



## ***The Briefing for Wednesday, June 17, 2026***

*The Last Briefing was Sunday, June 7, 2026*

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***Attended Meetings of the Small School District Council Consortium***

***In Tampa last week.***

***The Annual Meeting of the Small County Coalition***

***Will be held in Orlando – next Tuesday - Friday***

***What's the weather outlook?***

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

**Check the Tropical Outlook section of The Briefing**

### **College World Series**

*Link to College World Series Schedule*

- Jun 17 (Wed) 1:00 PM CT - #5 North Carolina vs. #16 West Virginia
- Jun 17 (Wed) 6:00 PM CT - Oklahoma vs. #3 Georgia
- Jun 18 (Thu) TBD Bracket 1 (If Necessary)
- Jun 18 (Thu) TBD - Bracket 2 (If Necessary)
- Jun 20 (Sat) 7:00 PM CT - Finals Game 1
- Jun 21 (Sun) 1:30 PM CT - Finals Game 2
- Jun 22 (Mon) 6:00 PM CT - Finals Gme 3 (If Necessary)

**Counties Governments will meet next week for the FAC Annual Summer Meeting**

**June 23-26**

**The Florida Association of Counties will meet in Orlando for its 2026 Annual Conference**

**Tentative Agenda for FAC Annual Conference**



**Small County Coalition will meet next Wednesday morning in Orlando**

**2026 Annual Business and Organizational Meeting**

**Wednesday – June 24th - 7:00am-8:30am**

**Hilton Orlando – Orlando Room 1**

**Members of the Small County Coalition and Invited Guests**

**Presiding Officer**

**Commissioner Chris Dougherty, Chairperson**

### **Update on the 26-27 General Appropriations Act**

**The GAA has not yet been sent by the Legislature to the Governor for review**

**Pre-Veto General Appropriations Act for 26-27**

**Pre-Veto Link to County by County Allocations**

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

### **Some Legal Advice on Property Tax from County Attorney Association**

#### **Property Tax Amendment Dos and Don'ts**

The Florida Association of Counties' General Governmental Committee has prepared a Property Tax Constitutional Amendment Do's and Don'ts Quick Reference Guide as it pertains to Section 106.113, Florida Statutes, to assist in answering any questions on what is permissible versus what is prohibited on expending public funds. For specific questions, please reach out to your County Attorney.

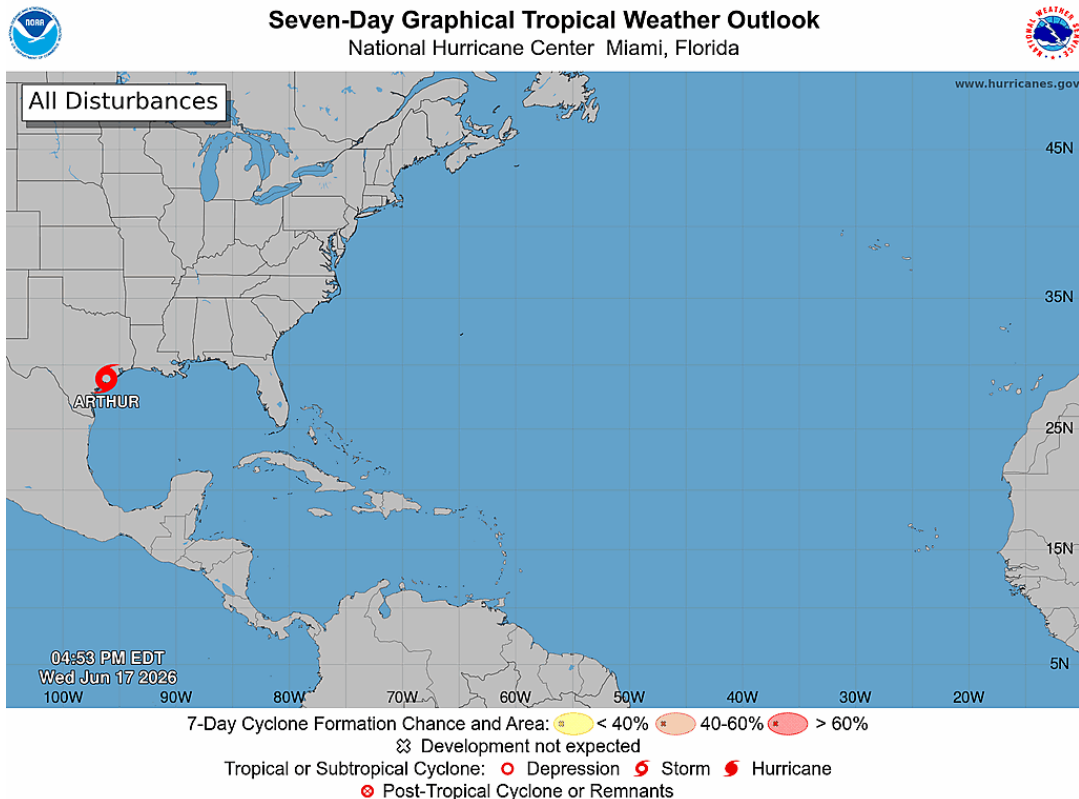
### **Poll Shows A Competitive Race for Governor**

#### **Link to Summary of Poll**

A recent poll shows Democratic front-runner **David Jolly** overperforming on a hypothetical General Election ballot against Republican front-runner **Byron Donalds**. The **Change Research poll**, taken June 11-14 among 1,273 voters (1,015 of whom said they are likely to vote in this year's elections), found Jolly with a 5-percentage-point advantage after offering biographical information about both candidates. **Change Research** is widely considered a left-of-center operation.

### **Tropical Outlook**

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



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### **Here are key dates for 26-27**

|               |                                                        |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Dec 2 -       | Small County Coalition Breakfast –                     |
| Dec 2-4 –     | FSBA Legislative Conference – Tampa                    |
| 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***

*WUSF: Florida's labor market adds education jobs. They're not in public schools*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis looking forward to the 'private sector' after leaving Governor's Mansion*

*Democrat: FEMA: Florida to receive \$89M in new federal storm aid*

*FlaPol: Denise Grimsley headlines latest volley of Ben Butler backers in CD 9*

*News4JAX: Study shows that Florida and Georgia rank among top states where people search for financial help*

*DBNJ: Florida launches 'Arrive Alive' campaign. What that means for drivers*

*WLRN: The World Cup finally came to Miami – and so did the world*

*FlaPol: Wakulla becomes latest Florida county to restrict data center construction*

*Herald: Miami-Dade school superintendent search draws leaders from across U.S.*

*Times: Small data center proposed in Pinellas Park*

*Post: Florida man hailed for grabbing 8-foot python, then given \$180 ticket*

*Times: DeSantis property tax plan could be unconstitutional. Here's why*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis wants court challenge to property tax amendment settled 'pretty quickly'*

*FlaPol: 'Farce': Ron DeSantis fumes as Florida GOP snubs his calls for gubernatorial debate*

*Post: Tax-cut showdown sees Abruzzo confront Florida CFO on county spending*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida CFO and Palm Beach County leader clash over alleged \$443M in 'wasteful' spending*

*FlaPol: Blaise Ingoglia rips Palm Beach County again for 'wasteful spending'*

*Herald: Public schools must excuse students for religious instruction, Florida AG says*

*Sentinel: Property tax cuts could hurt local government credit ratings*

*Democrat: Florida e-bike speed limit passes. When it will likely become law*

*Democrat: Facing \$71M loss, Leon County plans hiring freeze, voluntary severance*

*Sentinel: Orange expects no school closures next year, despite financial crisis*

*Politico: Florida AG sues TikTok in latest move against tech giants*  
*News-Herald: How a Panhandle Congressional forum brought about a police report*  
*WUSF: Florida once again falls in bottom half of child welfare rankings*  
*WUSF: Lakeland takes first step toward data center moratorium*  
*Sun-Sentinel: Florida gas prices continue to fall*  
*WLRN: DeSantis clashes with Florida GOP over the lack of a gubernatorial debate*  
*Times: Something unusual is going on between Ron DeSantis and Florida Republicans*  
*FlaPol: 'Experience, integrity and independence': Alex Sink backs Annette Taddeo for CFO*  
*FlaPol: Lawsuit challenges constitutional amendment that would increase homestead exemption*  
*Bradenton Herald: State analysts predict how badly property tax cuts would hurt local governments*  
*Sentinel: Florida economists project cities and counties to lose \$12 billion under property tax plan*  
*Sun-Sentinel: \$5 billion first-year hit: Florida economists detail local revenue losses under proposed tax cuts*  
*WLRN: Property appraisers: 'Bedroom' towns face serious funding challenges under property tax relief plan*  
*Times: Tampa Sports Authority rebukes conflict of interest accusations*  
*Democrat: 'Outstanding addition': FAMU board OKs \$950K to buy buildings for clinic*

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