

**FISCAL YEAR 2010 / 2011**

**ANNUAL BUDGET, FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN,  
AND  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



(From left to right) At-Large Commissioner *Cliff Thaell*, At-Large Commissioner *Akin Akinyemi*, District 3 Commissioner **Vice-Chairman** *John Dailey*, District 5 Commissioner **Chairman** *Bob Rackleff*, District 2 Commissioner *Jane G. Sauls*, District 4 Commissioner *Bryan Desloge*, and District 1 Commissioner *Bill Proctor*.

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## Leon County Government

### Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

#### Bob Rackleff, Chairman, District 5



Commissioner Rackleff is serving his third term as a member of the County Commission, beginning his first term in November 1998. He has shown leadership through promotion of neighborhood preservation, responsible growth, urban infill, pedestrian and transit-friendly transportation planning, support for essential human services, and his personal volunteerism in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Commissioner Rackleff received the President's Call to Service Award in June 2006 in recognition of the many hours he spent in the New Orleans gulf coast following the disaster and his commitment to the restoration effort.

#### William C. Proctor, Jr. District 1



Commissioner Proctor was elected to the Leon County Board of County Commissioners in 1996 and represents the citizens of Leon County in District 1. He served as Chairman of the Board in 2006. His priorities as the District 1 Commissioner are affordable housing, quality healthcare, and education. He has served on several community advisory boards and has received numerous awards and recognitions for public service.

#### Jane G. Sauls, District 2



Commissioner Sauls is a sixth generation Leon County resident, and represents the citizens in District 2, which are the West and Southwest areas of Leon County. She was first elected in 1996, re-elected to the Board in 2000, 2004, and 2008. She has served as the Board's Chairman numerous times during her tenure as a Leon County Commissioner - in 1999/2000, 2003/2004, and 2007/2008. Commissioner Sauls has been in public service her entire professional career, working for the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office for 32 years, including Clerk of the Statewide Grand Jury, and several years in the State Attorney's Office. Commissioner Sauls is the first Leon County Commissioner to complete the Florida Association of Counties' certification course and their advanced leadership program.

#### Cliff Thael, At-Large



Commissioner Thael was first elected to the County Commission in 1994 and is today the Board's longest-serving member. His priorities as your county commissioner include: neighborhood protection, sustainability, preservation of natural heritage, respect for diversity and individual freedom, and development of our local business climate. Commissioner Thael also takes pride in constituent service and values citizen input on the issues that face our community.

#### John E. Dailey, Vice-Chairman, District 3



Commissioner Dailey was elected to the Board in November 2006 and serves the citizens of District 3. Commissioner Dailey began his professional career in 2001 at the Florida League of Cities where he worked on legislative and regulatory issues involving local governance. He has worked for the National League of Cities in Washington, DC, where he gained a comprehensive understanding of the issues facing local governments; issues as diverse as economic development and community redevelopment to criminal justice and public safety. Currently, Commissioner Dailey is President of JDA Strategies, LLC, a public policy research and development firm based in Tallahassee.

#### Bryan Desloge, District 4



Commissioner Desloge was elected to the Board in November 2006. As a business owner, Commissioner Desloge knows the importance of the economic viability of an organization and, as a Tallahassee native, he is highly knowledgeable of the issues facing Leon County. He has worked to improve relations with the City and State to cooperatively identify funding sources and options to address the ongoing issues facing our community. His priorities include, but are not limited to: enhancing economic development; securing regional economic stimulus funds; continuing to work in partnership with the City to the feasibility of the functional consolidation of common services and operations to enhance efficiencies and reduce costs.

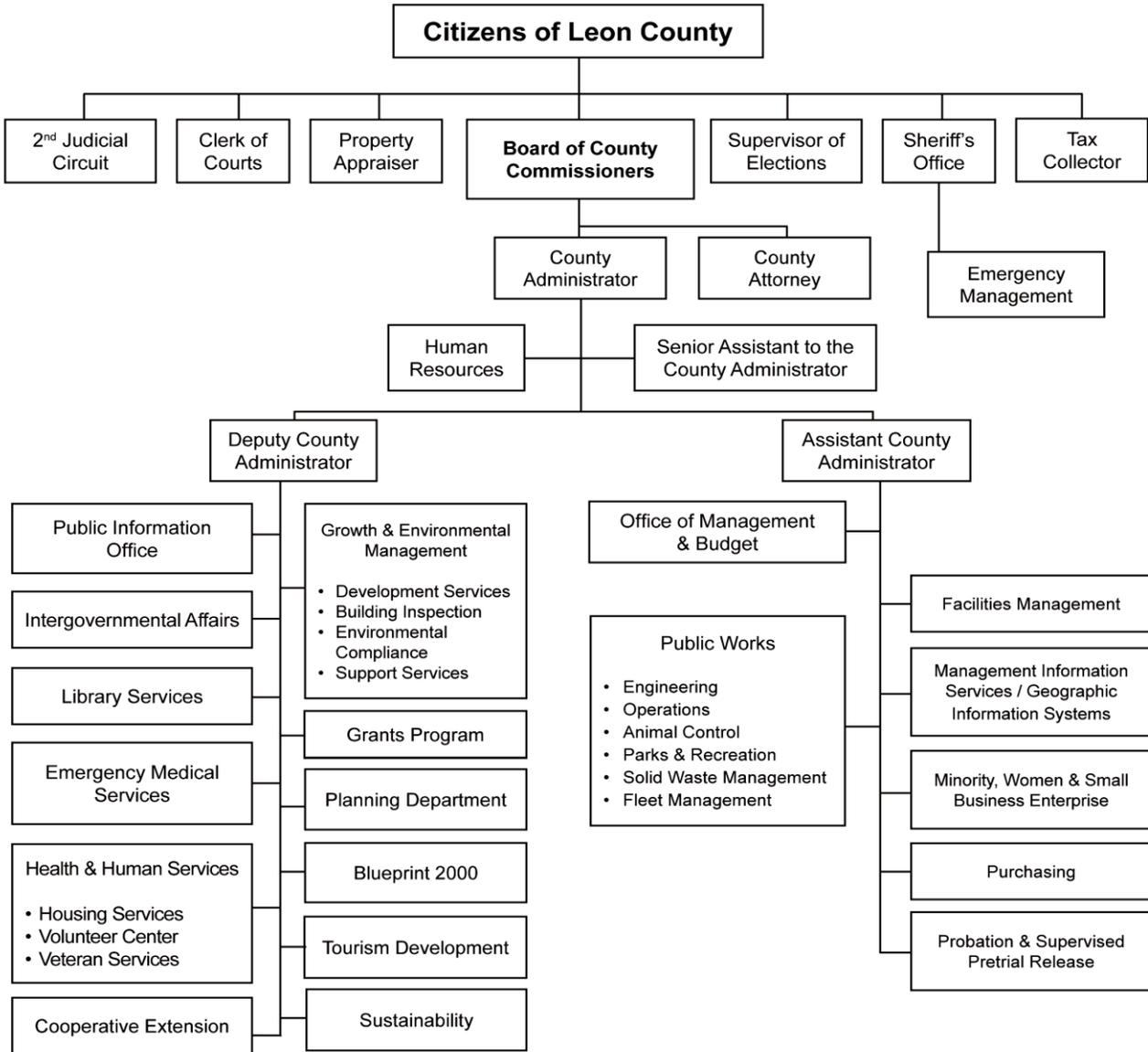
#### Akin Akinoyemi, At Large



Commissioner Akin Akinoyemi has been a member of the Leon County community for over 20 years. He is a graduate of Florida A&M University's School of Architecture, currently serves as President/CEO of Akin & Associates Architects, Inc., a local Architecture and Design firm, and he holds Bachelor's degrees in both Environmental Design and Housing Development. Commissioner Akinoyemi believes that we are truly fortunate to live among people who demonstrate a spirit of community and a desire to make our County a better place to live. His election to the County Commission At-Large seat in 2008 affords him the opportunity to serve all residents of our great County.



**Leon County Government  
Fiscal Year 2011 Budget**



**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Leon County is approximately 702 square miles. It has a population of approximately 274,803 people, with 96,924 living in the unincorporated area of the County and 177,879 living 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. The members of the Board also select a chairperson each year. 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 five Constitutional Officers, which includes the Clerk of the Court, the Property Appraiser, the Sheriff, the Supervisor of Elections, and the Tax Collector. Constitutional Officers are elected to administer a specific function of County government and are directly accountable to the public. Other elected officials of Leon County include the Judiciary, State Attorney, and Public Defender.

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.



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to **Leon County, Florida** for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning **October 1, 2009**.

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.

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 another award.

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 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

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The Leon County Office of Management & Budget (OMB) received a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation from the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award represents a significant achievement by OMB.

The purpose of the GFOA is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments for public benefit by identifying and developing financial policies and practices and promoting them through education, training, and leadership. The association has more than 17,000 members throughout North America.



The front cover of the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Annual Operating & Capital Improvement Program budget book depicts the groundbreaking of Leon County Eastside Branch Library. The inset photos depict several Leon County Economic Stimulus Projects; Northeast Branch Library Expansion, the Heliport, Traffic Court Building, Public Works Truck Bays, Bannerman & Meridian Intersection Improvement, Pimlico Sidewalk, Bucklake Road Improvement, Sustainable Communities Summit, Kerry Forest & Ox Bottom and Solid Waste Spectacular.

The Public Information Office designed the front cover layout. Mr. Stanley (Stan) Johnson, Public Information Specialist, took the cover and inset tab photographs.