



The Leon County

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Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners held its 2011 Reorganization of the Board Ceremony on Nov. 15 in the Commission Chambers of the Leon County Courthouse.

Clerk of Courts Bob Inzer swore in At-Large Commissioner Akin Akinyemi as Chairman and At-Large Commissioner Nick Maddox as Vice-Chairman. For the next year, Chairman Akinyemi will serve as the official representative of the Board, leading official meetings and signing resolutions on the Board's behalf.



(From left to right) Commissioner John E. Dailey (District 3), Commissioner Kristin Dozier (District 5), Vice-Chairman Nick Maddox (At-Large), Chairman Akin Akinyemi (At-Large), Commissioner Bryan Desloge (District 4), Commissioner Jane G. Sauls (District 2) and Commissioner Bill Proctor (District 1).

REGISTER TODAY!!!

Leon County presents the Citizen Engagement Series

"Leon County Basics: Our Government, Our Community"

Thursday, January 19, 2012
6 p.m.

Leon County Courthouse
County Commission Chambers, 5th Floor
301 S. Monroe Street

To register, please visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CES or call (850) 606-5300. Registration closes Tuesday, January 17 at 5 p.m. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Citizen Engagement Series offers citizens the chance to gain greater insight into County government operations and engages them in various issues facing the community. The Citizen Engagement Series is open to all Leon County residents.

The series will kickoff on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6 p.m. with the first session titled, "Leon County Basics: Our Government, Our Community," which offers citizens a true sense of County government with an overview of its roles and responsibilities. The session will also include an interactive segment that encourages innovative and creative ideas from participants.

For more information, please contact:
Shington Lamy at (850) 606-5300



County Collects Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics

Leon County is holding the next household hazardous waste and electronics collection on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Rd. It will be open to residents only; businesses must contact the Hazardous Waste Center to make an appointment.



Certain items may not be accepted. For more information, contact the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division at (850) 606-1803. For the monthly schedule of dropoffs, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/hhw/collection.

The Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, is also open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., excluding holidays.

Charting the Course for Leon County's Future

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners recently held its annual retreat to chart the course for Leon County's future by creating a vision statement, establishing core values, and developing strategic priorities for Fiscal Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

Commissioners defined the following vision statement for Leon County government moving forward:

VISION STATEMENT

Leon County is a welcoming, diverse, healthy, and vibrant community, recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the stunning beauty of the unspoiled natural environment and a rich array of educational, recreational, cultural and social offerings for people of all ages. Leon County government is a responsible steward of the community's precious resources, a catalyst for engaging citizens, community and regional partners, and a provider of efficient services, which balance economic, environmental, and quality of life goals.

Commissioners established the following core values, which form the foundation for the County's people focused, performance driven culture:

CORE VALUES

Service, Relevance, Integrity, Accountability, Respect, Collaboration, Stewardship, Performance, Transparency, and Vision.

Following an in-depth discussion, Commissioners developed the following strategic priorities for the next two years:

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Economy - *To be an effective leader and a reliable partner in our continuous efforts to make Leon County a place which attracts talent, to grow and diversify our local economy, and to realize our full economic competitiveness in a global economy.*

Environment - *To be a responsible steward of our precious natural resources in our continuous efforts to make Leon County a place which values our environment and natural beauty as a vital component of our community's health, economic strength and social offerings.*

Quality of Life - *To be a provider of essential services in our continuous efforts to make Leon County a place where people are healthy, safe, and connected to their community.*

Governance - *To be a model local government which our citizens trust and to which other local governments aspire.*



Sales Tax Extension Committee Meeting

The Sales Tax Extension Committee will convene its first meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the second floor conference room of the Renaissance Center, located at 435 N. Macomb Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The committee is charged with the responsibility of collecting public input and making recommendations on issues related to the proposed extension of the one-cent infrastructure sales tax. For more information, contact Cristina Paredes at (850) 606-5300.

January 2012 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 9 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)** 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 23 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Retreat** 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 24 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Stormwater and Solid Waste Non Ad Valorem Assessments and Transportation Taxes*** 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting*** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing*** 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers