



Office of the
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

FROM: Kathy Copeland, Legislative Affairs and Communications Manager

DATE: Sept 19, 2023

SUBJECT: 2024 Legislative Priorities

Background & Discussion

The Florida Legislature's Legislative Regular 2024 Session begins on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Thus, Legislative Committee weeks are already begun, and Members have already begun filing bills.

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the Small County Coalition discussed policy issues during the Innovation & Policy Conference. New and previous policy issues facing counties were reviewed and debated to narrow the slate of policies for a final consideration at the Legislative Conference scheduled for November 15-17th. These policies will serve as the overarching guiding principles for the 2024 Legislative Session statewide.

On October 27th, the Four County Commission Meeting is scheduled where our Board and commissioners from Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties will discuss issues of mutual interest. The issues that emerge from that meeting will come back to our Board for approval to be included in the Indian River County Legislative Priority Program for 2024.

The BOCC is being presented a list of proposed policy issues and requests for appropriations. These have been identified/proposed staff or through one-on-one conversations with the County Administrator. Because members of the Board are not permitted to discuss these issues with one another privately, it is important for a discussion to occur in this forum so staff can get a sense of the Board regarding priorities for this Session.

A more detailed legislative program booklet with overarching guiding principles will come back to the Board for review and approval before the end of the year.

Staff Recommendation

Provide direction to staff regarding identified legislative issues and priorities.

Attachment:

Draft legislative issues and appropriations requests.