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As we begin the summer season, the huge undertaking of compiling and proffering a budget for the next fiscal year (2009-2010) has been completed and turned in to the County Commission, in accordance with Florida Law. Being cognizant of the current budgetary situation faced in our county, my staff and I have worked diligently to review existing programs for effectiveness, cost and continuance. Additionally, we have utilized innovative cost savings measures to submit a budget that substantially reduces expenditures while meeting our obligation to the voters and to the elections for the upcoming fiscal year. By reviewing our organization from top to bottom and finding every prudent cost savings measure, we were able to reduce the upcoming budget by nearly 11% and approximately 23% over the last three years. As you know, we have a very busy election cycle in 2010 with federal, state and local races in both a primary and general election.

My staff and I have found creative ways to fund legal mandates. For example, with the legislative mandate to switch from touch screen to optical scan voting machines, we utilized existing equipment and converted them to voting privacy booths in lieu of purchasing new equipment saving over \$252,000.00. We also voluntarily deferred commencement of construction of a previously approved elections warehouse and utilized construction trailers to house our privacy booths. Those funds (\$5.9 million) went to the Sheriff's Office for a jail expansion.

The mandate to reduce expenditures is not a new concept to my office. As such, I look forward to working with our County Commission over the summer in reviewing our proposed budget.



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What's Happening...

Legislative Day for FSASE in Tallahassee

Supervisor Corley and his associates from other Florida counties attended Legislative Day in Tallahassee on April 1, 2009. The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) designates this day annually to meet with legislators and the Secretary of State regarding proposed election-related bills. Ultimately, by the close of session, no substantive changes to election law were passed.



Supervisor Corley confers with I to r: Supervisor Bucher, Palm Beach County and Supervisor Scott, Brevard County.



The Supervisor's Been Flocked!

"Flo-Mingo" and her flock of feathery friends made a surprise appearance in Mr. Corley's office on Monday, April 13. Flo-Mingo serves as an ambassador for the San Antonio Relay for Life chapter of the American Cancer Society. Her goals are to create awareness of the services offered by the American Cancer Society and to help raise funds for cancer research, education, and patient services.



Take Your Child to Work Day

Molly Bentley spent the morning working at the elections' office on Take Your Child to Work Day, April 23, 2009. Molly is the 9-year-old daughter of Tami Bentley, Senior Deputy Voter Services, and is pictured sorting and logging initiative petitions for verification by the staff. Molly also learned to generate invoices and how to look up voters on the voter registration system.



Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections Summer Conference

Supervisor Corley and members of the elections' management team attended the Florida State Association of Supervisor of Elections Summer Conference in St. Augustine June 22 - 26. The association holds two conferences a year for constituents statewide. In addition to association business meetings, the conference provides educational break-out sessions, workshops, and panel discussions.



Congratulations Louise! 36 years of Dedication and Service

Since 1973, Louise served under three supervisors: Mary Morgan, Kurt Browning and Brian Corley, and experienced four voting systems: lever machines, punch cards, touch screens and optical scanners. In time, Louise served as Branch Office Coordinator first in New Port Richey and finally in Land O' Lakes. For years, she was volunteer coordinator and oversaw voter education/outreach. Louise was respected by all with whom she worked and will be greatly missed upon her retirement!

Election Information...



2009 Municipal Elections

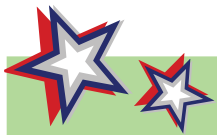
Once again, despite torrential rains and several tornados, my office premiered in setting a standard of excellence Tuesday, April 14, in facilitating the municipal elections for the cities of New Port Richey, Port Richey, San Antonio and Zephyrhills. Our exceptional track record is due in part to our continuous desire to streamline and improve the voting process in Pasco County. To assess our operations, the Municipal Elections were used as a training exercise for staff which visited polling locations throughout the day. Staff was able to directly view how effective our pollworker training methods and materials are as well as observe logistical aspects that impact voters such as traffic flow and polling place setup. This perspective is totally different for staff which normally functions on election days "behind the scenes" in supporting roles to the pollworkers.

Post Election Audit

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 101.591, the post election audit for Municipal Elections took place on Friday, April 17, 2009. Ballots from all precincts were hand counted by election staff. The result of the hand count when compared with the Optical Scan system revealed a 100% accuracy rate. For more detailed information on this audit, see this link on our website: www.pascovotes.com/pdf/09MunResults.pdf.



Staff members hand count ballots at the post election audit.



Voter Rolls Audited for Registered Felons

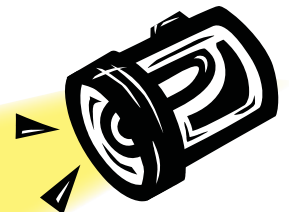
The elections' staff, in conjunction with Pasco County Clerk of Court Paula O'Neil, has been assisting the Division of Elections in identifying convicted Pasco County felons who are currently on the state voter registration system. As many as 5,000 names have been scrutinized by staff by comparing the voter registration roll to lists supplied by the Clerk of Court for cases closed 2006 through the present.

Once a potentially ineligible registered voter from the Clerk's list is identified, a thorough investigation is conducted. If the research discloses a case that resulted in adjudication of guilt, either removal proceedings begin or the case will be referred to the State Attorney's Office. Per Florida Statute, names of potential felons are not removed from the rolls until notification by certified letter and/or an administrative hearing is scheduled. Procedurally, staff utilized the same resources as the Bureau to conduct research.



Pollworker Spotlight

Each edition we spotlight one of the trained positions held by our election officials. This edition spotlights . . .



EViD Operator



These are the frontline people who greet and check-in voters as they arrive at the precinct. Their main function is to verify voters' registrations and issue voting passes. This function was once performed by inspectors who attended paper precinct registers, but is now done electronically greatly increasing efficiency at the polls. Additionally, EViD Operators complete the paperwork for voters who make changes to their registration information, require assistance, or a provisional ballot, for example. They are the record keepers who stay in close contact with the phone bank throughout the day.

Community Outreach Events . . .



Education Ambassadors staffed the school election for J.W. Mitchell High School this spring. The ambassadors are from left to right: Jackie Wildman, Ray Brown, Pat Brown, Alfred Wildman, Doug Martin and Barbara Scott.



J.W. Mitchell students are shown voting for next year's student council members. Schools have already begun scheduling elections for the 2009-2010 school year.



Education/Outreach Ambassadors will hold a voter registration drive on July 4th, 2009, at **Sparklebration**, a 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Celebration at Pasco County Fairgrounds. Ambassadors will be in Dan Cannon Hall from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. to take voter registration updates and new registrations.

July 4th Traditions

When the Continental Congress declared American independence from the British Crown on the second of July, delegate John Adams of Massachusetts wrote home to his wife, Abigail, "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore." However, the actual document -- the Declaration of Independence -- was prepared and dated on July 4th, 1776. Today it is the 4th of July (rather than the 2nd of July, as Adams surmized) that is celebrated with the flying of the American flag, family picnics, parades and fireworks to remember the birth of the United States of America.

<http://americanholidaycalendar.com>

Quotes of the Quarter

Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.
~Jane Howard



May the roof above us never fall in
And may we good companions
beneath it never fall out.
~Irish Blessing

QUICK NOTES

We have begun the audit process of the voter registration database as required by Florida Statutes. Addresses on our file will be compared to the USPS database. When addresses differ, we will notify those voters via postcard. Voters receiving these cards are encouraged to respond to ensure accuracy of their voter registration record.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Star-Spangled Banner became the US national anthem in 1931. Prior to that, it was My Country 'Tis of Thee," which had the same melody as Britian's national anthem God Save the Queen, which is based on music written by John Bull in 1619. Bull's melody has been used more than any song in national anthems.

www.didyounow.org

Registration Statistics

Republican	113,555
Democrat	109,070
Other	70,040
TOTAL	292,665

As of July 1, 2009