

# Flagler County 2020 Local Legislative Priorities

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting – November 18, 2019

## Policy Priorities

1. Support the founding of a State University System presence in the City of Palm Coast by the University of North Florida
2. Support the Legislature Appropriation funding for the Public Library Construction Grant Program
3. Restore and Protect Florida's Housing Trust Funds
4. Increase the Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Population Cap
5. Support the Approval of the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund application for the Flagler Central Commerce Parkway Roadway Construction Project
6. Keep Aviation Fuel Taxes
7. Maintain Short Term Vacation Rental Legislation Status Quo
8. Continue to Support Home Rule

## Funding Priorities

1. Sanitary Sewer Collection System for the Barrier Island North (Marineland to the Hammock Dunes Bridge)
  - a. Requested Funding: \$ 8,000,000
2. West Flagler County Flooding and Environmental Mitigation Water Control Project (Phase I)
  - a. Requested Funding: \$ 750,000
3. Flagler County Emergency Operations Center Hardening and Enhancements
  - a. Requested Funding: \$ 3,700,000

## Policy Priorities - Background

1. Support the founding of a State University System presence in the City of Palm Coast by the University of North Florida. This is the most important of the policy priorities

brought forth for consideration, as it will have a positive effect on many regional stakeholders, and enhances the entire Northeast and Northcentral Florida Region. The long term ask is to encourage the Florida State University System Board of Governors, Florida Legislature, and Governor Ron DeSantis to support the establishment of a State University presence in the City of Palm Coast that will help satisfy regional workforce needs and train the graduates of the future by bringing world-class, industry-relevant educational opportunities to its residents throughout Flagler County and surrounding areas.

2. Support the Legislature Appropriation funding for the Public Library Construction Grant Program Encourage the Legislature to appropriate the funding for the Public Library Construction Grant Program in which Flagler County is ranked #1. This will allow the County to construct a larger library and fill a much needed gap in the underserved southern part of our community.
3. Restore and Protect Florida's Housing Trust Funds. Urge the Florida Legislature to use ALL of Florida's housing trust fund monies for Florida's housing programs and stop the sweep of the housing trust funds.
4. Increase the Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Population Cap. Increase the Grant's population cap requirement criteria to match that of a REDI county, and help Flagler County continue to receive the needed grant dollars to continue to service our landfill solid waste management needs.
5. Support the Approval of the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund application for the Flagler Central Commerce Parkway Roadway Construction Project. Support approval of the City of Bunnell's Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida Grant application that will allow Flagler County to be able to optimize development of existing industrially zoned land, and help create an industrial park with completed infrastructure, which will increase the County's business attraction and competitiveness that is critical for job creation.
6. Continue to Support Home Rule. Continue encourage the State Legislature in seeking local government input on all legislative matters that have the potential of impacting local communities.
7. Keep Aviation Fuel Taxes. Keep Florida's Aviation Fuel Taxes, with no further reductions, that continue to provide resources key to economic development and vitally important infrastructure improvements in our high growth state.
8. Maintain Short Term Vacation Rental Legislation Status Quo. Maintain the Status Quo in regards to local government regulations for Short Term Vacation Rental legislation. Or at a minimum, carve out Flagler County for any changes in legislation.
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