

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP
Andy Dance | Chair
Russell Melendy | Vice Chair
Sean Parks | Vice Chair

MEETING DETAILS
DATE **Wednesday, December 2, 2026**
TIME **3:00 p.m.**
PLACE **Sawgrass Marriott, St. Johns County**

SCAN FOR MATERIALS

EXPANDED AGENDA

#	PROPOSAL & COUNTY	DESCRIPTION	SPONSOR CONTACT
OPENING BUSINESS			
•	**Call to Order**	**Commissioner Andy Dance**, Chair	
•	**Opening Remarks and Roll Call**	**Commissioner Andy Dance**, Chair	
•	**Meeting Sponsor Recognition and Remarks**	**Commissioner Andy Dance**, Chair **Lou Moreno**, Associate Vice President, Retirement Solutions Sales- Retention, Nationwide (Business Solutions Partner/CP)	
•	**Meeting and Process Overview**	**Commissioner Andy Dance**, Chair	
•	**ARA Guiding Principles**	Adoption of new recommended guiding principles **FAC Staff**	
PROPOSALS			
2	ARA 02 **Fiscally Constrained County Definition** *Columbia County*	Amends s. 218.67(1), F.S., to raise the fiscally constrained county threshold from $5 million to $10 million in revenue per mill.	**Staz Guntek** Legislative Coordinator

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3	ARA 03 **Clearer Statutory Definition of the Term Rural** *Marion County*	Amends s. 288.0656(2)(e), F.S., to add unincorporated communities in nonrural counties to the rural community definition when mapped by county ordinance, located outside any urban service area, below a housing density threshold, and designated rural in the comprehensive plan.	**Matt Cretul** Legislative Manager
4	ARA 04 **Voluntary Special Assessments on Ag-Zoned Land** *Marion County*	Amends s. 125.01(1)(r), F.S., to allow counties to levy special assessments on agriculturally classified land when property owners voluntarily request the assessment to fund infrastructure improvements that benefit them.	**Matt Cretul** Legislative Manager
CROSS CLAIMS			
5	FTA 06 **Fiscally Constrained County Distribution Formula** *Lafayette County*	Updates the fiscally constrained county distribution formula in s. 218.67, F.S., to provide enhanced allocation and modernized distribution factors.	**Commissioner Anthony Adams**
CLOSING			
•	**Announcements**	**Commissioner Andy Dance**, Chair	
•	**Adjournment**		

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