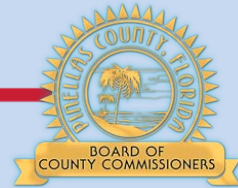


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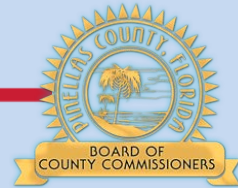
**2018 Legislative Program – State
September 14, 2017**





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2018 Legislative Timeline

September – December: Interim Committee Weeks

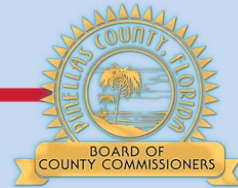
September 25: First Legislative Delegation Meeting

November (TBD): Second Legislative Delegation Meeting

December 11: Governor's Budget Recommendations Due

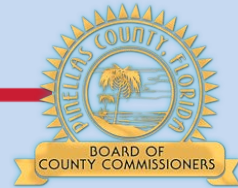
January 9: Regular Session Convenes

March 9: Last Day of Regular Session



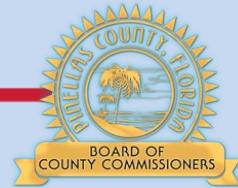
2017 Legislative Program

Issue	Position
Article V Court Funding	Support eliminating the requirement that counties increase certain court expenditures by 1.5 percent over the prior county fiscal year.
Beach Nourishment	Support the continuation and increase of funding for beach nourishment projects.
Building Permits	Support legislation allowing homeowners acting as their own contractors to pull online permits for additional projects instead of having to appear in person.
Construction Licensing Board	Support updating of the Special Act establishing the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
Defense Contractor Incentives	Support legislation that makes incentives for defense contractors an outright reward. Currently state dollars may offset federal incentives.
Energy Policy	Support the development of a statewide energy policy.
Entertainment Tax Credit Incentives	Support entertainment tax credit incentives. On-location and indigenous commercial, film, and media production generate over \$25 million per year in Pinellas County.
Flood Insurance	Support efforts to support flood mitigation and encourage the private marketplace.
Healthcare Expansion	Support efforts to expand healthcare in Florida and draw down federal resources to expand Medicaid eligibility.
High Impact Veteran County	Support legislation establishing a "High Impact Veteran County" designation that allocates state funds to hire Veterans Service Officers in designated counties to increase services and federal benefits for Florida veterans.
High Prescriber Database	Support legislation that requires physicians to input data into the state monitoring database rather than leaving it a voluntary program.



2017 Legislative Program

Issue	Position
Homelessness Funding	Support a steady source of state funding for homelessness issues that is not subject to the annual appropriations process.
Medicaid Dental Care	Support legislation to incentivize participation by the dental community.
Medicaid Managed Care	Support continued efforts to work through Medicaid reform initiatives to ensure timely and full payment cycles for providers.
Mosquito Control Funding	Support increased mosquito control funding available to all mosquito control districts.
Regional Transportation	Support regional transportation coordination and funding, including funding for a study of the best regional models.
Sewer Infrastructure	Support creation of a state program to assist with the replacement of private laterals, support funding for a regional inflow and infiltration study of all sewer systems countywide and other recommendations from the Wastewater/Stormwater Task Force.
Vacation Rentals	Support removing the pre-emption of local regulation of vacation rental properties
Vehicles for Hire	Support statewide regulation of vehicles for hire.
Local Tax Referenda	Oppose efforts to raise the approval threshold or restrict local control over the scheduling of local tax referenda.
Open Carry	Oppose any efforts for open carry of firearms
SHIP/SAIL (Affordable Housing Trust Fund)	Oppose money from the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund being used for any purpose other than housing.



2017 Legislative Recap

■ Beach Nourishment

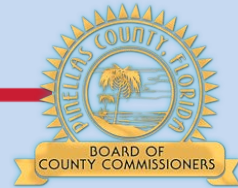
- Both HB 1213 (Peters) and SB 1590 (Latvala) did not pass during session. However, \$50M was appropriated for statewide beach projects.

■ Construction Licensing Board

- HB 1441 was pulled from further consideration during session.

■ Flood Insurance

- HB 813, signed by the Governor, extends current law that enables companies selling private flood policies to set rates without approval from regulators. It also increases intervals for revisions to the flood loss projection models to every 4 years.



2017 Legislative Recap

■ Regional Transportation

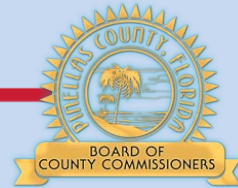
- SB 1672, signed by the Governor, revises TBARTA's membership and governance structure. Additionally, the bill requires the Transit Authority to develop and adopt a regional transit development plan.

■ Vehicles for Hire (Transportation Network Companies)

- HB 221, signed by the Governor, provides statewide regulatory guidance for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft.

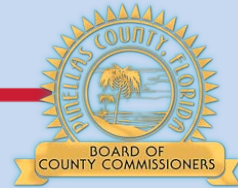
■ Local Tax Referenda

- HB 139 and SB 278 did not pass during session. The bills would have required local government sales tax referenda to be held on the date of a primary or general election and receive a specified percentage of votes.



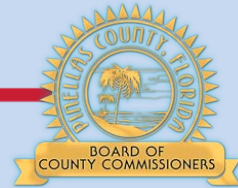
Other Items of Interest

- **Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs)**
 - HB 13 did not pass during session. This bill would have created new reporting requirements for existing CRAs, changed criteria for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds, and phased out existing CRAs.
- **Cell Phone Tower Preemption**
 - HB 687, signed by the Governor, establishes a process by which wireless providers may place certain “small wireless facilities” on, under, within, or adjacent to certain utility poles or wireless support structures within the public rights-of-way. The law also caps the rate for collocation on a utility pole at \$150 annually.
- **Homestead Exemption**
 - HB 7105, signed by the Governor, proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution to increase the current homestead exemption for non-school property taxes by up to \$25,000 for assessed values between \$100,000 and \$125,000.



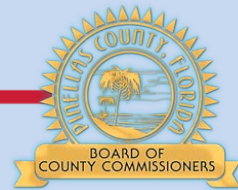
Appropriations Requests

- Treasure Island appears on the Beach Restoration and Nourishment list for \$2.53M (Project #7 on the list).
- \$2M appropriated to the Lealman Community District Services, Inc. for the Lealman Community Center.
- Request for the Tampa Bay Center for Innovation was vetoed by the Governor.
- Request from City of Tarpon Springs for Anclote River Dredging Project was vetoed by the Governor.
- \$10M for Lake Seminole Sediment Removal did not appear in the Senate Budget.



Proposed Priority Issues

- Community Redevelopment Areas
- Veterans Memorial Reef Appropriations
- Pursue additional appropriations funding for Lealman Community Center
- Pursue one-time funding for capital



Discussion