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★ ★ ★ **NEW COMMISSIONER** ★ ★ ★
BOOT **CAMP**
DURING THE FAC 2026 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

DEC. 1-3, 2026 | SAWGRASS MARRIOTT PONTE VEDRA FL | **ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:00 pm	Welcome Remarks Commissioner René Flowers, FAC President, Pinellas County
	Ethics, Sunshine Law & Public Records Caroline Klancke, Executive Director, Florida Ethics Institute
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 – 5:15 pm	Ethics, Sunshine Law & Public Records Caroline Klancke

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
	Welcome Activity: Put Your County on the Map! Denise Vogelgesang, FACT Insurance Manager
	Welcome Remarks Commissioner René Flowers
8:30 – 9:30 am	Introductions: C2C Mentor Program • Ginger Delegal, FAC Executive Director • C2C Mentors & Newly Elected Commissioners
	C2C Mentor Activity: First Job, Best Lesson • Denise Vogelgesang • C2C Mentors
9:30 – 11:00 am	County Government “Cliff Notes” Ginger Delegal • County Government Overview: BoCC + Commissioners • Major Functions: Health, Safety, Growth, Infrastructure, Quality of Life • County v. City v. Special Districts • Revenues & Mandates

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Must v. May: Statutory Requirements Activity

- Denise Vogelgelsang
- Ginger Delegal

11:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch & The Commissioner's Job Through the Rearview Mirror: Things We Wish We Had Known Panel

COMMISSIONER PANEL:

- Commissioner Ralph Thomas, FAC Past President, Wakulla County
- Commissioner Susan Adams, FAC President Elect, Indian River County
- Commissioner Nick Maddox, FAC Past President, Leon County
- Commissioner René Flowers, FAC President, Pinellas County

MODERATOR:

Dr. Matthew Sowcik, Ph.D., UF/IFAS

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Let's Get Registered & Learning!

Emily Anderson, ICG Education & Affiliate Manager

- FAC Site & Portal
 - FAC Website Navigation
 - Registering for Event in YM
 - ICG Website Navigation
 - Registering for ICG Programs (PATH LMS)
 - News Clips/FAC Newsletters (Constant Contact)
- Bookmarking Resources
 - County Websites
 - County Ordinances (Municode)
 - NACo Website
 - Florida Statutes
 - State Financial Disclosure Site

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 5:00 pm

County to Community: Making Connections

- Commissioner Michelle Lincoln, FAC Immediate Past President, Monroe County
- Commissioner Rick Minor, Leon County
- Mandy Hines, County Administrator, Desoto County
- Jonathan Lewis, County Administrator, Sarasota County

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5:30 – 6:30 pm

FAC Legislative Conference Reception

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
	Welcome Remarks Eric Poole, ICG Director
8:30 – 9:30 am	Crucial Communications • Cragin Mosteller, FAC Deputy Executive Director • Vincent Long, County Administrator, Leon County • Dr. Matt Sowcik, Ph.D., UF/IFAS – Public Meetings and Processes – County Communications – Intra-Board Communications – Social Media: Personal v. County – Press Releases & Interviews
9:30 – 11:30 am	Financial Management • Dr. Nathan Palardy, Ph.D, UF/IFAS • Heather Encinosa - Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson – Economic Forecast – Revenues and Expenditures
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	C2C Mentor Lunch & Conversation
12:30 – 2:30 pm	Financial Management • Misha Black, FAC Legislative Counsel • Jason Brown, Indian River County – State Shared Revenues – Budgeting
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 4:00 pm	County Budget Game Leon County Budget Staff
4:00 – 4:30 pm	What's Next? Overview of Two-Year FAC Cycle Ginger Delegal
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks • Ginger Delegal • Eric Poole

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	FAC Legislative Conference Closing Breakfast & New Commissioner Recognition
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