Board of County Commissioners

Leon County, Florida

Policy No. 93-44

Title:	Fiscal Planning
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Policy Superseded:	Policy 93-44, 8/10/93; Policy No. 92-3, "Fiscal Planning," 3/10/92

It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida that:

Policy No. 93-44, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 10, 1993, is hereby superseded, and a revised policy is hereby adopted in its place, to wit:

The County will establish fiscal planning practices to:

1. Provide that the annual operating and capital budget for Leon County shall be developed in conformity with the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan by the Office of Management and Budget ~~in conjunction with revenue estimates from the Finance Division of the Clerk of the Circuit Court~~, under the advisement of the County Administrator and adopted as provided in State law by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners presiding in a public hearing.

2. Provide for the development and annual review of a capital improvement budget. This budget shall contain a 5-year plan for acquisition and improvement of capital investments in the areas of facilities, transportation, equipment and drainage. This budget shall be coordinated with the annual operating budget.

3. Provide that the Board of County Commissioners will continue to reflect fiscal restraint through the development of the annual budget. In instances of forthcoming deficits, the Board will either decrease appropriations or increase revenues.

4. Provide that the County will strive to better utilize its resources through the use of productivity and efficiency enhancements while at the same time noting that the costs of such enhancements should not exceed the expected benefits.

5. Provide that expenditures which support existing capital investments and mandated service programs will be prioritized over those other supporting activities or non-mandated service programs.

6. Provide that the County Administrator shall be designated Budget Officer for Leon County and will carry out the duties as set forth in Ch.129, F.S.

7. Provide that the responsibility for the establishment and daily monitoring of the County's accounting system(s), shall lie with the Finance Division of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and that the oversight of investment and debt management for the government of Leon County shall lie with the Board of County Commissioners.

8. Annually, prior to March 1, the Board of County Commissioners will:

   A. Establish a budget calendar for the annual budget cycle.
   B. Confirm the list of permanent line item funded agencies that can submit applications for funding during the current budget cycle.
   C. Provide direction to staff on additional appropriation requests that should be considered as part of the tentative budget development process.

9. Provide that this policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board of County Commissioners to ensure its consistency and viability with respect to the objectives of the Board and its applicability to current state law and financial trends.