

## **My Prospective – July 2010**

Greetings district two residents,

We are experiencing a heat wave here in the County; take every precaution possible to protect yourself and your pets. It looks like it will be this way until fall.

Two weeks ago we passed our fourth budget since I've been a Commissioner. It is a reduced budget with reduced services. We consolidated three (3) departments and laid off twenty-nine (29) employees, this is including three (3) department heads. This is something we had to do in order to meet a balanced budget with reduced revenues. Other Constitutional offices i.e. the Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Tax Commissioner and Probate Judge will have to follow likewise. We voted for the "Rollback" which puts the average homeowner back to his original assessment that he was at on last year's tax notice. We have to get through this rough patch of downturn together and, I assure you, I am doing all I can do to minimize taxes. A sample budget is here for you to look over and printout for future reference.

 [Budget 2011 Summary](#)

### **In other news:**

The Denny Dobbs Park will have its dedication in early to middle August. Just as soon as the date has been confirmed I will let you know. I hope that you will bring your family members, along with the family pet, to enjoy the festivities. We hope to have a large crowd to help us celebrate this great day!

The Porter Memorial Branch Library is still on track to open in January 2011. Put that date on your calendar for future references.

Also, please go vote as it is very important to exercise your rights.

Enjoy your summer,

Commissioner Simmons