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# 2018-19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**PRESIDENT**  
**Commissioner Karson Turner**  
*Hendry County*



**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
**Commissioner Nick Maddox**  
*Leon County*



**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**  
**Commissioner Melissa McKinlay**  
*Palm Beach County*



**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**  
**Commissioner**  
**Ralph C. Thomas, Jr.**  
*Wakulla County*



**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
**Commissioner**  
**Christopher G. Constance, M.D.**  
*Charlotte County*

## MISSION

The Florida Association of Counties helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



of Florida's counties are  
**FAC MEMBERS**



County officials on  
**FAC COMMITTEES  
& CAUCUSES**



County officials  
**ATTENDED**  
at least one  
**FAC EVENT**



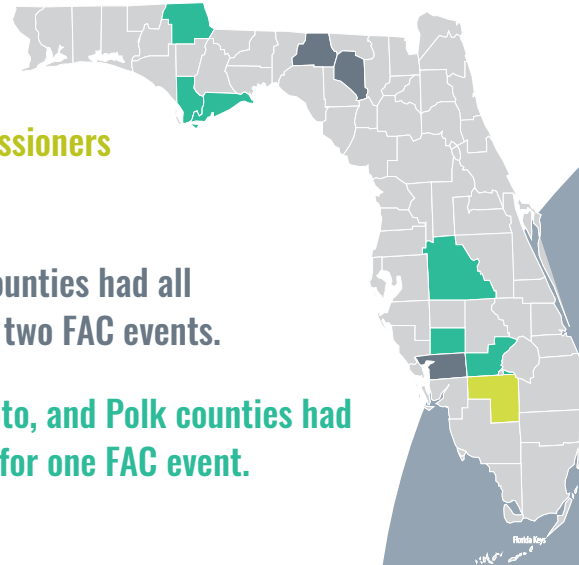
**Hendry County had all county commissioners registered for three FAC events.**



**Madison, Suwannee, and Charlotte counties had all county commissioners registered for two FAC events.**



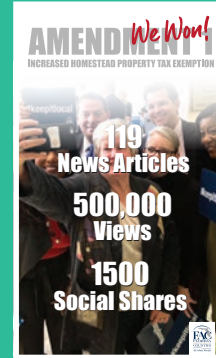
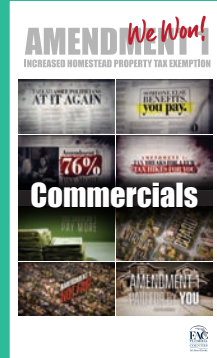
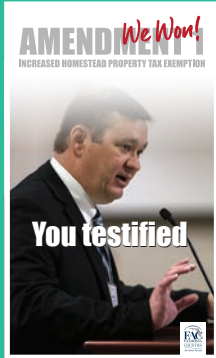
**Gulf, Franklin, Glades, Jackson, DeSoto, and Polk counties had all county commissioners registered for one FAC event.**





# HOME RULE ADVOCACY

## AMENDMENT 1 DEFEATED



## Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC)

- Secured the collection of utility fees from electricity (Proposal 51)
- Stopped a proposal that would limit the powers of local governments (Proposal 61)
- Defeated a proposal that would require counties to spend funds or limit their ability to raise revenue or receive state tax revenue (Proposal 92)
- Stopped a proposal that limited county's ability to regulate commerce, trade, or labor (Proposal 95)

## 2018 Legislative Session

- Secured \$53.5 million in state and federal grant funding for opioid treatment programs (SB 8)
- Ensured \$50 million in funding towards beach projects (Budget)
- Established funding for school security measures (SB 7026)
- Defeated measures that would require significant additional reporting (HB 7/SB 1426), limitations on travel (HB 11/SB 354 and HB 815), and restrictions on economic and tourist development operations (HB 3/SB 1714)
- Stopped amendment on House Tax Package that would prevent local governments from prohibiting the sale and offering of goods subject to sales tax
- Defeated preemptions on vacation rentals (SB 1400/HB 773)
- Stopped land use planning restrictions (HB 883)
- Defeated measures that would create a statewide definition of recycling, and instead, secured language that allowed counties to address the issue directly with recycling haulers (HB 1149)
- Established the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area (HB 53)
- Stopped a bill that originally impacted the timing of collection of impact fees (SB 324/HB 697)
- Defeated preemption on local tree trimming and removal (SB 574/HB 521)
- Limited and ultimately stopped preemption on regulation of dock-less bicycles (SB 1304/HB 1033)
- Secured \$100 million for the Florida Forever land acquisition program (SB 370/HB 1353)
- Stopped language that prohibited local governments from imposing mobility or impact fees for affordable housing (SB 1328/HB 987)
- Defeated a measure that would prohibit county government from having a law which impedes a law enforcement officer from communicating with a federal immigration agency (HB 9/SB 308)
- Stopped a bill that would have given sheriffs the operational control over courthouse security (HB 7089/SB 1218)
- Defeated a bill that would have prohibited a county that received a request to inspect or copy a record from responding by filing a civil action against the individual making a request (HB 273/SB 750)
- Stopped a measure that mandated local emergency management agencies to use a uniform statewide special needs registry and require them to establish eligibility criteria and procedure for health care facility staff traveling during declared curfews (HB 7085)



# ENGAGING COUNTY LEADERS



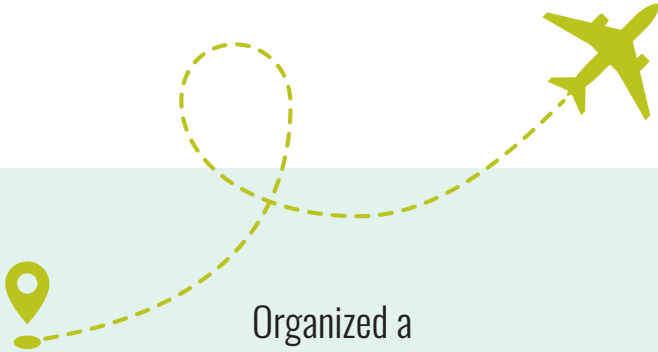
FAC held  
**FOUR SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCES**  
with an overall  
**6% INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE**



**10% INCREASE**  
in  
**COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATION**







Organized a  
**FEDERAL FLY-IN**  
for which

**42 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

flew to Washington, D.C. to bring Florida's  
federal priorities to Capitol Hill



**CORPORATE PARTNER ATTENDANCE**  
at FAC events  
**INCREASED 17%**



# LOOK AHEAD IN EVENTS

**LOCALS**  
*first*

**2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE &  
EDUCATIONAL EXPOSITION**

**JUNE 11 – 14**  
Hyatt Regency Orlando  
*Orange County*



**2019 INNOVATION &  
POLICY CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 25 – 26**  
Sheraton Bay Point Resort  
*Bay County*



**2019 FEDERAL FLY-IN**

**OCTOBER 22 – 23**

*Washington, D.C.*



**2019 LEGISLATIVE  
CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 20 – 22**  
Fort Lauderdale Marriot  
Harbor Beach  
*Broward County*

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



460

**CCC Graduates**  
Since Inception



214

**ACC Graduates**  
Since Inception

**3<sup>rd</sup>** largest **CCC graduation** class since inception  
(2010 – 49 graduates, 2014 – 42 graduates)

There are **155 county commissioners** currently in office that have graduated from the **CCC program** and **82 county commissioners** currently in office that have graduated from the **ACC program**.

- The entire Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in **Charlotte, Gadsden, Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, Osceola, and Sumter** counties are **CCC graduates**.
- **Gadsden County** is the only county in Florida in which the entire Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) currently serving are **CCC and ACC graduates**.

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This year  
**39 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
completed the  
coursework to graduate  
from the  
**CCC Program**

This year  
**10 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
completed the  
coursework to graduate  
from the  
**ACC Program**

**CCC Graduates:** Cathy Rhoden (Baker), William Dozier (Bay), Frank Durrance (Bradford), Chris Dougherty (Bradford), Michael Udine (Broward), Gene Bailey (Calhoun), Danny Wise (Calhoun), Joseph Tiseo (Charlotte), Mike Cella (Clay), Gayward Hendry (Clay), Donald O'Brien (Flagler), David Sullivan (Flagler), Gregory Hansen (Flagler), Donald Streth (Glades), Emma Bryd (Hendry), Mitchell Wills (Hendry), Susan Adams (Indian River), Wendy Breeden (Lake), Jimbo Jackson (Leon), Matt Brooks (Levy), Alston Kelley (Madison), Michelle Stone (Marion), Justin Taylor (Nassau), Bradley Goodbread (Okeechobee), Kelly Owens (Okeechobee), Emily Bonilla (Orange), Peggy Choudhry (Osceola), Mack Bernard (Palm Beach), Mike Wells (Pasco), Buddy Goddard (Putnam), Bill Pickens (Putnam), Sam Parker (Santa Rosa), Cathy Townsend (St. Lucie), Stephen Printz (Sumter), Ronnie Richardson (Suwannee), Chuck Hess (Wakulla), Tony Anderson (Walton), John Hawkins (Washington), Allen Joyner (Washington)

To date, **Okeechobee and Suwannee** counties have the highest number (**15**) of county commissioners that have graduated from the **CCC program**.



**2018 CCC Graduates**





## 2018 ACC Graduates

**ACC Graduates:** Kristin Dozier (Leon), Ronald Kitchen (Citrus), Charles Smith (Manatee), James Johns (St. Johns), Ken Cornell (Alachua), Anthony Viegbesie (Gadsden), John Ahern (Glades), Carolyn Ketchel (Sarasota), Larry Session (Suwannee)



**Flagler, Glades, Leon, and Nassau** counties have the highest number **(8)** of county commissioners that have graduated from the **ACC program** since it started.

## First Graduating Class of County Government Education Program

In 2018, the Florida Counties Foundation announced the addition of a fifth program to their education offerings, focused on **county staff**. The program had **12 graduates** in its first year.

**CGE Graduates:** Matthew Coughlin (Escambia County), Michael Esposito (Flagler County), Brian Kauffman (Madison County), Mounir Bouyounes (Marion County), Regina Rickman (Marion County), Jennifer Busbin (Okeechobee County), Robbie Chartier (Okeechobee County), Lisa DeLaRionda (Palm Beach County), Joseph Sophie (Palm Beach County), Dan Schebler (Santa Rosa County), Mary Cooper (Walton County), Melina Wickham (Walton County)



### 2018 CGE Graduates



# SAVING TAX DOLLARS WHILE PROVIDING VALUE ADDED RESOURCES TO FLORIDA'S COUNTIES



- **62** counties partnered with US Communities to receive highly competitive bid contracts for various products and services at the best guaranteed overall value.
- This year, Florida counties will have spent **\$48,039,019** through US Communities contracts.
- Through US Communities, **Hillsborough County** was able to purchase **\$309,000** worth of products using Amazon Business.

## Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Program



- **58** counties received competitive discount pricing on vehicles and equipment by partnering with the Florida Sheriffs Association.
- In 2018, approximately **9,147 vehicles** have been purchased through the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Fleet Bid Awards program.
- Counties spent **\$112,979,807** on vehicle and fire rescue contracts through FSA, up remarkably since 2017 where counties spent only 1 million dollars.
- **Miami-Dade** was able to purchase **281** Ford Interceptors (Police) Sedans for only **\$6,633,286** through the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Fleet Bid Awards program.



### FACT

- **23** of Florida counties benefitted from the risk protection offered through the Florida Association of Counties Trust, Florida's only public entity risk pool created by counties for counties. To find out if your county can benefit and minimize risk liability with FACT, visit **fact-insurance.com**.



# FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST

- **34** counties invested in **short-term alternatives** such as money market funds through FLGIT's Short-Term Bond program – this allowed them to maintain safety of principal and liquidity.
- **19** counties participated in FLGIT's **Day to Day Fund** which was created in response to demand for a fiscally conservative diversification option for Florida local governments.
- Since 2017, the number of counties taking advantage of FLGIT's Day to Day Fund investment program has **risen nearly 19%**.
  - Counties which used both of FLGIT's programs in 2018: **Alachua, Charlotte, Columbia, Hernando, Highlands, Manatee, Martin, Okaloosa, Pasco, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, and Seminole**
- **3** county commissioners serve on FLGIT's Board of Trustees – **Doug Smith** (Martin County), **Bryan Desloge** (Leon County), and **Kenneth Welch** (Pinellas County)

## Notable Loans Issued

- **Jackson County**, County Jail / Ag Center Roof / Fire & Dispatch Construction (\$2,000,000)
- **Collier County**, Sports Complex (\$12,000,000)
- **Sarasota County**, Carlton Water Treatment Facility & EDR Project (\$15,000,000)
- **St. Johns County**, Land for Wetland Mitigation / Recreation (\$2,009,000)



## County All-Stars



- **Charlotte County** participated in **8 of FAC's programs**, the highest interaction than any other county.
- **St. Johns County** participated in **FLGFP, FLGIT, and FACT** in 2018.



# SHARING COUNTY NEWS



## Calendar

- FAC once again held the annual Calendar photo contest collecting 353 photos for consideration in this highly anticipated publication.
  - Received submissions from **54** counties
  - **Seminole County** had the most submissions.
- **Winners:**

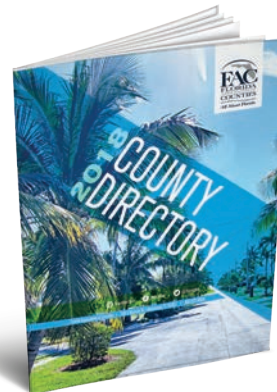
• Franklin County (Cover)	• St. Johns County (July)
• Leon County (December 2018)	• Nassau County (August)
• Levy County (January)	• Hendry County (September)
• Palm Beach County (February)	• Pasco County (October)
• Putnam County (March)	• Osceola County (November)
• Okeechobee County (April)	• Santa Rosa County (December 2019)
• Flagler County (May)	• Collier County (Back Cover)
• Pinellas County (June)	
- The announcement of the winning counties on FAC's Facebook page reached nearly **8,000** people, receiving over **2,000** clicks and more than **400** reactions, comments, or shares.



## News & Notes

- News & Notes, a newsletter dedicated to featuring pertinent information relevant to counties, educational articles, and innovative counties ideas, receives an average open rate of **32%** with a total distribution of **2,632**.

## Florida County Directory Returned to Print





## News Clips

- Sharing news headlines most relevant to Florida's counties, News Clips receives an average open rate of **38.6%**, well above the industry standard of **20%**. It is distributed to **1,618** county officials and staff.



## FAC Mentioned in Articles

- In 2018, FAC was mentioned or used as an expert source in **201** articles, receiving an estimated **1.21 million** views.



## Social Media



- In 2018, FAC received **215,172 Twitter** impressions, almost a **10% increase** from last year.
  - **241** New Followers
  - **8,936** Profile Visits



- FAC's **Facebook** posts reached **45,989** people resulting in nearly a **10% increase** its page following since 2017.
  - **5,374** Post Clicks
  - **1,465** Reactions, Comments, Shares



- Since launching in late 2017, FAC has **441** followers and has received nearly **6,000** likes on **Instagram**.



- Remember to use **#LocalRules** or **#FACinAction** when attending any FAC events or reporting any county news.

# AFFILIATES



**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTY ENGINEERS &  
ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS (FACERS)**

**123 MEMBERS**

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**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY  
ATTORNEYS (FACA)**

**251 MEMBERS**



**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF  
COUNTY MANAGERS (FACM)**

**68 MEMBERS**

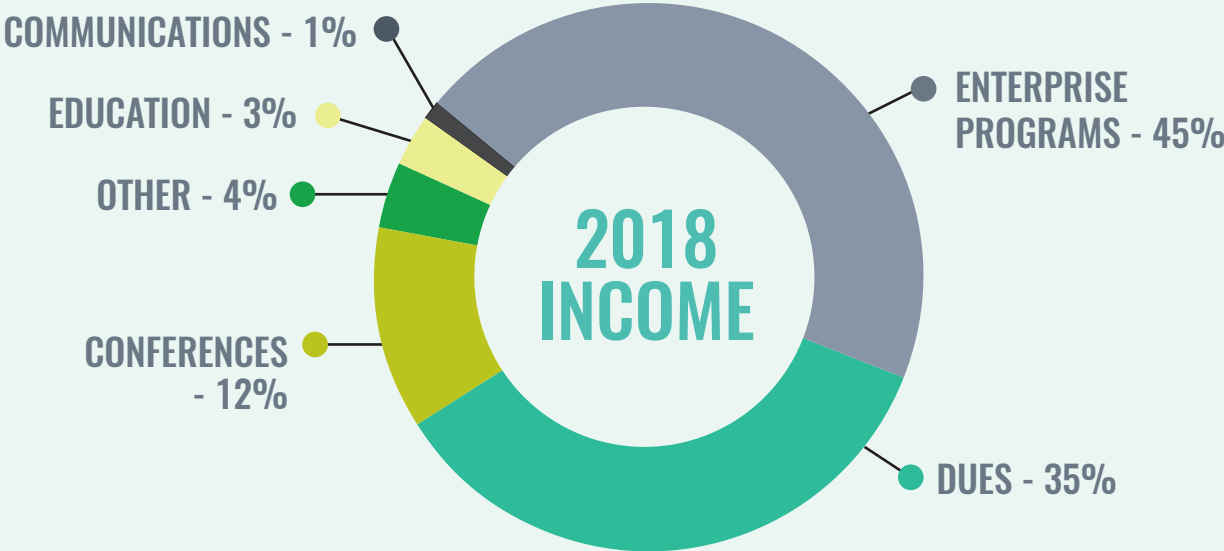
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# FINANCIAL



# FAC STAFF

## EXECUTIVE

- Executive Director – Virginia “Ginger” Delegal
- General Counsel – Robert J. Sniffen, Sniffen & Spellman
- Sr. Executive Assistant to the Executive Director – Emily Anderson

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- Deputy Director of Public Policy - Susan Harbin Alford
- Legislative Counsel – Laura Youmans, Esq.
- Associate Director of Public Policy – Tonnette S. Graham
- Public Policy Coordinator – Tiffany Henderson

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- Digital Communications Coordinator – Jennifer Laxner
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- Events Manager – Kelli Williams
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- Executive Assistant to External Affairs – Karen Sapp

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS & FINANCIAL SERVICES

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- Accounting Manager – Connie Osborn
- Accounting Assistant – Sue Hopkins
- IT Manager – Robert Swandol
- Office Manager – Teresa Martin
- Administrative Assistant / Receptionist – Sori Sutton
- Sr. Executive Assistant – Kim Morgan

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- Executive Director of the Florida Counties Foundation – Eric Poole
- Director of Training and Education – Robert Brown
- Education Manager – Becky Berentsen







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