

LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

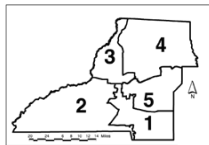
The mission of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is to preserve and enhance the outstanding quality of life, which has made our community a desirable place to live, work, and raise our children. Through the provisions of cost effective superior services, Leon County Government will ensure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



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



Parwez Alam
County
Administrator



District Map



Herb Thiele
County Attorney

Administrator's Message

October 1, 2009



Fellow Citizens,

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners is proud to present the Budget in Brief for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010. This document has been designed to communicate the basic budget information for the adopted FY 2010 annual operating and five-year capital improvement plan.

The adopted budget provides a reduction of \$20.2 million or a 7.6% decrease from last fiscal year. This includes decreasing both operating and capital expenditures by 2.4% and 24.1% respectively. In addition, the combined ad valorem rate of 8.35 mills did not change from FY 2009 and resulted in lowering property taxes by \$8.8 million countywide.

Within the following pages of this document, we have brought together those areas of the budget which highlight major sources of revenue, major expenditures by service area, and statistical information regarding comparative data from other similar Florida counties.

We sincerely hope that you find this document and the information contained within interesting, informative and useful.

Sincerely,

P. A.
Parwez Alam
County Administrator

Leon County, Florida is approximately 702 square miles. It has a population of approximately 274,892, with 35% living in the unincorporated area of the County and 65% within the city limits. In November 2002, the County became a charter government, 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 Board of County Commissioners, whose function is to manage the affairs of the county, is made up of seven members: five elected to serve specific districts and two elected at-large. The County Administrator is appointed by the Board and is responsible for carrying out its directives and policies, as well as the management and supervision of all functions and personnel. The County Attorney, also appointed by the Board, is responsible for the representation of county government, the Board and all departments, divisions, regulatory boards and advisory boards in all legal matters relating to their official responsibilities.