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# Charlotte County 2022 Legislative Agenda Items

July 20, 2021



CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
FLORIDA

# 2022 Legislative Calendar

- **Committee Week #1: September 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> , 2021**
- **Committee Week #2: October 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> , 2021**
- **Committee Week #3:October 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2021**
- **Committee Week #4: November 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> , 2021**
- **Committee Week #5: November 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> , 2021**
- **Committee Week #6: November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**
- **FL Session Begins: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
- **FL Session Sine Dies (Hopefully): March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



# Guiding Principles

- **State and Local Governments are partners in the promotion and protection of the health and welfare of the community. To preserve this partnership Charlotte County will:**
  - **Support state policies which benefit the economic development, environmental and social health of Charlotte County and its citizens.**
  - **Oppose legislative changes or fiscal decisions which impact County revenues such as unfunded mandates, revenue limitations, trust fund diversions or cost shifts.**
  - **Support local flexibility to address problems by honoring home rule and avoiding unnecessary preemptions of local authority.**

# Appropriations Requests

# Ackerman- Water Quality Improvement Project-Zone 4

- **Funds Requested: \$2,000,000**
- **Seeking** funding for constructing central wastewater service to **1,933** properties to replace inadequate On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDSs).
- Requested funds will be utilized for construction of a septic-to-sewer conversion project in a neighborhood prioritized as critical due to proximity to Charlotte Harbor.

# Ackerman- Water Quality Improvement Project-Zone 4



# William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park

- **Funds Requested: \$2,000,000**
- **Seeking** funding for expansion of recreational facilities at the William R. Gaines, Jr. Veterans Memorial Park.
- This park will honor the memory of Corporal William R. Gaines, Jr. as well as all veterans and first responders. Corporal Gaines was a local resident of Charlotte County who was killed in the line of duty in the Oct. 23, 1983, bombing of Marine barracks in Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War.

# William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park





# Utilities Communication/Cybersecurity Project

- **Funds Requested: \$2,000,000**
- **Seeking** funding for the county's utilities communication and cybersecurity infrastructure.
- This project will provide for modernization of the county's utilities communications and cybersecurity infrastructure. This project is preventive and removes potential denial-of-service attacks that could currently occur. This security investment will immediately pay off in the form of more enhanced security and reliable operations.

# Policy Requests

## Sunshine Law: County State of Emergency

- **Request** Sunshine law exemption for County elected officials to be able to participate in emergency-related briefings during a declared local state of emergency.

# Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) & Hurricane Shelter Retrofit program

- **Seeking** reauthorization of both the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) and Hurricane Shelter Retrofit program.
- The Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) and the Hurricane Shelter Retrofit program are both administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and funded through the Hurricane Catastrophe Trust Fund (surcharge on homeowner's insurance policies collected each year).

## (2019) CS/CS SB 426 Firefighter Cancer Bill

- **Support** legislation and administrative measures to clarify language in the 2019 CS/CS SB 426 Firefighter Cancer Bill.
- The bill requires greater administrative guidance on its scope and funding mechanisms to best assist firefighters and local governments in accomplishing its intent

# Public Records

- **Support** public records legislation that exempts the home addresses of security personnel, county administrators, and county attorneys. Reducing the likelihood of further security issues is a county priority.
- **Support** public records legislation that exempts security “operations” meetings.
- **Support** public records legislation that clarifies that the aggregation of serial public records requests is allowable.
- **Support** public records legislation that requires requestor to pay outstanding record request bill before any further request required to be processed.
- **Support** public records legislation that allows for designation of a public records request official.
- **Support** public records legislation that allows for online public records request to be responded to with county website with requested information.

# Support Requests

## West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND)

- **Support** funding for construction of a new operations facility. The District has contracted an architect for planning and design of a new facility.



# Purple Heart Highway Initiative

- **Support** designating, I-75 within Charlotte County as a Purple Heart Highway Initiative.

# Charlotte County Sheriff's: Law enforcement body camera program.

- **Support** funding sources for the Charlotte County Sheriff's office law enforcement body camera program.

# Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring

- **Support** funding requests for real-time water quality monitoring for the Peace River, Myakka River, and Charlotte Harbor.

# Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership Legislative Priorities: Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Program

- **Continue and expand** annual funding for the Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Program, including recurrent dedicated funding.
- **Support** increased funding of Florida Forever and Florida Rural and Family Lands programs.

# Questions or Concerns?