### County Commission Meeting

**August 21, 2019**  
**Agenda Item Number: T.3**  
**Agenda Item Summary #5949**

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval of the Monroe County 2020 State Legislative Agenda.

**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Staff is seeking Board approval of the issues herein to be included in the County’s 2020 State Legislative Program.

Each year, the BOCC and staff evaluate the trends and issues affecting all County programs and services to identify potential policy or substantive legislative issues. Staff has provided a list of substantive priorities and a list of general issues that we should monitor for 2020 State legislative session; and welcomes the addition or deletion of issues that the Board deems appropriate for the County’s 2020 legislative efforts.

Most of the County’s legislative efforts are incremental and focused on issues that are built upon throughout several sessions, such as our unique water quality and land acquisition needs, and the importance of wind insurance affordability; these will continue to be legislative priorities in the 2020 session.

Each year the agenda reflects changes or additional tasks in response to new challenges, new ideas for existing challenges, or new opportunities for funding sources. For example, Hurricane Irma provided an unprecedented challenge to our housing stock, and in response, we developed a list of legislative strategies to bolster our housing recovery efforts.

Another example is the challenge presented by the first joint County-State takings judgment, which prompted us to propose to seek an avenue for codifying what has been a long-standing assumption of a shared financial responsibility between the County and the State last session. We will continue to work on this priority for the 2020 session.

This year we are experiencing the impacts of a massive sargassum event, even larger in scope than 2018’s record breaker. Tides and wind have deposited large amounts of sargassum along the Keys’ beaches and in canals. It is washing up on every Atlantic coastline in Florida. There are few realistic, immediate, cost-effective interventions for this complex, naturally occurring event. The legislative
team will continue to monitor the situation, work with our staff and other local governments, and stand by to lend legislative assistance, if warranted.

Upon Board approval, the County’s legislative team will pursue all of the legislative issues approved by the Board, and in so doing, place appropriate priority on the issues that the Board directs to receive a special level of attention in 2020.

Typically, through each session, the County’s legislative team focuses on its priorities, and then works through the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) and the Small County Coalition (SCC) in achieving broader legislative issues. FAC and SCC will finalize their legislative programs during the FAC legislative conference in November. As a member of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact, Monroe County works collaboratively to help develop the Compact’s draft legislative program. When the Compact finalizes its draft agenda, it will be presented to the County Commission for approval.

Key dates for the 2020 State Legislative Session:

- November 6: Election
- November 28-30: FAC Legislative Policy Conference
- December-February: Legislative Committee Weeks
- January 8: Inaugural Day
- March 1: Deadline for filing General Bills
- March 5: Session Begins
- March 19: Keys Day
- April 23: Last Day for Committee meetings
- May 3: Session Ends

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: Approval of the 2019 State Legislative Agenda.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

DOCUMENTATION:

2020 Monroe County State Leg Agenda draft

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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CPI:

Indirect Costs:

Estimated Ongoing Costs Not Included in above dollar amounts:

Revenue Producing: If yes, amount:

Grant:

County Match:

Insurance Required:

Additional Details:

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Budget and Finance Pending
Kathy Peters Completed 08/13/2019 2:27 PM
Maria Slavik Pending
Board of County Commissioners Pending 08/21/2019 9:00 AM