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Vincent S. Long Begins A New Era As County Administrator



Vincent S. Long

County Administrator Vincent S. Long began his new post last Thursday as the Leon County's chief executive. Long has worked for Leon County for more than 16 years under the mentorship of Parwez Alam, Leon County Administrator of 22 years and one of the longest-serving administrators in Florida.

In his first week on the job, Long proposed a budget to the Board of County Commissioners that balanced a \$13M shortfall, due to continual

decreases in communitywide property values at the current property rate.

Throughout his tenure, Long has been the lead staff person on some of the County's most important policy and management issues, including the creation and oversight of Leon County EMS; the creation of the Office of Sustainability; the consolidation and transformation of Leon County Tourism; and the functional consolidation of Leon County EMS and the City of Tallahassee Fire Department.

Long said, "I am so proud to serve this Board of County Commissioners and the people of this community, and I am very fortunate to lead the dedicated men and women of Leon County Government. We are poised as an organization to exceed the already high expectations of us."

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Plastic Container Recycling Expanded

Recycling in Leon County is getting easier thanks to an initiative from Sustainable Tallahassee embraced by Leon County and the City of Tallahassee. Effective immediately, all plastic containers that hold less than three gallons can be recycled, including items such as butter tubs, yogurt cups and produce baskets.

The collaborative effort of companies that receive plastics from the Leon County area resulted in a significant expansion to the plastic materials that can be processed. Previously, only certain plastic bottles and jugs were accepted by the County and City recycling collection programs. Now, household plastic containers that hold less than three gallons and have never held automotive fluid, pesticides or other hazardous materials can be collected through the existing County and City recycle collection programs.

For more information, visit www.talgov.com/you/solid/recycle.cfm, www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling or www.SustainableTallahassee.org.

RECYCLING

CONTAINERS

3 Gallons or less
Rinse all containers

- Aluminum Cans
- Tin & Steel Cans
- Glass Jars & Bottles
- Plastic Containers
- Bottles & Jugs
- Yogurt Cups
- Butter & Dairy Tub
- Plastic Caps & Lids



NO Styrofoam™

CARDBOARD/PAPER

Flatten all boxes

- Cardboard Boxes
- Cereal Boxes
- Office Paper
- Newspaper
- Phonebooks
- Paperback Books
- Magazines
- Junk Mail
- Catalogs



NO Plastic Bags



LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling



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One-Stop Re-Employment Resource For State Employees in Our Region

With state budget reductions having a significant impact on Tallahassee, organizations throughout the community have collaborated to launch BigBendWorks.com – a one-stop re-employment resource for state employees who work or live in our eight-county region.

As a result, BigBendWorks.com has launched, featuring resources available within our community across six core focus areas, including job information, human services, training and re-training, career opportunities, as well as unemployment and financial resources. The website ensures state employees are connected to the information and tools needed for a seamless path and transition to re-employment.

State employees seeking job information on BigBendWorks.com will find job openings and networking opportunities, along with information on career paths, refreshers and industry trends. Individuals will also find resources for training and re-training including quick-skills opportunities and financial assistance support.

Businesses and organizations with resources and available jobs are encouraged to submit information to the website. For more information on this initiative, visit BigBendWorks.com.

Leon County Deputy Chief Receives Prestigious EMS Award



Malcolm Kemp

Deputy Chief of Operations Malcolm "Mac" Kemp was selected as this year's recipient of the annual Larry S. Jordan EMS Lifetime Achievement Award. He will be honored this evening, July 6, at the 21st Annual Excellence in EMS Awards Ceremony in Orlando.

The Larry S. Jordan Award is awarded each year to a national advocate for EMS who increases public attention and action at the highest levels. The individual must also have devoted a significant part of his or her life to promoting

and advancing pre-hospital emergency care. Kemp was nominated to receive the award by Leon County Emergency Medical Services.

Kemp has worked in emergency medical services for more than 30 years, beginning his career as an emergency medical technician in 1977 with the Henderson Funeral Home. He then moved to the Wakulla County Ambulance Service where he provided advanced life support before there were paramedics in Florida, in a formal sense.

Before being offered a job at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) Emergency Medical Services, Kemp attended the first paramedic class at Tallahassee Community College. He was offered the position at TMH EMS shortly after completing the course and worked there for more than 23 years as a street paramedic, assistant supervisor, shift supervisor and EMS training and interactive quality management officer. In 2005, Kemp was promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations, making him responsible for all ambulance and dispatch operations of Leon County EMS.

Kemp is also responsible for implementing the first EMS quality management program for TMH EMS, which was also one of the first EMS quality management programs in the state of Florida.

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Board of County Commissioners Schedule

12 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

13 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA) 3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers