

WALK ON #2

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Lee County Board Of County Commissioners

Blue Sheet No. 20051657

Agenda Item Summary

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: Review and adopt the 2006 Legislative priorities list.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Adoption will allow our Board of County Commission legislative liaison to present an approved list to the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt pre-session Legislative priorities list with edits and additions to be made as the 2006 Legislative session progresses.

4. Departmental Category:

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5. Meeting Date:

11-15-2005

6. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative
- Appeals
- Public
- Walk-On

7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin. Code
- Other

8. Request Initiated:

Commissioner _____
 Department County Administration
 Division _____
 By: Donald D. Stilwell, County Manager

9. Background:

The draft 2006 Legislative priorities were presented to the Board at the November 7th Management and Planning meeting. At the request of the Commission, two items were added to list under the water quality category. The additional items are to support \$50 million funding for Lake Okeechobee fore-pumping project to regulate flow and to support the development of a South Florida Water Management District/Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Master Plan.

Commissioner Albion will be presenting the Lee County legislative priorities to the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation on November 17th.

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
n/c									1/5 11/14/05

11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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 Date: 11/14/05
 Time: 1:00pm
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DeSalvo, Richard A.

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Subject: walk-on for Nov. 15th - legislative priorities

Attachments: 2006 legislative priorities.doc; legislative priorities 06.DOC



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Dick,

Here is the bluesheet and the back-up for a walk-on for Nov. 15th. The Board asked that the information be blue sheeted at the Nov. 7th Management and Planning meeting. There were also two items added to the list at the Nov. 8th regular Board meeting.

The bluesheet is being routed and will be on your desk shortly. The bluesheet # is 20051657.

The reason for the walk-on is that it must be reviewed/approved by the Board before the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation on Nov. 17th.

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2006 Lee County Board of Commissioners
Legislative Priorities

1. Transportation Issues: Support the indexing of the **local option gas tax** to increase with the CPI.
2. Support additional funding for **Red Tide Reseach** and general water quality issues. Support **Water Quality** initiatives for the Caloosahatchee River. Propose and support an amendment to the Lake Okeechobee Protection Act to include the Caloosahatchee River. Support \$50 million funding for Lake Okeechobee fore-pumping project to regulate flow. Support the development of a South Florida Water Management District/Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Master Plan.
3. Support **Platted Lands** legislation.
4. Oppose any **unfunded mandates**.
5. Support **Lee County Human Services appropriations request** for joint project with Lee Mental Health Center (Ruth Cooper Center), Southwest Florida Addiction Services and the Salvation Army.
6. Closely monitor the **Growth Management Glitch Bill** which includes provisions on **Impact Fees** and funding for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) which provides for funding from the State up to 50% for regional road projects.

SUPPORT AND TRACKING ISSUES

1. **Support the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust** fund and oppose any raid of the present funding allocation.
2. Oppose any funding cuts for Medicaid transportation service which would lead to the fragmentation of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated System.

Support and Tracking Issues continued

3. Request support for increasing the surcharge for the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Trust Fund to account for increased costs due to population growth. This item is also one of the Florida Association of Counties priority items.
4. Support the Horizon Council/Economic Development Legislative Priority List (attached)

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE CONSORTIUM 2006 Legislative Priorities (Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier and Hendry Counties)

MONITORING

- Growth Management Glitch Bill
- Impact Fee Reform
- Any Eminent Domain Legislation

PRIORITIES

- Oppose Portability of Homestead Exemptions - Terry Stewart, City of Cape Coral, and Jim Ley, Sarasota County, to determine community/business/services impact through economic model
- Support Extending FRS "Drop" Program for existing participants an additional 5 years
- Support Gas Tax Indexing
- Support Mandatory Statewide Seatbelt Law - would increase transportation funding from Feds
- Support Additional Funding for Red Tide/Red Drift Algae Research

OTHER

- Sarasota sending statewide appeal to support use of traffic signal-mounted cameras for enforcement (red light running) purposes
- Sarasota producing "white paper" on Southwest Florida's political/social/cultural/philosophical commonalities as a region
- Tallahassee Lobbying Day tentatively scheduled for March 23rd, Legislator Breakfast to be sponsored by Collier County