



Agenda Report

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New Business - County Manager

J.2.

12/22/2020

Subject:

Brevard County 2021 Legislative Program

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Dept/Office:

County Manager

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider the 2021 Legislative Program and identify priorities for the Jan. 7, 2021 Legislative Delegation Meeting, and determine whether to appoint a commissioner to present the County's legislative priorities to the delegation or to submit them for the record.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to review the legislative items that staff is highlighting for the State Legislature's 2021 session. The items the Board support make up the core of those issues that our legislative delegation will be asked to pursue.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:



December 23, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item J.2. Brevard County 2021 Legislative Program

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 22, 2020, identified the following Brevard County Initiatives for the January 7, 2021 Legislative Delegation Meeting:

- **Brevard County Emergency Operations Center (EOC):** Support matching State funds that leverage available County and private resources needed to finalize and complete construction of a new EOC. Brevard County's EOC is the second most frequently activated EOC in the nation. The EOC supports public and private space flights that benefit the United States government, the Department of Defense, the State of Florida, Kennedy Space Center, NASA, Port Canaveral, and private businesses and commerce.
- **Brevard County Infrastructure:** Support funding for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) highest priority projects - Ellis Road Widening, A1A corridor improvements, and the St. Johns Heritage Parkway (SJHP).
- **Indian River Lagoon and St. Johns River:** Support State cost-share for Water Projects that reduce pollution sources, remove legacy loading, restore critical ecosystem functions, and provide sound, applied research for the Indian River Lagoon, St. John's River Upper Basin, and Lake Washington; support legislation to reduce the risk of pollution from biosolids land applications; support algae bloom and emerging contaminant monitoring and remediation; and support funding to redesign the Highway 528 widening over the Banana River to increase the road elevation and allow for causeway removal.
- Support the restoration of rights for 18-20 year old Brevardians to keep and bear arms.

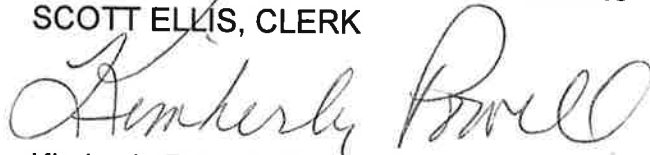
- Support legislation to deregulate liquor sales by grocery stores including Brevard County businesses.
- Support legislation to ensure undocumented aliens do not get the benefits of in-state tuition at Florida colleges and universities located in Brevard.
- Support regulations that would allow public notices to be posted online instead of the newspaper, which would save taxpayers in Brevard County tens of thousands of dollars;

and appointed Commissioner John Tobia to present the County's legislative priorities to the delegation.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Powell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

2021 Legislative Program Summary

Brevard County

Initiatives

Brevard County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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Brevard County Infrastructure

- **SUPPORT** funding for the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) highest priority projects – Ellis Road Widening, A1A corridor improvements and the St. Johns Heritage Parkway (SJHP)

Housing and Human Services

Affordable Housing

- **SUPPORT** retaining the full amount of dedicated documentary stamp tax revenues within the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) for state and local affordable housing programs in 2020.

Natural Resources

Indian River Lagoon and St Johns River

- **SUPPORT** state cost-share for Water Projects that **reduce** pollution sources, **remove** legacy loading, **restore** critical ecosystem functions and provide sound, applied **research** for the Indian River Lagoon, St. John's River Upper Basin and Lake Washington.
- ✱ • **SUPPORT** legislation to reduce the risk of pollution from biosolids land applications.
- **SUPPORT** algal bloom and emerging contaminant monitoring and remediation.
- **SUPPORT** funding to redesign the Highway 528 widening over the Banana River to increase the road elevation and allow for causeway removal.

Resiliency

- **SUPPORT** dedicated state funding sufficient to sustain sand on Florida's beaches.

Waterways

- **SUPPORT** the development of a program, process and emergency funding source for removing derelict vessels and hurricane debris that pollute state waters or impede navigation.
- **SUPPORT** legislation promoting local establishment and management of mooring fields

Planning and Development Department

Agritourism

- **SUPPORT** Amending agritourism legislation to provide the authority for local government to mitigate impacts of agritourism on surrounding properties to include health, safety and welfare concerns such as lighting, noise, traffic, etc.

Tourism Development

- Support an amendment to Statute 448.095 - Employment eligibility, that would allow public entities to contract with international companies without the E-Verify requirement.
- Support reenactment of Section 125.0104(9)(d)3., F.S., which provides a public record exemption for trade secrets.

Brevard County Utility Services

- **SUPPORT** funding for the conversion of the Sykes Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Beaches Wastewater Treatment Plant to function as an Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) per FL 403.086 due to each treatment plant being within the Indian River Lagoon basin.
- **SUPPORT** funding for a new water and wastewater treatment plants to serve the Barefoot Bay and Port St John utility service area.

J2. Tobia's
additions

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