

## **April Newsletter**

### FY 2009 Budget Cuts

I have received many emails related to the cuts that were made to the FY2009 budget. Understandably, the budget shortfall forced all departments to make changes. Each department was asked to trim their budget by 20%. Most of the emails I have received have been related to the hours of operation of the recycling centers and the library. The Board of Commissioners continues to discuss options with department heads of the recycling centers and the library. In our work session on August 4, Greg Heid of the Library informed us that he is restructuring deliveries so as to work toward reopening ½ day on Saturday and possibly closing ½ day on Monday. We will know more in May. In addition, the BOC requested a traffic analysis of the recycling centers so as to determine the best hours of operation within the budget constraints.

### FY 2010 Budget BEGINS

The budget work sessions for FY2010 began on Thursday, April 2. Prior to the meeting we received a large binder with all of the requests for FY2010. State law mandates that we balance the budget. Since the initial requests resulted in an \$8 million shortfall, we have much work to do.

During the month of April, all of the department heads and the constitutional officers (sheriff, coroner, judges, tax commissioner, and court clerk) will present their budgets. Each has been asked to submit a budget 20% less than the appropriated FY2009 budget. Most have complied with our request. We are working with the others to achieve the necessary reduction. Over the course of the next 2 ½ months, the BOC will wrestle with this budget and ultimately produce a balanced budget.

I need your help. Knowing that we will be forced to make choices, I need feedback on your priorities. In addition, if you have suggestions for improving efficiency or if you are aware of wasteful spending, please email me your suggestions. This proved very helpful to the Board during February when we amended the FY 2009 budget.

### Fireside Chat

Mark your calendars for the next District 3 Fireside Chat on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at The Oaks Course. The topic will be Multi-Modal Transportation Options for District 3.