

FISCAL YEAR 2011 / 2012

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

LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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

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**Leon County Government
Fiscal Year 2012 Adopted Budget**

John Dailey, Chairman, District 3



Commissioner Dailey was elected to the Board in 2006 and serves the citizens of District 3. He 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. Commissioner Dailey is President of

JDA Strategies, LLC, a local public policy research and development firm.

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 State-wide 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.

Nick Maddox, At-Large



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Commissioner Nicholas Maddox serves as an At-Large Commissioner and was elected to the Leon County BOCC in 2010. He first moved to Tallahassee to play for the Florida State Seminoles football team. After fulfilling his role with the Seminoles, which included capturing the 1999 National Championship, Maddox furthered his football career as a running back in the National Football League spending time in Cleveland, San Diego and finishing his NFL career with the

Carolina Panthers. Commissioner Maddox returned home to Leon County to finish his dual degrees in Business and Real Estate at Florida State. He is committed to providing long-term solutions to sustain growth in business and the economy, continued preservation efforts for the environment, and maintaining the quality of life that makes our community such a wonderful place to live.

Akin Akinyemi, Vice-Chairman, At Large



Commissioner Akin Akinyemi 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 Akinyemi 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.

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; diversifying the workforce; increasing the job base; decreasing the long standing reliance on state government; and continuing to work in partnership with the City to functionally consolidate common services and operations to enhance efficiencies and reduce costs for both governments.

Kristin Dozier, District 5

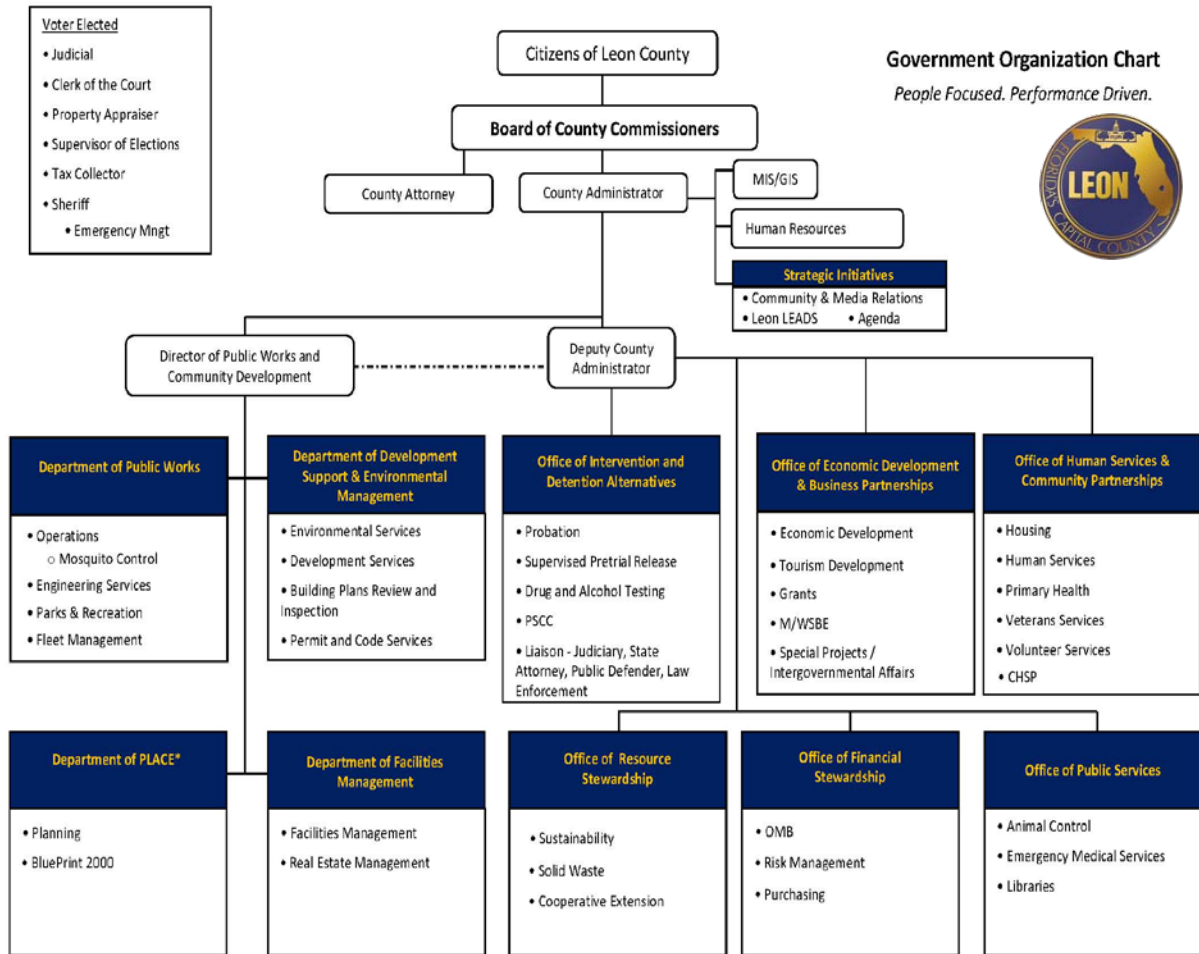


Kristin Dozier is serving her first term as Leon County Commissioner for District 5 and is Green Building Advisor for Mad Dog Construction, where she has worked for eleven years. In addition to her Commission committee assignments, which include service on the Leon County Research and Development Authority, the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, and the Council on Culture and Arts, Kristin was the Founding President of the Board of Directors of Sustainable Tallahassee, Inc., and continues to serve

on the Board. She is a member of the Whole Child Leon Steering Committee and was Chair of the Safe and Nurturing Environment Action Team, a member of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and a founding member of the Florida Capitol Region Chapter of the US Green Building Council. She is also a member of Leadership Tallahassee Class 27 and remains involved with Leadership Tallahassee. She was nominated as Leader of the Year for the Distinguished Leadership Awards in August 2008.



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* PLACE = Planning, Land Management & Community Enhancement

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Leon County is approximately 702 square miles. It has a population of approximately 275,000 people, with 94,000 living in the unincorporated area of the County and 181,000 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, 2010**.

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 Financial Stewardship 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 21st consecutive year.

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The Leon County Office of Financial Stewardship 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 2011/2012 Annual Operating & Capital Improvement Program budget book depicts the County's culture of People, Place and Performance.

The Public Information Office designed the front cover layout. Stanley (Stan) Johnson, Public Information Specialist, shot the cover photos.

