital Circle and Cascades Park.

### Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

Leon County's Citizen Engagement Series received the National Association of Counties 2013 Achievement Award.



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County Administrator Vincent S. Long was named as Leadership Tallahassee's 2013 Leader of the Year.



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