



The Briefing for April 23, 2024

The Last Briefing was April 19, 2024

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[Addendum to Constitutional Officer Salaries](#)

The Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) has published an addendum to its September 2023 report, *Salaries of Elected County Constitutional Officers and School District Officials for Fiscal Year 2023-24*, to reflect the impacts of HB 601 and SB 958 that increase the base salaries of county sheriffs, county tax collectors, and district school superintendents. The addendum is linked below:

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/reports/finsal23addendum.pdf>

[Legislative Focus](#)

[Small County Legislators Successful in Achieving Small County Priorities](#)

There are 40 members of the Florida Senate and 120 members of the Florida House of Representatives. Small Counties are represented by 12 Senators and 21 House members. This past legislative session, legislators worked to address many priorities for Florida's Rural Areas. Senators Simon, Bradley, Hutson, Perry, Albritton, Passidomo, and Grall along with Representatives Abbott, Shoaf, Franklin, Tant, Brannon, Renner, Payne, Clemons, Grant, Melo, Tuck and Mooney and others all worked with the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium to address key priorities. A complete report of actions of the 2024 are included in the following reports that were distributed after the 2024 Session concluded:

 [SCC - Final Revised - Legislative Report for the 2024 Regular Legislative Session - March 27 - 2024.docx](#)

 [SSDCC 2024 -Revised - Final Legislative Report -March 27 -2024.docx](#)

[McClain and Tants efforts worked to Protect Fiscally Constrained Counties](#)



Stan McClain has represented District 27 is term limited and is running for the open Senate Seat which includes Levy and Putnam counties.

Representatives Stan McClain and Allison Tant worked to successfully to ensure that Fiscally Constrained counties would receive offset funding for the loss of revenue that will occur if Proposed Constitutional Amendment 5 is adopted this November. The constitutional amendment if adopted will provide annual adjustments to the value of certain homestead exemptions. McClain and Tants' effort protected Fiscally Constrained Counties from being negatively impacted.



Allison Tant represents House District 9 which includes Madison, and Jefferson Counties.

Upcoming Meetings

We are focused now on preparing for the Summer Meetings of the SSDCC and the Small County Coalition. Agenda materials are being developed and will be emailed well before the scheduled meeting. Both meetings will include the election of officers and other business. Here's the calendar for both meetings -

Small District Annual Joint meeting

FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium
JUNE 6, 2024 - 7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14th Floor

Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting

Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am
Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

Headlines Around the State

Times: How often does a sitting US president visit Tampa Bay? You'd be surprised.

NBC Miami: Florida's ban on homeless encampments could hinge on Supreme Court ruling

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis calls for feds to deal with campus antisemitism in New York City

FlaPol: Rick Scott officially has a Primary challenger

Herald: Some migrants flown by DeSantis to Martha's Vineyard qualify for victim visas, feds say

The Floridian: Scott Supports Israel Aid, Calls Gaza Aid 'Stupidest Idea Ever'

The Floridian: Mast on Columbia's Anti-Israel Protests: Higher Institutions Have 'Fallen'

WUSF: Qualifying period for congressional races begins in Florida

WUSF: Judge orders FSU and the ACC to mediation in their latest legal round

Axios: Black Floridians more likely to die from preventable illness, report finds

FlaPol: Rick Wells latest Sheriff to endorse Vern Buchanan for re-election

Herald: Algorithms powering John Ruiz's company being probed by SEC, Justice Department

WUSF: Florida gas prices settle back down, but could rise again

Democrat: Florida gas prices remain high after 13-cent price hike early last week, AAA says

Post: Gov. DeSantis promotes environmental agenda, calls Biden 'weak' on school demonstrations

The Floridian: DeSantis Touts \$3.14 Billion in Two Years Toward Everglades Restoration Efforts

My News 13: DeSantis to approve \$1.5 billion in Everglades and water projects

The Floridian: 'Democrats Have a Jewish Problem': Florida Jewish Democrats Accuse Party Leaders of Religious Insensitivity

FlaPol: Billy Corben blasts Miami-Dade Dems leadership for refusing to move Chair vote from Passover Shabbat

News-Press: Move, cut back, or go bare: Florida seniors juggle skyrocketing costs, impossible choices

WUSF: Oil drilling has endured in the Everglades for decades. Now, Miccosukee Tribe has a plan to stop it

Bradenton Herald: 3 Conservative Manatee County Republicans enter race for Gregory's Florida House seat

FlaPol: EMILY's List backs 3 incumbent House Democrats

Democrat: 'Lauren's Kids' in Tallahassee elementary school for lesson on staying safe

FlaPol: 'Beyond comprehension': Clay Yarborough raises concerns about troubled Jacksonville arts school

Herald: Heat killed a Florida sugar farm worker. The labor contractor is arguing the OSHA fine

Sentinel: 'Finally allowed to start catching bad guys': Florida Highway Patrol pursuit policy differs from other law enforcement agencies

WUSF: UF researchers develop a helpful conservation tool using data analytics

Sun-Sentinel: Quick transition of Broward schools superintendent raises questions

WLRN: Florida High School Athletic Association mulls sanctioning gaming as an official sport

On The Docket

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD
 - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet.
 - Location: Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- MOODY SPEAKS TO BUSINESS GROUP
 - Time: Tuesday, noon.
 - Description: Attorney General Ashley Moody is scheduled to speak to the Network of Entrepreneurs & Business Advocates.
 - Location: Capital City Country Club, 1601 Golf Terrace Dr., Tallahassee.
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD
 - Time: Tuesday, 1 p.m.
 - Description: The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: Broward College, North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek.
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

- Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
- Description: The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder is scheduled to meet.
- Location: Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/commission-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder-11>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

- PAROLE CASES
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet.
 - Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet.
 - Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- OPTOMETRY BOARD
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Optometry will meet.
 - Location: Information at <https://floridasoptometry.gov/meeting-information/>
- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ISSUES
 - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Tallahassee, 101 South Adams St. Tallahassee.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES
 - Time: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Description: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet.
 - Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- CITRUS ISSUES
 - Time: Wednesday, 2 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Citrus Commission will meet.
 - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 258577262
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD
 - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m.
 - Description: The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: College of Central Florida, Wilton Simpson Citrus Campus, Charles S. Dean Sr. Educational Center, 3800 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD
 - Time: Wednesday, 4 p.m.
 - Description: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Building, 4115 North Lois Ave., Tampa.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

- UNF TRUSTEES MEET
 - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
 - Description: The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: UNF Arena, Bank of England Suite, Jacksonville.
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES
 - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- FIU TRUSTEES

- Time: Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
- Description: The Florida International University Board of Trustees will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- Location: Florida International University, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami Beach.
- PROPERTY INSURANCE FORUM
 - Time: 10 a.m.
 - Description: U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., will hold a discussion about property insurance rates. Other officials planning to attend include U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla., and state Sens. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, and Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers.
 - Location: Lee County Public Education Center School District Board Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS
 - Time: Thursday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES
 - Time: Thursday, 3 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will hold committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. The trustees could consider a contract for Devin Stephenson, who has been selected to become the university's new president.
 - Location: Information at <https://floridapoly.edu/board-of-trustees/public-meetings.php>
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL
 - Time: Thursday, 7 p.m.
 - Description: The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/456104853>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 456104853

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 8 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Psychology will meet.
 - Location: Embassy Suites Tampa Airport, 555 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- WATER QUALITY
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet.
 - Location: Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Ave. S.E., St. Petersburg. <https://www.youtube.com/fwcresearch>
- MASSAGE THERAPY
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee.
- PRISON HEALTH CARE
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The state Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet.
 - Location: Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- HEARING AID BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The state Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet.
 - Location: Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 982688175
- PASSIDOMO CELEBRATION OF LIFE
 - Time: Friday, 4 p.m.
 - Description: A celebration of life will be held for Senate President Kathleen Passidomo's husband, John, who died April 3 from injuries suffered in a fall.

- Location: Baker Park, 50 Riverside Circle, Naples.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

- PASSIDOMO FUNERAL
 - Time: Saturday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: A funeral Mass will be held for Senate President Kathleen Passidomo's husband, John, who died April 3 from injuries suffered in a fall.
 - Location: Saint Ann Catholic Church, 475 Ninth Ave. South, Naples.

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

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