

# 2025 DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Board of County Commissioners Meeting  
February 11, 2025

## Draft Legislative Priorities

- Support amending Florida law relating to county and municipal code enforcement to restore the authority allowing a code inspector to act on a complaint submitted anonymously.
- Support increased funding and collaborative solutions to reduce the homeless population, including affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse issues, and access to services to address homelessness more effectively.
- Support legislation granting an exemption for county elected officials to be able to participate in emergency-related briefings during a declared state of emergency.
- Support legislation to allow for increased collaboration between County Commissions and the Department of Revenue relating to the approval of Constitutional Officer budgets.

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- Support legislation and appropriations that prioritize Florida's most valuable resource, water:
  - Support recurring funding for conversion programs designed to move private wells to potable drinking water and private septic tanks to public wastewater collection systems.
  - Support greater flexibility for programs that address the costs incurred by residents connecting to sewer and the proper abandonment of septic systems.
  - Advocate for a statewide policy that adopts new and more protective drinking water quality standards.
  
- Support amending s. 409.9025(1) F.S., to allow incarcerated individuals to continue to receive medical assistance for any care, services, or supplies under 24 hours in the course of their incarceration. Support capping the reimbursement rate for medical facilities providing specialty or office medical care to inmates.

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- Support the Legislative Priorities of community partners, such as LYNX, MetroPlan, and the Central Florida Expressway Authority, consistent with County efforts

## In partnership with the Florida Association of Counties, monitor:

- Home Rule
- Growth Management
- Broadband Initiatives
- Right to Farm Act
- Term Limits
- Public Records
- Sovereign Immunity
- Preemptions and Unfunded Mandates
- Vacation Rentals

# Draft Appropriations Requests\*

## **Little Wekiva River Sedimentation Basin**

Construction of an upstream basin to collect sediment-laden runoff before entering the waterway

Request: \$1.5M

## **Public Safety Connectivity Tower**

Located in the Oviedo area, this 300-foot tower will enhance public safety by supporting critical emergency communications

infrastructure

Request: \$1.25M

## **Public Safety Mobile and Vehicular Radios**

Replace 250 portable and vehicular radios used by all County public safety agencies, ensuring reliable and secure communications

Request: \$1.5M

## **Rosenwald School Community Center**

Construction of a new community center at the historic Rosenwald School site

Request: \$500,000

*\*All requests require a 50% match*

# Recommendations

- Incorporate Board feedback and finalize priorities and funding requests