

2025 Proposed Priorities

District 1 - Commissioner Eileen Vargas

1. Develop a plan to renovate, surplus, or lease the County Building on Ricou Terrace, in Jensen Beach, for a County benefit.
2. Advocate for state and federal funding that funds the preservation of the Florida Wildlife Corridor and any program that identifies and protects Martin County's western lands for habitat, water quality, sustainable agriculture, and public recreation.
3. Advocate for federal funding for construction of the St Lucie Inlet Operation and Maintenance, South Jetty Construction, and Hutchinson Island Shore Protection Project.
4. Support State and Federal funding for Water Quality Improvement Grants, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and State Revolving Loan Programs.
5. Support increased funding for CERP and expedited construction of projects that benefit the St. Lucie River and Estuary.

District 2 – Commissioner Stacey Hetherington

1. Secure additional funding and complete Golden Gate El Camino Trail including increased Art In Public Places within the District: CRA and Parks.
2. St. Lucie Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Enhancements: a) St. Lucie Boulevard/Jefferson Street intersection stop sign, crosswalk improvements/traffic calming measures (excluding speed tables), and b) complete crosswalk realignment at Sandsprit Park.
3. Continue to prioritize Septic-to-Sewer countywide for water quality, complete the Coral Gardens drainage project, secure SRF funds for Coral Gardens S2S, and move the project to bid and construction phase.
4. Expand workforce housing opportunities and advocate for environmentally sensitive land conservation, leveraging voter-approved land acquisition funds.
5. Reduce or maintain current tax rates and reduce or maintain user fees for recreation facilities.

District 3 – Commissioner J. Blake Capps

1. Improving water quality by purchasing conservation lands and converting from septic to sewer.
2. Dixie Highway streetscape project in Hobe Sound.
3. New fire rescue building at Hobe Sound Beach.
4. 714/710 road re-alignment in Indiantown.
5. New bridge on County Line Road.

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District 4 - Commissioner Sarah Heard

1. Stop overdevelopment in Martin County.
2. Acquisition of natural lands component for completion of Indian River Lagoon South.
3. Port Salerno Community Redevelopment Area.
4. Cease gunfire and illegal activity in Pal Mar.
5. Identify spoil sites for placement of 9 million cubic yards of muck dredged from the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon as authorized in IRL South Advance dredging contracts.

District 5 - Commissioner Edward V. Ciampi

1. Correct broadband connection issues.
2. Begin construction of projects to correct Palm City Farms Drainage/Flooding issues.
3. Construct and open a dog park in Palm City.
4. Begin construction on the "Septic to Sewer" conversion project.