

Meeting Date
9-19-17



AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	V.I.E.1

moved from 9-7-17

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

SUBJECT:	Brevard County 2018 Legislative Program
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Manager's Office

**Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the 2018 Legislative Program and identify priorities for the September 20, 2017 Legislative Delegation Meeting.

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

The Board of County Commissioners is asked to review the legislative items that staff and related Space Coast Agencies are highlighting for the State Legislature's 2018 session. The items the Board support make up the core of those issues that our legislative team will be asked to pursue.

The Board is requested to approve the 2018 Legislative Program and to identify their top priorities for the upcoming session. Proposals are categorized under the following areas:

- I. Brevard County Initiatives
- II. Brevard County Department Issues
- III. Brevard County Space and Technology Agenda

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Exhibits Attached: Proposed 2018 Legislative Program Summary

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes  No  PR

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	Assistant County Manager John Denninghoff	



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September 20, 2017

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

**RE:** Item VI.E.1., Approval of 2018 Legislative Program

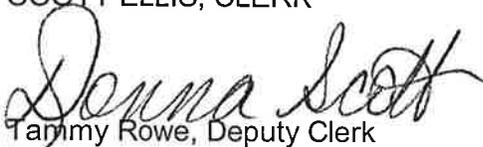
The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 19, 2017, reached consensus in identifying the priorities for the September 20, 2017, Legislative Delegation meeting, as follows:

1. State to evaluate current processes and identifying a better way of disbursing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds
2. Support Indian River Lagoon initiatives to reduce pollution sources and encouraging priority be given to those projects which can be provided by matching funds at the State level
3. Support Senator Debbie Mayfield's proposal to provide a continuous matching fund stream for counties and municipalities for septic to sewer conversions
4. Support Amendment of Chapter 2001-336(8)(12)(C) to allow members of the Board of Brevard County Commissioners to have equal weigh in the setting of user fees of the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District, a Dependent Special District of Brevard County

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*for*   
Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Each Commissioner

**Brevard County Board of County Commissioners**  
**2018 Legislative Program Summary**

**Brevard County Initiatives**

**Home Rule**

- **SUPPORT** Amendment of Chapter 2001-336(8)(12)(C) to allow all members of the Board of County Commissioners to have equal weight in the setting of user fees of the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District, A Dependent Special District of Brevard County.
- **SUPPORT** Efforts to amend Section 316.305 (5) Florida Statutes to make texting while driving a primary offense.
- **OPPOSE** any legislative action that dilutes or reduces "Home Rule" principle.

**Brevard County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

- **SUPPORT** funding for construction of new Brevard County EOC that supports emergency management activities that benefit the United States and the State of Florida through activation for every space launch at Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center as well as support of NASA, military, and Port facilities. (Emergency Management)

**Brevard County Infrastructure**

- **SUPPORT** funding for the Transportation Planning Organization's highest priority projects -- the St. John's Heritage Parkway, Ellis Road Improvements and A1A corridor improvements. (*Public Works*).
- **SUPPORT** funding for Space Transportation Infrastructure – prioritize funding for spaceport projects in the FDOT Strategic Intermodal System five-year work program to include replacement of the NASA Causeway Bridges over Indian River.

**BREVARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT ISSUES**

**Central Services Department**

- **SUPPORT** funding environmental cleanup of the 108-acre site of the Brevard Correctional Institute, formerly owned and operated by the State of Florida Department of Corrections, including delineation of groundwater and lead impacts in the soil; removal of approximately 5,500 linear feet of underground fuel piping; removal of contaminated soil; demolition of warden's house, staff housing duplex, firing range building and shelters, pole barn, two mobile homes, fencing, pavement, and light poles; and removal of storage tanks, lift stations, and slabs. Work is estimated at roughly \$4 million.

**Housing and Human Services**

**Affordable Housing**

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

**Funding for Senior Services**

- **SUPPORT** \$10,011, 455 in State General Revenue funding to serve 1,287 frail seniors (10% of the "most at-risk" seniors) on the Department of Elder Affairs Waiting List for the Community Care/Home Care for

the Elderly and Alzheimer's Respite Care Programs.

#### Public Safety

- **SUPPORT** the state taking shared responsibility for funding local, evidence-based reentry programs, where costs could be leveraged from a reduction in recidivism.

#### Library Services

- **SUPPORT** legislation to eliminate the North Brevard Library District. The BOCC will create a Titusville Library Advisory Board to replace it.

#### Natural Resources

##### Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Implementation

- **SUPPORT** state cost-share to accelerate implementation of projects adopted in the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan to improve water quality and restore healthy conditions to the Indian River Lagoon, matching local funds raised through a voter-approved infrastructure surtax referendum.

##### Indian River Lagoon Restoration and Stormwater Treatment

- **SUPPORT** initiatives that **reduce** pollution sources, **remove** legacy loading, **restore** critical ecosystem functions and provide sound, applied **research** for the Indian River Lagoon.
- **SUPPORT** increased revenue allocation for Water Projects needed to meet state water quality mandates.
- **Support** regulatory updates within the Department of Health that encourage innovative septic solutions.
- **OPPOSE** preemption of county authority to regulate the use and application of fertilizer.

##### Beach Erosion Control Funding

- **SUPPORT** a dedicated amount of state funding for beach renourishment sufficient to sustain Florida's beaches. Brevard County projects have submitted a Long Range request of \$800,220 in state funds for fiscal year 2018-2019.
- **SUPPORT** legislation that improves the project ranking criteria and process used to allocate state funding for beach renourishment projects.

##### Petroleum Clean-up and Pollutant Storage Compliance Verification Program

- **SUPPORT** legislation that upholds state and local funding sources and statutory provisions to assist Local Governments in the Petroleum Restoration Program, Chapter 62-780, F.A.C., and Pollutant Storage Tanks Compliance Verification Program, Chapter 62-761 and 762, F.A.C.

#### Waterways

- **SUPPORT** the development of a program, process and emergency funding source for removing hurricane debris, including derelict vessels that pollute state waters or impede navigation.
- **SUPPORT** the development of legislation and initiatives that will simplify the requirements for maintenance dredging and muck removal for improved access and reduction of pollutant loads.

**Parks and Recreation**

- **SUPPORT** legislation that allocates funding for Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program for conservation land acquisition and management pursuant to the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Florida Constitutional Amendment 1.

**Public Works**

- **Oppose** any legislative action that transfers costs from Utility Companies to municipalities.

**Tourism Development**

- **SUPPORT** recurring funding for the Indian River Lagoon local cost-sharing projects and IRL National Estuaries Program.
- **OPPOSE** any legislation which would expand the legal use of Tourist Development Tax beyond the current statute; and oppose any change to the statute which would lessen local control and oversight.

**Brevard County Space and Technology Agenda**

**Space Florida Budget**

- **SUPPORT** continued funding for Space Florida's business development, space tourism and marketing efforts.