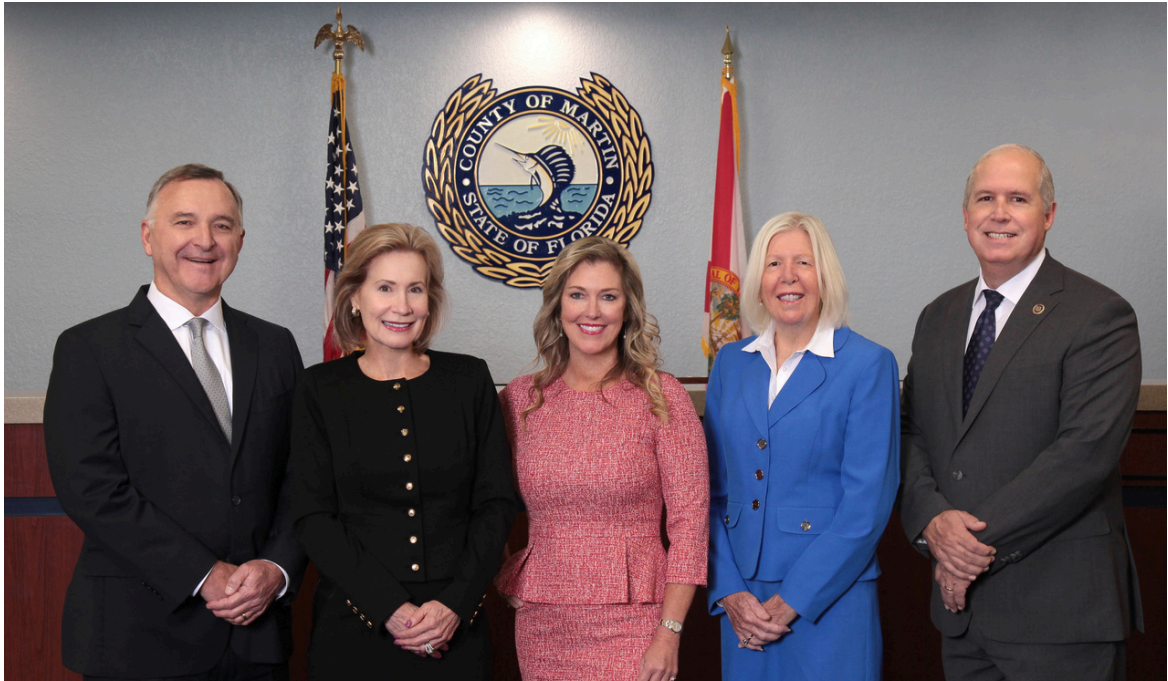




2025 - 2026

# MARTIN COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

## Martin County Board of County Commissioners



Left to right: Commissioner **J. Blake Capps**, District 3; Commissioner **Eileen Vargas**, District 1; Commissioner **Stacey Hetherington**, District 2; Chair **Sarah Heard**, District 4; and Vice Chair **Edward Ciampi**, District 5.



### Vision Statement

Martin County government is value and service driven. Martin County will be known locally, regionally, statewide and nationally as an innovative and progressive leader, providing cost-effective County services. Others will benchmark against Martin County as an example of the best in local government. The citizens and the Board of County Commissioners will be proud of the staff and have a firm belief in the reliability, truth and strength of the organization.







## Quality of Governance

Promote transparent, ethical and responsible financial decision-making and use of resources for the County's projects, programs and services through consistency and adherence to rules, regulations and policies.

### Objectives:

1.1

Ensure fiscal stewardship through continued use of best budgetary practices and the pursuit of diversified revenue streams for long-term financial stability.

1.2

Maintain tax rate consistency through sound policy measures while enhancing operational efficiencies.

1.3

Enhance smart government solutions with broadband technology and cybersecurity enhancements.

1.4

Use accessible platforms for outreach and communication efforts to provide opportunities for engagement, support and transparency.





## Quality of Place

Enhance livability and sustainability by promoting environmental stewardship and strengthening infrastructure while fostering the vitality and distinctive economic landscape of Martin County.

### Objectives:

2.1

Continue the advocacy, restoration, and protection of the unique natural resources of Martin County through the acquisition and preservation of conservation lands and water quality programs.

2.2

Develop, implement and maintain high-quality, sustainable and cost-efficient infrastructure projects, ensuring long-term value for the community.

2.3

Devote resources to shoreline restoration, dune reinforcement, and stormwater infrastructure to support drainage solutions and mitigate erosion.

2.4

Refine economic programs to establish structured pathways designed to effectively support local contributory businesses in the county for long-term economic stability.







## Quality of Life

Preserve the well-being of the community through enriching recreational opportunities, accessibility to affordable housing and continuing to satisfy the health and safety expectations of the public.

### Objectives:

3.1

Uphold public safety by continuing to provide effective fire rescue and law enforcement services through ongoing training, resource optimization, and multi-agency collaboration, ensuring timely and efficient emergency responses.

3.2

Invest in recreation by developing high-quality facilities, expanding access to public lands and waterways and providing educational opportunities.

3.3

Advance public health initiatives by reducing contaminants and protecting the health of the St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon and Estuary and offshore reefs.

3.4

Collaborate with local partners and non-profits in the community to provide solutions regarding workforce and affordable housing.







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