

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Legislative Issues – Draft Agenda 2005

DEPARTMENT: County Manager's Office/County Attorney's Office **DIVISION:** _____

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Agenda Date <u>10/12/04</u> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

The attached document contains legislative issues that have been identified by the Board of County Commissioners and staff. Staff is seeking Board's direction with regard to the County's Legislative program for the 2005 session. It is possible the session will be dominated by consideration of hurricane related events. Also, it is not yet known how the Presidential election will impact the legislature.

The following are dates of interest:

Seminole County Legislative Delegation Meeting - December 6, 2004

Special Session - December 11, 2004

Seminole County Day - February (TBD), 2005

Regular Session – Begins March 8, 2005 - Ends May 6, 2005

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1. Oppose any attempts at shifting the costs of Government services and programs from the state to counties.
2. Support inclusion of a Local Sources First Policy in Florida Statutes, Chapter 373 – Oppose any amendment to Florida’s Water Resource Policy which allows, encourages, or promotes water transfers.
3. Support FAC initiatives on Article 5, Revision 7, HB 113A.
4. Support efforts to reform annexation.
5. Explore mechanism to define and limit the scope of proposed constitutional amendments by initiative in order reduce the number of relatively insignificant amendments on the ballot.
6. Car Rental Surcharge Tax Support – Support adoption of a new per diem charge as a local option (including a referendum requirement if necessary in order to secure passage of the bill).
7. Support funding for Pre-Schools.
8. Support increased funding and capital needs for Seminole Community College.
9. Support University of Central Florida Medical School.
10. Hurricane Related Issues – See Attachment A

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A. I-4/Greenway Interchange	- Construction Cost	\$4,000,000
B. State Road 415 – Expand to 4-Lanes	- Construction Cost	\$10,000,000
C. State Road 46 – Expand to 4-Lanes	- Construction Cost	\$2,500,000
D. State Road 46 and I-4	- Design Cost	\$2,000,000
E. State Road 434 and Interstate 4 Interchange – Interchange Reconstruction	- Design Cost	\$3,500,000
F. Middle St. John’s River Basin Initiative-		\$4,000,000
G. Historical Museum Complex Expansion Project -		\$ 300,000
H. Regional Alternative Water Supply Testing Program -		\$2,400,000

	TOTAL	\$28,700,000

Projects detailed on pages 4 thru 6

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1. Support state funding of specified projects located in Seminole County.

A. I-4/Greenway Interchange - Construction Cost \$4,000,000

The project would provide direct ramp connection from International Parkway to I-4/Greenway Interchanges. The Connection would significantly improve travel regionally. The project is currently funded for PD&E. The total project cost is \$4,500,000.

B. State Road 415 – Expand to 4-Lanes - Construction Cost \$10,000,000

From: State Road 46
To: Volusia County Line

This roadway is currently a two-lane roadway with an average daily traffic volume of 21,000. State Road 415 and U.S. Highway 17/92 are the only roads besides Interstate 4 that serves Volusia and Seminole Counties. From a traffic flow perspective, the roadway fails during the peak hours. The roadway is part of the regional plan to provide relief to State Road 46 and other roadways by connecting it directly to the County's Lake Mary Boulevard Extension. It serves as a vital link for an emergency route for both hurricane and traffic incidents (accidents on Interstate 4). More importantly, it provides access to the Orlando Sanford Airport, which is a major economic driver in Seminole County. This project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list and is currently funded for PD&E and Design. Total project cost is \$15,000,000.

C. State Road 46 – Expand to 4-Lanes- Construction Cost \$2,500,000

From: Sanford Avenue
To: State Road 415

This roadway is currently a two-lane roadway with an average daily traffic volume of 23,000. From a traffic flow perspective, the roadway fails during the peak hours. It serves as a vital link for an emergency route for both hurricane and traffic incidents (accidents on Interstate 4). More importantly, it provides access to the Orlando Sanford Airport, which is a major economic driver in Seminole County. This project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list but currently has no funding. The total cost of the project including PD&E, Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction is approximately \$2,500,000. Previously funding for PD&E of \$500,000.

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D. State Road 46 and I-4 -

Design Cost \$2,000,000

The current interchange is deficient from a traffic flow perspective. This project would allow for the reconstruction interchange (right of Way). This expansion would significantly improve travel on a regional basis. The total cost of the project is \$17,500,000.

E. State Road 434 and Interstate 4 Interchange – Interchange Reconstruction -

Design Cost \$3,500,000

This interchange is currently deficient from a traffic flow perspective. This obsolete interchange also creates vertical clearance (height) problems for the truck traffic on State Road 46. This project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list but currently has no funding. Currently almost 200,000 trips a day pass through this interchange (State Road 434 – 54,000 trips and Interstate 4 – 134,000 trips). From a traffic flow perspective, the roadway fails not only during the peak hours but throughout most of the day. Seminole County is funding the 6-laning of State Road 434 through this interchange but cannot 6-lane this section of State Road 434 without the interchange being reconstructed. The construction of this 6-laning will take place within the next 10-years. This interchange project is on the MetroPlan Orlando priority list but currently has no funding and it appears funding would not be available for the next 15-years. The total cost of the project including PD&E, Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction is approximately \$80,000,000.

F. Middle St. John's River Basin Initiative - \$4,000,000

The Middle St. John's River Basin Initiative is an ongoing project to restore and enhance the middle of the St. John's River and its Tributaries. This basin is in an area where population and water use are expected to grow. The total project cost is \$100,000,000. Funding through this initiative will help to restore and enhance this portion of the river and its lakes and tributaries. Example of subprojects that could be funded includes:

- Econlockhatchee River Watershed
- Lake Jesup Restoration – Tributary Stormwater Parks Assessment Implementation
- Lake Jesup Stormwater Retrofits
- Lake Monroe Watershed Plan Implementation
- Little Econlockhatchee River Watershed Improvements
- Little Wekiva River Watershed Management Implementation

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G. Historical Museum Complex Expansion Project - \$300,000

Construction of a 1,500 square foot antiques agricultural equipment building as part of the Historical Museum Complex.

H. Regional Alternative Water Supply Testing Program - \$2,400,000

The development of alternative water resources for potable and irrigation uses is imperative. This project is for the completion of test and monitoring wells, and necessary permitting for Phase I of a regional Alternative Water Supply Facility for potable water.

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1. Funding increase or no reduction in the following programs:
 - State aid to Library Programs
 - Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
 - Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
 - Medicaid
 - Environmental Health Fees
 - Preservation 2000 (P2000) & Florida Forever.

2. Oppose Senate Bill 150 – Internet Tax Freedom Act revision of internet access to include telecommunication service used to provide internet access.

3. Any bill that proposes the deletion of the County Emergency Radio System/\$12.50 Surcharge

4. Department of Juvenile Justice Issues

5. Florida Hometown Democracy efforts

6. Trauma Center

7. Efforts to Privatize the Florida State Retirement System

8. Games of Chance

ISSUES FOR REVIEW

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Attachment A

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FEMA (Hurricane Funding Issues)

1. Funding for Flood Mitigation Projects - \$57,185,000
 - a) Lincoln Heights Subdivision/ Monroe Basin – Flooding up to 53 homes and several roads. \$1,700,000
 - b) Ravenna Park Subdivision/ Monroe Basin – Flooding approx. 30 homes and several roads. \$ 500,000
 - c) Lockhart-Smith Canal from 417 to SR 46 – Flooding and erosion at several locations (homes, businesses, industrial parks, etc) \$8,000,000
 - d) Michigan Ave., Nebraska Ave., Ohio Ave., Oregon St. area/Monroe Basin – Flooding of several homes and roads. \$4,000,000
 - e) Mullet Lake Park Rd – Several homes flooding and road flooding. \$750,000.
 - f) Bear Gully Canal Improvements – Flooding of homes and roads near SR 426. \$1,000,000
 - g) Black Hammock Area Improvements – Several roads and properties flooded. Improvement included flood attenuation ponds, culvert replacements, and channel regarding. Close to 10 projects have been conceptually designed for a total of approximately \$20M. These projects are listed below;
 - 1) Solary Canal/Deleon St. -\$4.3M
 - 2) Artesia St. - \$150K
 - 3) Shortcut Canal - \$7.8M
 - 4) Sweetwater Creek- \$4.1M
 - 5) Salt Creek @ Howard Ave. \$300K
 - 6) Salt Creek @ Stone St. \$3.2M
 - 7) Salt Creek @ Independence \$50K
 - 8) Salt Creek @ Packard Ave. \$150K

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2. Other funding requests submitted to NRCS/USDA as part of Hurricane Charley:
 - a) Debris Clean Up in Ditches and Canals
 - b) Black Hammock - \$1,500,000 for debris clean up and re-grading of canals.
 - c) North Lake Jesup/Midway- \$2,500,000 for debris clean up and re-grading of canals.
 - d) Chuluota- \$100,000 for debris clean up and re-grading of canals.
 - e) Geneva- \$150,000 for debris clean up and re-grading of canals.
 - f) Lightwood Knot Canal - \$100,000 for debris clean up and re-grading of canals.
 - g) Slavia/Bear Gully Creek - \$135,000 for debris clean up and re-grading of canals.
 - h) Howell Creek & Tributary- \$4.9M for erosion control project.
 - i) Lockhart-Smith Canal - \$8M for concrete lining of canal for erosion control and flood attenuation (Project already shown above).
 - j) Orange Ave. Bridge @ Lockhart-Smith Canal - \$600,000 repair of bridge abutment eroded at canal (emergency repair).
3. New Funding requests to be submitted as part of Hurricane Frances:
 - a) Sweetwater Cove- \$1.2M for erosion control and dredging of sediment.
 - b) Club 2 Borrow Pit- \$200,000 for repair of eroded bank blasted by stormwater entering from Brisson Ave.

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- c) North side of the Lake Jesup Basin; the Mellonville Ave. project. This project provides flood attenuation to several residents in the area. A preliminary design has been completed and construction (including land acquisition) is approximately \$1.8M.

4. Hurricane evacuation route projects:

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| a) State Road 46 - Expand to 4 Lanes
Sanford Ave to SR 415 | \$20,000,000 |
| b) State Road 46A extended to US 1
SR 415 to US 1 | \$80,000,000 |
| c) State Road 415 – Expand to 4 Lanes | \$15,000,000 |
| d) State Road 46 and I-4 | \$30,000,000 |
| e) I-95 Connector - Volusia /Seminole Corridor | \$1,000,000,000 |
| f) I-4/Greenway Interchange | \$4,000,000 |

FUNDING GREENWAY