

We appreciate the chance to give a brief summary and update of work performed over the past few years on behalf of The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners. Please find below a review from Capitol Solutions of previous budget work performed and information from the 2010 legislative session. Provided are arranged examples of items which were attacked from an offensive and defensive stance, while also including funding achieved.

Capitol Solutions took a supportive, offensive position on the following items which occurred during the 2010 legislative session.

- During session Patrick met with Representative Jimmy Patronis to work on the "tourist amendment". Ultimately, during the 2010 session this did not come to fruition but we plan on working this issue again in 2011.
- Patrick held multiple meetings with the Chairman of Appropriations, Chairman David Rivera, to work on the appropriations bill on Sumter County's behalf.
- Capitol Solutions strongly supported the "Jobs Bill", SB 1752, which became legislation and provides financing, tax breaks and streamlines permitting amongst other things.
- Capitol Solutions worked very closely with both the Senate and House to ensure a cap on inmate medical expenses. This legislation ensures a hospital cannot charge more than 110 percent of the Medicare rate for providing emergency care to uninsured prisoners if they don't have contracts stating otherwise; saving counties millions of dollars.
- Capitol Solutions supported HB 1565, along with the Association of Counties, which would have required state agencies to conduct an economic analysis for new rules that have the potential to create \$200,000 or more in new regulatory costs within one year of implementation. This measure was passed in both the House and Senate, then vetoed by the Governor.
- Under your direction, Patrick successfully lobbied the standalone bill extending the implementation date for which counties are required to purchase elections equipment for Americans with disabilities from 2012 to 2016. The estimated cost to purchase the machines was between \$40 and \$45 million. This bill was passed and signed into law.
- For the past 3 years Capitol Solutions has provided assistance to Leadership Sumter when they have their day at the Capitol.

Capitol Solutions took a defensive position on the following items which occurred during the 2010 legislative session.

- Language was introduced during the 2010 legislative session, in an amendment, that would have required counties to comply with OSHA standards for its employees. This would have constituted an unfunded mandate costing thousands of dollars in compliance. We were able to fight this amendment and have it pulled.
- Capitol Solutions monitored the "Recycling Bill", from its inception, during the 2010 session. The bill recommends a percentage recycling goal be applied to counties with a population of 100,000 or more. We plan to lobby in 2011 to have this population threshold increased to 150,000.
- Patrick successfully lobbied against HB 7223 and 7225 which would have had a potential \$250,000 impact on the Sumter County transit system.

Items below include projects successfully funded aiding Sumter County.

- During the 2009 legislative session Patrick helped secure a \$750,000 local grant for the Sumter County Sheriff and Wildwood Police Department that helped with 911 emergency operations.
- Patrick worked with the South West Water Management District towards a land transfer that granted Sumter County 514 acres at no cost (gun range). At an estimated cost of \$3,000 per acre this amounts to \$1,542,000.
- Patrick worked diligently on SCOP funding this session which led to an eventual appropriation in the amount of \$21,027,375.
- Library funding this year started at \$500. Patrick worked directly with Representative Marti Coley to restore funding. The total dollar amount funded in the end reached \$21.2 million in State Aid. For this funding, if the place holder had not been there the funding would undoubtedly have been cut.

Patrick is currently working towards helping Sumter County concrete plants and Sumter County contractors secure contracts for an eighty mile stretch of the High Speed Rail project. Moving forward, as committee meetings begin and working into the 2011 session we will send weekly updates of what is taking place here in Tallahassee and pertinent matters relating to Sumter County. Please feel free to contact us at any time, on any matter. We deeply value our relationship with the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners and look forward to more successful years.