

**FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008
ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET, FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN, AND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Parwez Alam, County Administrator



Leon County Courthouse

**301 South Monroe Street
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850-606-5100**

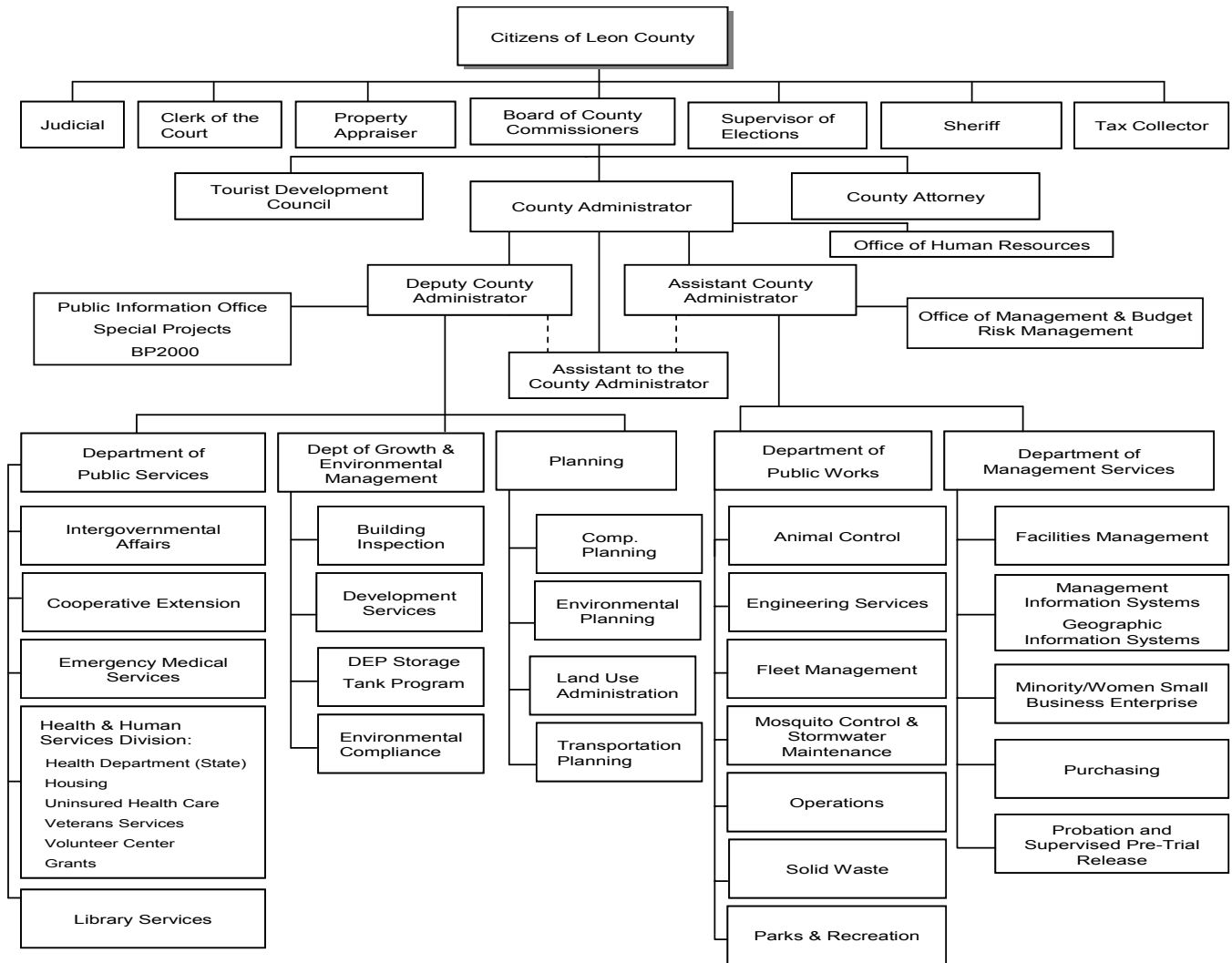
Tallahassee, Florida

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The cover of the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Operating Budget book depicts the "Lake Sunset" at the J.R. Alford Greenway. For the first time, Leon County presented the Summer Snapshot Photo Contest and challenged residents and visitors to see who could capture the beauty of Leon County's greenways. Photographers of all ages submitted fabulous images of spring wildlife and foliage.

The front cover photograph was taken by Ms. Glenda Simmons. Ms. Simmons won first place for "Colors of Dusk." Front cover layout designed by the Leon County Public Information Office.

Leon County Government Fiscal Year 2008 Budget



LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Leon County is approximately 702 square miles. It has a population of approximately 272,497 people, with 35.3% living in the unincorporated area of the County and 64.7% within the city limits.

Leon County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and is guided by an elected seven-member Board of County Commissioners. Five members of the Board are elected to serve specific districts and two members are elected at-large. A chairperson is also selected each year by the members of the Board. Florida Statutes, Chapter 125 establishes the powers and duties of the County Commission and the County Administrator. The County became a charter government effective November 12, 2002, with the passage of a referendum by Leon County voters. A Home Rule Charter gives citizens the power to shape their government to meet their unique and changing needs through a local constitution.

The County Administrator is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and is responsible for carrying out the directives and policies of the Board. The County Administrator is also responsible for the management and supervision of all functions and personnel under the Board of County Commissioners.

Leon County has (5) Constitutional Officers which includes the Clerk of the Court, the Property Appraiser, the Sheriff, the Supervisor of Elections, and the Tax Collector. Other elected officials of Leon County include the Judiciary, State Attorney, and Public Defender. Constitutional Officers are elected to administer a specific function of County government and are directly accountable to the public.

The Board of County Commissioners is obligated to fund, the operating budget of elected officials partly or in whole. Leon County also has a number of appointed Boards and Committees that serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners. In addition, the Board appoints a number of committees that serve as quasi-legislative bodies.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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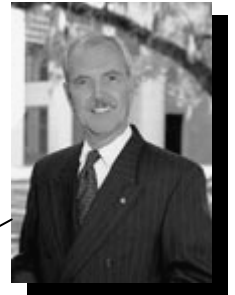
The mission of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is to preserve and enhance the outstanding quality of life which has made our community a desirable place to live, work and raise our children. Through the provisions of cost effective superior services, County Government will insure the promotion of orderly growth for the economic health and safety of its citizens.



John E. Dailey
District 3



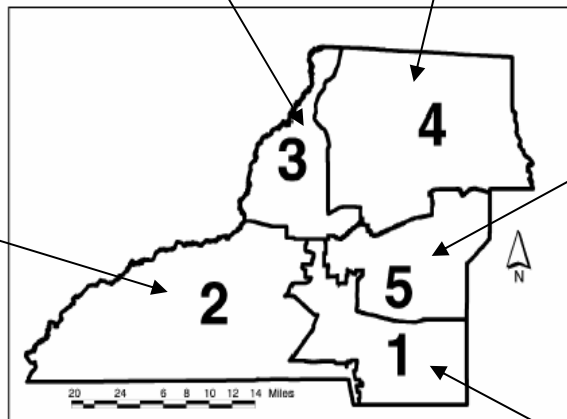
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Leon County Board of County Commissioners 2007 Priorities

County Commissioners

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*Putting the pieces
together to build a
better community.*



1. Economic Development

Pursue programs to enhance local economic

development including: an incubator at Innovation Park, a Business Accelerator Program, a research and development facility, partnerships with the state and universities, as well as, identify a continuous funding source and establish measures for these initiatives.



2. Performing Arts Center

Continue dialogue with community partners on the development of a performing arts center, conduct a funding feasibility study, and consider funding options.



3. Jail Diversion Programs

Continue to invest in technology that provides alternatives to incarceration, such as GPS monitoring and SCRAM. Pursue other intervention programs, specifically targeting at-risk youth, and pursue restorative justice programs, including community crime prevention programs.



4. Functional Consolidation of Some City of Tallahassee and

Leon County Government Services

Evaluate City and County services that can be consolidated to provide for more effective and efficient delivery of services.



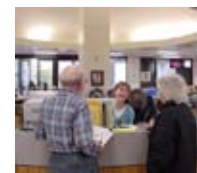
5. Southside Senior Center

Collaborate with the City of Tallahassee on the development of a senior center facility to be located at the old Wesson School, and pursue the feasibility of long-term, affordable housing opportunities for senior citizens at the site.

Ongoing Priorities Adopted in 2006



Joint Dispatch Facility for Law Enforcement and Emergency Response



Woodville Branch Library



Redevelopment of the North Florida Fairgrounds Property



County-wide Lake Protection Program

For more information, please contact Leon County Administration at (850) 606-5300 or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov.



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

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**Leon County
Florida**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

October 1, 2006

President

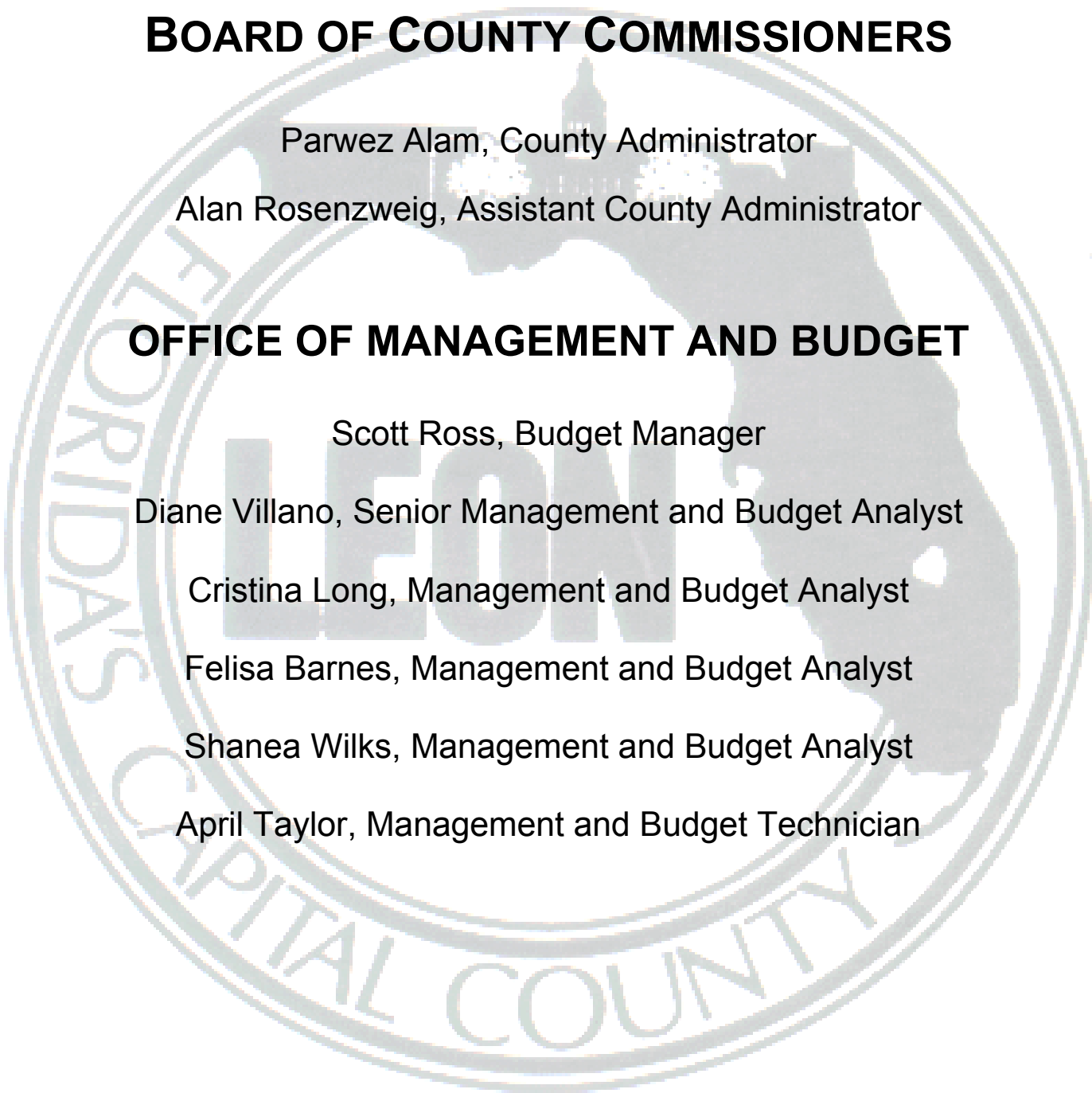
Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented the award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to Leon County for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communication device.

On behalf of the County Administrator as adopted by the Board, the Office of Management & Budget provided the County's Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Program, and the Budget in Brief on the Internet for better accessibility to the public and received the Government Finance Officers Association award for the 16th consecutive year.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to the program requirements, and we will be submitting our budget to GFOA to determine its eligibility for the next fiscal year.



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Parwez Alam, County Administrator

Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant County Administrator

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Scott Ross, Budget Manager

Diane Villano, Senior Management and Budget Analyst

Cristina Long, Management and Budget Analyst

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Shanea Wilks, Management and Budget Analyst

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