



From the Commissioner's Desk

Dear Friends,

The 2025-2026 budget has been finalized, and I am happy to announce that for the 6th consecutive year in a row St. Lucie County has decreased their millage rate by .46 percent!

The budget process is long and arduous, yet you would not know it because St. Lucie County has such an amazing team of professionals that make it look so simple.

First, I want to thank all our volunteers on the Citizens Budget Committee for the months of effort that you take out of your own time to learn the budget and provide insightful recommendations. I want to thank **Clerk & Comptroller Michelle Miller** for all her time as she and her team attends every budget meeting and **Property Appraiser Michelle Franklin**, for always having courteous team members at our budget hearings to help residents with their questions.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank **County Administrator George Landry** and administration and the entire **OMB team** for all their hard work. As usual you knocked it out of the park, but this year you all deserve an extra heartfelt THANK-YOU!!



Budget Highlights

- 6th consecutive year millage has decreased
- Decreased millage rate to an aggregate of 7.9982
- Represents a cumulative decrease of .8777 mills since 2020
- Fully funded our men and women in law enforcement at 114,638,949
 - More funding set aside for roads & stormwater projects
 - 4% increase for employees to address inflationary pressure



Community Events

St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Adult Spelling Bee

Over \$9,000 raised for Dogs & Cats Forever - no kill animal shelter



Commissioner Clasby, Commissioner Fowler and Derrick Neese of Neese Roofing



Commissioner Fowler, Nancy Dunn - Shelter Mgr. for Dogs & Cats Forever, Veronica Kolibab, and State Representative Toby Overdorf

St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce's Back to School Night with the Mets



Sean Boyle, Terissa Aronson, Ashley Mock & Commissioner Fowler handed out free admission tickets to all kids!



Thanks to your contributions, we collected a truckload of supplies for our teachers!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

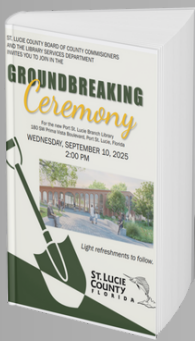


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**Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County Wins 1st Place in the
BGCA National Arts Contest!**



Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Port St. Lucie Branch Library 180 S. Prima Vista Boulevard Port St. Lucie, FL 34983



This past week, I had the honor of serving as MC for a truly special event at the groundbreaking of the new Port St. Lucie Library—the existing building holds a piece of my heart. More than just a building, this library has long been a space where dreams begin, curiosity thrives, and imaginations take flight.

Growing up just down the street, I spent countless hours lost in the pages of Nancy Drew and The Baby-Sitters Club. Later, authors like Patricia Cornwell deepened my love of reading—a passion I now share with my son, Easton, through bedtime stories and moments of discovery.

Standing in the same library that shaped my childhood, now preparing for a new chapter through reconstruction, was a deeply emotional experience. The building will be new with vast improvements, but its spirit and impact will live on. I'm filled with hope imagining future generations—Easton included—wandering those renewed aisles, finding stories that spark their own dreams.



St. Lucie County Commissioners are joined by Port St. Lucie Mayor Shannon Martin and staff for this groundbreaking event!!

Town Hall Meeting at PGA Verano



Roger Jacobsen - SLC Mosquito Control Director, Commissioner Jamie Fowler, State Representative Dana Trabulsky and Sheriff Rich Del Toro gave county, legislative and public safety updates to our residents in the Verano community.

ARC of the Treasure Coast unveils new T.I.P. Community Center

The State of Florida and St. Lucie County were proud to contribute to the T.I.P (Therapeutic Intervention Program) at Ravenswood Lane in Port St. Lucie. The mission is to empower individuals with unique abilities by providing services for life skills, work and education. "Our community of individuals with unique abilities deserve to not only survive but to thrive".



6 zeros for the win! \$1,000,000 check to the ARC of the Treasure Coast!



Keith Muniz, President & CEO - ARC of the Treasure Coast, Terissa Aronson - SLC Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner Fowler, State Representative Trabulsky, County Administrator George Landry

HIGH-FIVE HERO

Meet Dominick Torchia

I have been with St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners since January 2024, currently marking one year and eight months of service. I began my journey as the executive aide to Chair Jamie Fowler and now proudly serve as a Human Resources Partner II. In this role, I provide both professional and tactical HR support across multiple departments. My responsibilities include advising management and staff on HR practices, ensuring compliance with relevant laws and policies, fostering employee engagement, and supporting initiatives that align with the County's overall goals. Ultimately, my focus is on strengthening the relationship between management and employees to help drive organizational success. I have been a resident of St. Lucie County for three years and consider it a privilege to serve the community in this capacity. My achievements in this role would not have been possible without the continued support of Commissioner Fowler, the County Attorney team, the County Administration team, and the Commissioners' Aides and staff. My approach is deeply rooted in collaboration, community, and teamwork—with a strong commitment to serving our residents through the dedication and resilience of our hardworking staff. As for major contributions, I believe that the most impactful outcomes are the result of collective effort. While individual contributions matter, true success stems from working together with colleagues who consistently give their all to ensure that St. Lucie County delivers the highest quality of service to its residents.



Pawsitive Spotlight!!

Hi, I'm Teef!

I got my name because of my cute little "teefers" (tiny teeth)! When I arrived at St. Lucie County Animal Safety on June 30th, I was scared, sick, and underweight. Thankfully, the amazing staff got me the care I needed, and now I'm happy, healthy, and ready for adoption! I'm about 5 months old, so my birthday is Easter Sunday (April 20th). I've been neutered, microchipped, and I've had all my baby shots — I'm all set to go home! Will you be my forever family? Or consider adopting one of my friends at the shelter!

 Love,
Teef



Keeping up with St. Lucie County



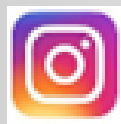
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A colorful poster for the 'Ag-Xtension Fall Fest'. It features logos for UF IFAS Extension, Florida Master Gardener, and Sea Grant. The text reads: 'Ag-Xtension Fall Fest', 'Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale and 4-H Farm Festival', '11 October | 9:00am-2:00pm | 8400 Picos Rd Fort Pierce'. Below this, it lists activities: 'Vendors - Educational Workshops - Resale Shop - Games - 4-H Farm Tour - PAF Safety Day Booths - Garden Tours and Nature Trail Open House'. The poster is decorated with sunflowers, pumpkins, butterflies, and a greenhouse.



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Commissioner Jamie Lee Fowler
St. Lucie County District 4