



The Briefing for Sunday, June 7, 2026

The Last Briefing was Friday, June 5, 2026

Note – All previous Briefings can be accessed at www.smallcountycoalition.org or www.ssdcc.org

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This week – I'll be office Monday and Tuesday

On Wednesday through Friday – I'll be in Tampa for School District Meetings

What's the weather outlook?

10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL – The Weather Channel

Tropical Outlook returns to The Briefing during Hurricane Season

NBA Champion Series

Game 3 tonight in New York – Knicks lead best of 7 Series over the Spurs 2-0.

College World Series

Link to Super Regionals –

Link to College World Series Schedule - Begins Friday

Small District Officials will meet Thursday in Tampa!

On Thursday Morning – June 11th – the FSBA Small District Council will meet to conduct Annual Business. The Small School District Council Consortium will also meet after the FSBA SDC concludes its business. The meeting is scheduled in Audubon D/E/F

Here's a look at some of the materials for the meeting

[Agenda Materials for Summer Small District Meetings - June 11 - 2026 .docx](#)

The meeting will present information on:

Review of Legislative Sessions

Discussion of FEFP for 27-28

Discussion of Property Tax Amendment

Property Tax Proposal

[Overview of Property Tax Legislation - Observations and Recommendations](#)

If approved, the measure proposed for consideration during the November General Election would increase the existing \$50,000 exemption for homestead properties to \$150,000 starting in 2027, rising to

\$250,000 in 2028. The constitutional amendment (HJR 1F) needs 60 percent support from voters to take effect. If it passes into law, the measure is expected to cut local government revenue across the state by more than \$8.4 billion a year. Opponents contend that the changes to the state's tax structure will seriously reduce services provided by cities and counties, cripple water management districts and other special districts, shift tax burdens to renters and businesses, and regressively hit Floridians with fees for basic services.

- Under the measure, cities and counties would be restricted to spending property tax revenues on “core services,” including schools, police, firefighters, infrastructure, the environment, along with constitutional offices, such as property appraiser, elections and sheriffs.
- The measure would also lower the cap on annual assessment increases for non-homestead properties, which include vacation and investment homes and commercial properties, from 10 percent to 5 percent.
- Starting Jan. 1, 2027, first-time homeowners would have to display five years of residency to qualify for the new super exemption. Until they qualify, they would receive the current exemption that lifts local government and school district taxes on the first \$25,000 of the appraised values of their primary properties and from non-school taxes on the value between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Watching for Governor Budget Vetoes

Florida TaxWatch will release “Turkey Watch” Report Monday

Pre-Veto Links

County By County Allocations FY 26-27 (HB 5001E)

Pre-Veto General Appropriations Act for 26-27

The Race for Governor

Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings has suspended his gubernatorial campaign after being diagnosed with a “treatable form” of prostate cancer. The announcement leaves former U.S. Rep. David Jolly as the only major candidate in the Democratic field on the eve of the qualifying period for the statewide office.

- The Change Research poll also put Jolly ahead of Republican frontrunner Congressman Bryon Donalds in a hypothetical November matchup.
- Most other polls show Donalds, who is endorsed by President Donald Trump, leading Jolly by about 3 percentage points, with about 11 percent still undecided or supporting another candidate.
- In addition to Donalds, the Republican field includes former House Speaker Paul Renner and Lt. Gov. Jay Collins.

Qualifying for state office begins at noon Monday and ends at noon, June 12.

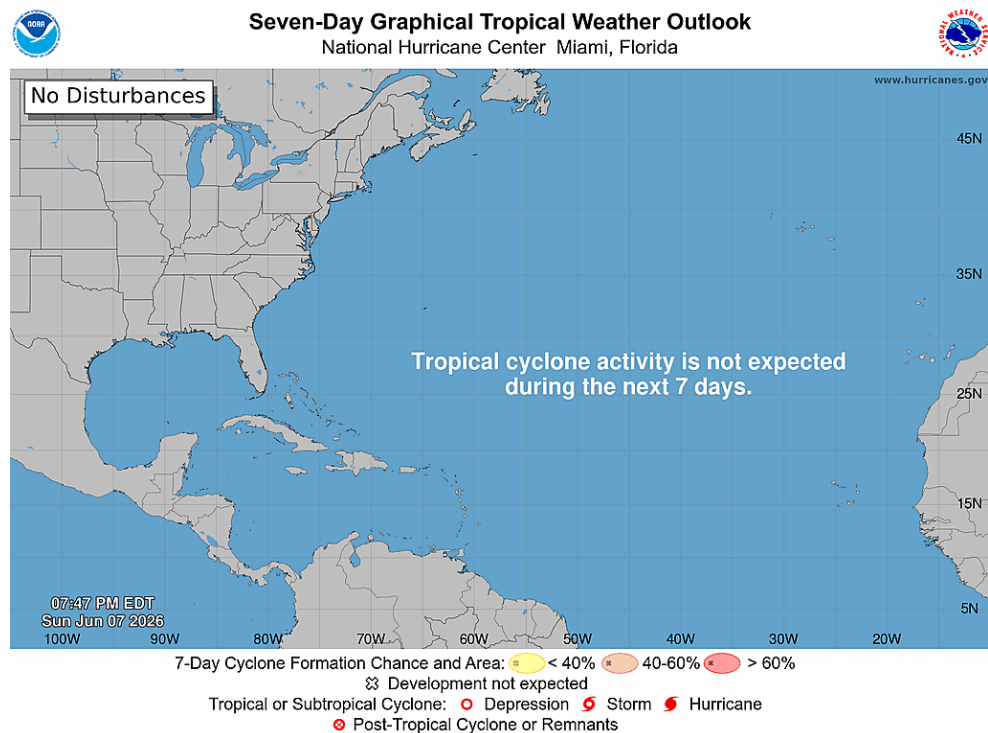
Small County Coalition will meet in Orlando In Three Weeks at FAC

June 23-26, the Florida Association of Counties will convene its 2026 Annual Conference in Orlando. Tentative Agenda for FAC Annual Conference
Small County Coalition to Meet at FAC Annual Conference

The Small County Coalition will convene on Wednesday morning June 24th for its Annual meeting. The time slot for the meeting is from 7:00am-8:30am. The Small County Coalition meeting is not listed on the FAC agenda but will be held on Wednesday.

Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



ON THE DOCKET

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- **QUALIFYING ROUND 2** - Monday, 12 p.m. - The qualifying period begins for U.S. House candidates, governor, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, chief financial officer, state Senate, state House. The period ends at 12 p.m. on Friday, June 12. Location: Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.
- **WATER RATE HEARING** - Monday, 9:30 a.m. - The Public Service Commission will hold a hear an application by CSWR-Florida Utility Operating Company to increase water and wastewater rates in Brevard, Citrus, Duval, Highlands, Marion, and Volusia counties. Time for the hearing is reserved through Friday. Location: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.

- **TURKEY LIST** - Monday, 10 a.m. - Florida TaxWatch will release its annual “Budget Turkey Watch Report,” on items that landed in the budget without “a thoughtful and thorough.” Location: Florida TaxWatch Headquarters, 106 North Bronough Street, Tallahassee.
- **FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY** - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Friends of the State Library Board is meeting. Location: Room 307, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.
- **FSC JACKSONVILLE TRUSTEES** - Monday, 12:30 p.m. - The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees is meeting. Location: FSCJ Administrative Offices, Room 403A, 501 West State Street, Jacksonville.
- **EFSC TRUSTEES** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The Eastern Florida State College Location: Melbourne Campus Building 8 – PSI Board Room 301

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- **CABINET** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General James Uthmeier, Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson and Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia will hold a state Cabinet meeting. Location: Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- **CHAMBER PROSPERITY INITIATIVE** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Education Commissioner Anastasios Kamoutsas, Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier and state Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, are listed as speakers at the Florida Chamber Foundation [2026 Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit](#). Location: Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa.
- **SUWANNEE RIVER MANAGEMENT** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. Location: District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Board of Governors is meeting.
- **ST. JOHNS RIVER MANAGEMENT** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Board of Governors is meeting. Location: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- **CLEMENCY BOARD MEETS** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis and the state Cabinet are scheduled to meet as the Board of Executive Clemency. Location: Cabinet Meeting Room, The Capitol.
- **UCF TRUSTEES** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees is meeting around 3:15 p.m. following a series of committee meetings. Location: Dr. Phillips Academic Commons (DPAC), 528 W Livingston St, Orlando.
- **RANKING SPECIAL SCHOOL FACILITIES** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The State Board of Education Special Facilities Construction Committee will consider and rank requests for special facilities construction funding for the 2027 legislative session. Location: Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1703/07, Tallahassee.
- **CITRUS COMMISSION** - Wednesday, 12 p.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission is meeting. Location: Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, Blue Heron Room, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs.
- **UF PRESIDENCY** - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will discuss Stuart Bell, former president at the University of Alabama, as the next president of the

Gainesville school. Location: Emerson Alumni Hall, President's Room, 215B, University of Florida, Gainesville.

- CITRUS RESEARCH - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - The Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. is meeting to make recommendations to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on the dissolution of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc.; a merger with the Citrus Research and Field Trial Foundation; and the Citrus Box Tax assessment for the 2026-2027 citrus season. Location: Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, Blue Heron Room, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs.
- FINANCE REPORTS
- - Wednesday, 5 p.m.
- - State candidates, political committees and parties face a deadline for filing reports showing finance activity between April 10 and May 31.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- VALENCIA TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Valencia College Board of Trustees will hold a meeting. Location: West Campus, Building 8-111, 1800 S. Kirkman Rd., Orlando, FL
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- LEWIS IN STATE - Thursday, 11 a.m. - Former Florida Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis, who died Tuesday, May 26, in Tallahassee, will lie in state in the Florida Supreme Court rotunda until 1 p.m. Lewis served on the state's highest court from 1998 to 2019. He was Chief Justice from 2006 to 2008. Members of the Court will ceremonially receive the body and Chief Justice Carlos Muñiz will make brief remarks. Location: 500 S Duval St, Tallahassee.
- UF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 4:05 p.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees meets after a series of committee meetings that begin at 9 a.m. Location: Emerson Alumni Hall, President's Room, 215B, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - The Department of Transportation is holding a meeting on widening Florida's Turnpike in Osceola County, from U.S. 192, mile post 242, to Partin Settlement Road, mile post 243.5. Location: St. Cloud Community Center, 3101 17th Street, St. Cloud.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board is meeting. Location: SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- LEWIS MEMORIAL - Friday, 11 a.m. - A memorial service will be held in the courtroom of the Florida Supreme Court for former Florida Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis, who died May 26. He was 78. Lewis served on the state's highest court from 1998 to 2019. He was Chief Justice from 2006 to 2008. Location: 500 S Duval St, Tallahassee.
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Here are key dates for 26-27

June 9-12	FSBA Summer Meeting – Tampa
June 11 –	Small District Breakfast – SSDCC Annual Meeting
June 23-26 –	FAC Annual Conference – Orlando
June 24 -	Small County Coalition Summer Meeting
August 18 –	Primary Elections
Sept 16-17 –	FAC Policy Conference – Jacksonville
Nov 3 –	General Election
Nov. 17-19-	Rural Summit – Ocala – Sponsored by FREDa
Dec 2-4 –	Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference
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Dec 3 -	Small District Breakfast – SSDCC Legislative Meeting
Dec - Feb. -	Legislative Committee Meetings
March 2 -	Legislature convenes
March 16 -	Small County Coalition – Legislative Reception
March 17 -	Small School District Council Consortium
March 17-18-	Rural Days 2027 – Tentative
March 17-18 –	FSBA Days in the Legislature
March 17 -	Florida Association Counties – Legislative Day
April 30 -	Legislative Session 60 Days – Sine Die!

Headlines Around The State

FlaPol: Carey Baker launches run to succeed Daniel Webster in CD 11

FlaPol: Byron Donalds speaks out after death threats, warns that irresponsible rhetoric emboldens people with ‘real mental health issues’

Floridian: Jay Collins Outlines 'Live Florida' Initiative to Fix Affordability, Provide Insurance Relief

Ocala Star-Banner: Marion County Commissioner Carl Zalak won't run again in 2026

FlaPol: Jerry Demings suspends Governor campaign amid prostate cancer diagnosis

Florida Phoenix: Jerry Demings suspends Democratic gubernatorial bid following cancer diagnosis

FlaPol: Jerry Demings gets outpouring of support from Republicans and Democrats after news of cancer diagnosis

FlaPol: Jerry Demings: ‘I am confident in the path ahead’ in final county address

Times-Union: AG Uthmeier asks judge to end Florida's gun-buyer 'cooling off' period

FlaPol: Nick DiCeglie backs Kathleen Peters' 'unwavering dedication' in Pinellas County Commission re-election bid

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