

STATE / LOCAL WEEKLY REPORT

January 27 – January 31, 2014

STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Bills this Week / Analysis

Source: Jess McCarty (CAO)

Here's a list of 29 items of particular significance to Miami-Dade County in the Governor's budget proposal, which includes the Governor's proposed appropriations bill, as well as his proposed implementing and conforming bills. More general information on the budget proposal is included below from the Florida Association of Counties.

County Priorities:

1. Film/TV/Entertainment Incentive funding is not included;
2. The Sadowski Act/Local Government Affordable Housing Trust Fund is swept to the state's General Revenue fund in an amount of \$142.3 million, meaning these doc stamp revenues would not be available for affordable housing;
3. Florida Retirement System contributions rates are increased over the current year, based on an increase in the rates for the unfunded actuarial liability (this would in turn increase FRS contribution costs for the County), a copy of the draft conforming bill on this issue is attached;

Transportation:

4. The FDOT Transportation Work Program is funded at \$8.8 billion, a \$136 million increase over the current year:
 - a. \$3.8 billion to expand transportation system capacity which includes adding 252 new lane miles;
 - b. \$138.9 million in seaport infrastructure improvements;
 - c. \$324.6 million for aviation improvements;
 - d. \$192.5 million for scheduled repairs of 51 bridges and replacement of 15 bridges;
 - e. \$843.3 million for maintenance and operation of existing facilities;
 - f. \$528 million for transit program improvements; and
 - g. \$134.3 million for safety initiatives;
5. The County Transportation Program under the State Transportation Trust Fund is funded at \$48.4 million, an approximate, reduced from \$74.9 million in the previous year;

Economic Development:

6. Visit Florida is funded at \$100 million, an increase of \$36.5 million over the current year;
7. \$95 million in flexible funding is provided for economic development tools and incentives;

Juvenile Justice:

8. The state share of juvenile detention is increased by \$17.2 million for the state to cover 43 percent share of juvenile detention costs; County contributions for juvenile detention is estimated to be \$57.8 million for state fiscal year 14-15;
9. There is an additional \$18.4 million in current state fiscal year 13-14 funding for juvenile detention to fund a Department of Juvenile Justice deficit resulting from recent court rulings in favor of counties on the County/State shared cost formula;

Public Safety:

10. Local crime labs are funded at \$3.1 million;
11. E-911 fees are extended to prepaid wireless services, but the E-911 fee is reduced from 50 cents per month to 40 cents per month, a copy of the draft conforming bill on this issue is attached;
12. Services for children who are victims of Human Trafficking are funded at \$2.5 million through the Department of Children & Family Services;

Public Works:

13. Local government mosquito control programs are funded at \$2.6 million, which is the current year level;

Libraries/Cultural Programs/Museums/Historic Preservation:

14. State Aid to Libraries is funded statewide at \$24.7 million, a small decrease from the current year, but enough of a match to fully draw down federal library grants;
15. Cultural, Museum and Historical Preservation Grants are funded at \$6.9 million;

Affordable Housing:

16. Affordable housing is funded at \$89.3 million, including \$20 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program and \$69.3 million for the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL);
17. Homeless Housing Assistance Grants are funded in an amount of \$2 million in recurring general revenue for local homeless coalitions;

Early Learning:

18. Early learning programs are funded at \$1.1 billion, which is an increase of \$59.4 million over the current year;

Low Income Pool:

19. The Medicaid Low Income Pool is funded at current year levels contingent on an extension from the federal government;

Human Services:

20. Community Mental Health Services are funded at \$300 million, a decrease of almost \$28 million compared to the current year;
21. Community Substance Abuse Services are funded at \$118 million, a decrease of approximately \$10 million compared to the current year;
22. County Health Departments are funded at \$133 million, an increase of almost \$10 million compared to the current year;
23. The Public Safety, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Local Matching Grant Program is funded at \$3 million;

Agriculture:

24. Agricultural programs to fight citrus diseases, such as greening, black spot and canker, are funded at \$12 million;

Beaches/Environmental:

25. Beach restoration is funded at \$25 million, which is the current year level;
26. \$20 million is swept from the Inland Protection Trust Fund (petroleum tank clean-up) to the state's General Revenue fund;
27. Everglades restoration is funded at \$130 million, which is a \$60 million increase from current year funding and includes \$30 million in the Department of Transportation's budget for raising Tamiami Trail to allow more water to flow into Everglades National Park;
28. The drinking water revolving loan program is funded at \$77.1 million, which represents an increase of approximately \$4.3 million from last year, and the wastewater revolving loan program is funded at \$161.5 million, an increase of almost \$19 million compared to the current year;
29. Springs restoration is funded at \$55 million, with proviso directing that these funds be used to leverage additional funds from water management districts and other local partners, an increase of \$45 million over the current year.

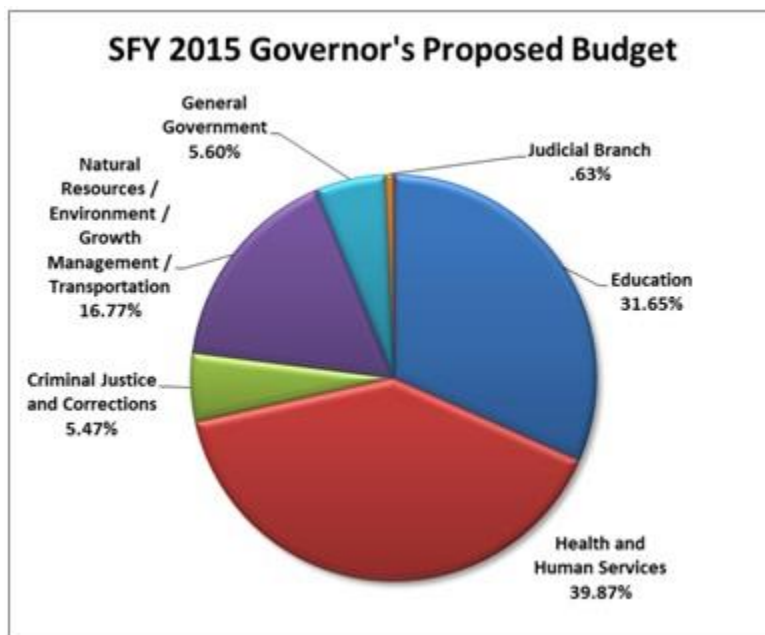
Included below is additional information on the Governor's budget proposal from the Florida Association of Counties:

SFY 2015 Governor's Proposed Budget – General Overview

The Governor's proposed budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015 totals approximately \$76.1 billion, and represents a \$1.59 billion increase from the 2013 General Appropriations Act which

defines the state budget for SFY 2014. The chart below summarizes a comparison of the current SFY 2014 budget and Governor's proposed SFY 2015 budget.

| Section | GAA | Gov.'s Proposed | \$ Difference | % Difference |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | SFY 2014 | SFY 2015 | SFY 14 vs. SFY 15 | SFY 14 vs. SFY 15 |
| Section 1. Education | 1,609,500,000 | 1,885,500,000 | 276,000,000 | 17.15% |
| Section 2. Education | 20,485,900,000 | 22,193,800,000 | 1,707,900,000 | 8.34% |
| Section 3. Health and Human Services | 31,144,200,000 | 30,336,600,000 | (807,600,000) | (2.59%) |
| Section 4. Criminal Justice and Corrections | 3,832,600,000 | 4,158,100,000 | 325,500,000 | 8.49% |
| Section 5. Natural Res. / Environment / Growth / Transportation | 12,520,700,000 | 12,761,200,000 | 240,500,000 | 1.92% |
| Section 6. General Government | 4,455,700,000 | 4,263,500,000 | (192,200,000) | (4.31%) |
| Section 7. Judicial Branch | 444,000,000 | 482,300,000 | 38,300,000 | 8.63% |
| Total Budget | 74,492,600,000 | 76,081,000,000 | 1,588,400,000 | 2.13% |



Health and Human Services received the largest portion of funding in the amount of approximately \$30 billion. This represents a 2.59% decrease in appropriations from the current year. All Educational programs and services combined received the second largest amount of funding equal totaling approximately \$24 billion. This represents an increase of approximately 8.98% from the current fiscal year. Finally, natural resources, environmental issues, growth management and transportation expenditures represent the third largest portion of the SFY 2015 budget with funding equaling \$12.5 billion, which represents a 1.9% increase from the current fiscal year.

Proposed general revenue expenditures for SFY 2015 equal \$27.52 billion and trust fund expenditures total approximately \$48.56 billion. The chart below compares expenditures between SFY 2014 and the proposed SFY 2015 budget by fund type.

| <u>Budget Comparison by Fund Type (In Millions)</u> | GAA | Gov.'s Proposed | \$ Difference | % Difference |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | SFY 2014 | SFY 2015 | SFY 14 vs. SFY 15 | SFY 14 vs. SFY 15 |
| General Revenue | 26,828.10 | 27,521.40 | 693.30 | 2.58% |
| Trust Funds | 47,664.50 | 48,559.60 | 895.10 | 1.88% |
| All Funds | 74,492.60 | 76,081.00 | 1,588.40 | 2.13% |

SFY 2015 Governor's Proposed Budget – County Funding Highlights

Health and Human Services

1. Funding equal to \$299,658,267 for **Community Mental Health Services**, a nearly \$28 million decrease compared to the previous year.
2. Funding equal to \$117,936,152 for **Community Substance Abuse Services**, an approximate \$10 million decrease compared to the previous year's budget.
3. Funding equal to \$132,777,905 for **County Health Units** represents an approximate up almost \$10M increase compared to last year's budget.
4. \$3M for the **Public Safety, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Local Matching Grant Program**, which supports county programs that serve adults or youth who are in behavioral crisis and at risk of entering the criminal justice system.
5. \$2,000,000 in recurring general revenue for **Homeless Housing Assistance Grants**, to be distributed to local homeless coalitions throughout the state.

Public Safety

1. The Legislature estimated county funding requirements for FY 14-15 for **Shared County/State Juvenile Detention** to be \$57,785,784. This represents an increase in state funding proportions for this cost share relationship. The previous proportion was approximately 75% County/ 25% State. Going forward the Governor's budget proposes approximately 57% county/ 43% State.
2. An additional \$18,400,000 in current year funding (FY 13-14) for **Juvenile Detention to fund an agency deficit resulting from recent court rulings** on the County/State shared cost formula (in favor of the counties).
3. **Fiscally constrained funding offset for juvenile secure detention** equal to \$3,883,853.
4. \$618,750 for the creation of a 50 – slot **PACE Center for Girls program in Miami-Dade County**.
5. \$3,120,793 in funding **aid to local criminal investigation laboratories** (crime labs)

Agricultural and Environmental

1. The appropriation for **mosquito control programs** is \$2,660,000. This amount is identical to the appropriation from last year.
2. The appropriation for **everglades restoration programs** is \$100,000,000, which is \$30,000,000 more than the appropriation from last year. Proviso designates the funds for the design, engineering and construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, the Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan, the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Watershed Protection components, and earmarks \$3,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for agricultural non-point source controls on the Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie watersheds.
3. The appropriation for the **drinking water revolving loan program** is \$77,194,809, which represents an increase of approximately \$4.3 million from last year.
4. The appropriation for the **wastewater revolving loan program** is \$161,558,133, which represents an increase of almost \$19 million from last year.
5. The appropriation for **springs restoration** this year is \$55,000,000. Proviso directs these funds to be used to “leverage additional funds from water management districts and other local partners.” In addition, \$25,000,000 is directed to water quality projects identified by the Central Florida Water Initiative or the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership.

Transportation and Economic Development

1. **Small County Road Assistance Program** funding equal to \$26,257,065, reduced by approximately \$1.5 million from last year.
2. Funding equal to \$65,778,365 for the **Small County Outreach Program**, increased from \$46.2 million in the previous year.
3. Funding equal to \$48,386,043 for the **County Transportation Program**, reduced from \$74.9 million in the previous year.
4. \$89,300,000 in funding for **affordable housing programs**. \$20 million has been designated specifically for S.H.I.P. This issue was not funded last year.

General Government

1. Funding equal to \$25,699,440 for **libraries**. This represents a modest decrease compared to the previous year.
2. Funding equal to \$25,100,000 in **fiscally constrained county funding to offset the impacts of previously approved constitutional amendments**.
3. \$18,507,042 in **emergency distribution revenue sharing for small counties**.

To review the Governor's proposed SFY 2015 budget in its entirety please visit: <http://flitsyourmoney.com/>

SFY 2015 Governor's Proposed Budget – Implementing and Conforming Bills

Appropriations Implementing and Conforming bills make certain changes to substantive law in order to implement the proposed General Appropriations Act. The Governor's proposed implementing and conforming bills have yet to be released at the time of this update. However, some anticipated topics that may impact counties are listed below. As the proposed bills are published, FAC staff will provide summary analyses of their impact to counties.

Anticipated Conforming Bill topics:

1. **FRS Contribution Rates**, including any changes to the Unfunded Actuarial Liability rates.
2. **Tax Reform proposals**, including but not limited to:
 1. Sales tax exemption on commercial leases
 2. E-911 fees
 3. Corporate Income Taxes
 4. Corporate Filing Fees
 5. Hurricane item sales tax holiday
 6. Back to school sales tax holiday
 7. Highway Safety Fees

2014 Legislative Work Plan

President Gaetz and Speaker Weatherford on Wednesday unveiled "Work Plan Florida 2014," their joint priorities for the upcoming legislative session. The five-point legislative agenda covers the following issues:

1. **Economic Opportunity through Education:** Address poverty through higher education and jobs, by making college more accessible and affordable, while also providing for education and training programs that better prepare individuals for the workplace.
2. **Florida GI Bill:** Support active and veteran military members and their families by improving educational and employment opportunities and lowering education costs, and investing in improvements to the state's existing military infrastructure.
3. **Protect Vulnerable Floridians:** Safeguard the state's children and seniors by: strengthening laws addressing sexual offenders, including public notification and monitoring requirements; reforming child welfare laws and increasing funding for child advocacy centers; providing funding to reduce the critical needs waiting list for disabled persons; tightening regulations on assisted living facilities; and expanding efforts to tackle Florida's growing human trafficking problem.
4. **\$500 Million Tax Cut:** Support a broad-based tax cut intended to benefit low-income and working Floridians by reducing taxes and fees, and specifically lowering vehicle registration fees.

5. **Improve Government Accountability and Efficiency:** Reform the Florida Retirement System, including efforts to enroll more public employees into privately managed investment accounts versus traditional pension plans, as well as strengthening the state's ethics laws as they apply to public employees, officials, and lobbyists.

MDX

Senator Rene Garcia (R – Hialeah) filed SB 772 on Wednesday re: the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. SB 772 is the Senate companion bill to HB 353 filed by Representative Jeanette Nuñez (R – Miami) in November. SB 772 is similar to HB 353, and would do the following related to MDX:

1. Prohibit MDX from financing, designing or constructing public transportation facilities, transportation facilities owned or operated by the County, intermodal facilities, multimodal corridors, bicycle facilities or greenways that will improve transportation services within the county, or any programs or projects that will improve the levels of service on the expressway system.
2. Prohibit MDX from increasing tolls beyond adjustments for inflation, except for existing contractual and bond requirements;
3. Require a majority-plus-one vote of the County Commission for any MDX toll increase including the inflation adjustment per 4. above;
4. Rescind any MDX toll increase approved to take effect after January 1, 2014 that exceed an inflation adjustment;
5. Limit excess MDX toll revenues (after operation, maintenance and improvement of MDX expressways and discharge of bonded indebtedness) solely to use on state highways in Miami-Dade County;
6. Prohibit MDX from issuing any new bonds after January 1, 2014;
7. Reduce the size of the MDX governing board from 13 to 9 members;
8. Reduce from 7 to 4 the appointments to the MDX governing board by the Miami-Dade County Commission, and reduce from 5 to 4 the appointments by the Governor, shifting the balance of appointments away from the County Commission and to the Governor (the remaining member is the FDOT District 6 Secretary);
9. Prohibit a member of the MDX governing board from serving on the MPO or any other transportation-related board or commission;
10. Require MDX to provide a complete financial audit to the County Commission every 2 years.

Here's a link to the text of SB 772: <http://static.lobbytools.com/bills/2014/pdf/0772.pdf>.

Expressway Authorities; Revising provisions for toll rate adjustments to limit applicability to certain authorities; revising governing body membership provisions for certain authorities; revising powers of certain authorities to increase tolls and incur debt; revising authorized use of surplus revenues; providing that certain toll increases are rescinded and such tolls must be reduced by a specified date; requiring certain authorities to provide periodic financial audits to the governing body of the county; revising authority of certain authorities to issue bonds, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Issues of Interest

Panama Canal Expansion / Agriculture

Source: Florida Current

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam wants Florida farmers to put their wares onto the outbound freighters that come through the Panama Canal after it expands.

“Agriculture has a role in that because when they empty those Asian products into Florida, what goes back on that boat?” Putnam said. “We think that agriculture products have a role to play in being one of those primary export products going back on those ships.”

In recent years nearly \$2 billion has been spent to prepare Florida ports for the larger ships coming through the canal, with more ports projects in the pipeline. Putnam said the canal expansion has "profound implications" on the state.

Original plans for the canal put the completion date in 2014, but it has been pushed back to 2015. A dispute between the Panama Canal Authority and the project's contractor, Sacyr, may push the date further back. Putnam, who returned from a visit to the canal on Jan. 29, 2014, said officials told him the dispute would only cause a small delay.

Gaming

Source: Tampa Tribune / Florida Current

On Jan. 29, 2014, Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, and House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, hinted the Legislature may not take up gambling expansion in the 2014 session.

“There are some issues that are forced on us ... gaming is an issue that is forced to the stage, either this year or next year, by the Seminole Compact being up for some renegotiation”.

The Seminole Compact, which runs through mid-2015, gives the tribe exclusivity on banked card games such as blackjack and guarantees \$1 billion in revenue to the state over five years. If gambling expansion is approved, Florida would lose that revenue.

Gun Control

Source: Tampa Tribune / Florida Current

A bill filed by Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, would allow school principals and superintendents to permit employees with concealed weapons permits to carry guns on school property.

The bill, HB 753, would require employees who carry weapons to complete 40 hours of school safety programs every year as well as complete eight hours of active shooter training and four hours of firearms proficiency training from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The bill would also require school boards to make plans for how to deal with a school shooting or hostage situation.

Online voter registration

Source: Tampa Tribune / Florida Current

On Jan. 30, 2014, Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, filed the Senate version of a bill that would allow online voter registration.

The bill, SB 784, is identical to Rep. Alan Williams' HB 667 and would have the Florida Department of State set up a website that would confirm new voter registrations by comparing driver's license or state ID numbers with data held by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

If the applicant does not have either ID, the application would be sent to a supervisor of elections for completion.

Zero tolerance policy

Source: LobbyTools

On Jan. 30, 2014, Sen. Dwight Bullard, D-Miami, filed a proposal to reform zero-tolerance policies. He told the Dream Defenders, who protested at the Capitol building in the summer of 2013, that he would carry legislation.

The plan, SB 778, requires school districts to make every effort to reduce the use of punishments that remove students from school for minor behavior.

Each district would adopt a code of student code aimed at “addressing the causes of misbehavior ... and keeping students in school and teaching them to respond in age appropriate ways.”

Zero tolerance report

A new report the Vera Institute of Justice finds that zero-tolerance policies, that mandate suspension or expulsion of students for misconduct, do not accomplish the intended goal of making schools safer and may make schools more unsafe, according to *The Huffington Post*.

The study concludes that school districts are moving away from zero-tolerance, including Broward County's decision to drop the policies. Instead, administrators will provide counseling to troubled students.

Michael Thompson, the director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, referred to Broward's approach, among a few other districts, as “...the beginning of a national trend here,” according to *The New York Times*.

Press Releases

Senator Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) and Representative Jose Felix Diaz (R-Miami) have filed Business Filing Fee Reduction bills that standardize filing fees paid by over 1.6 million small business owners from year to year. Senate Bill 776 and House Bill 767 reduce the annual cost small business owners pay to the state each year .

Here's a link: http://static-lobbytools.s3.amazonaws.com/press/65449_pson_and_diaz_file_business_filing_fee_reduction_legislation.pdf

Nan Rich on Senator Dwight Bullard's bill in the Florida Legislature to raise our minimum wage.

Here's a link: http://static-lobbytools.s3.amazonaws.com/press/65447_the_president_says_it_s_ok.pdf

TaxWatch commends Governor Scott on budget proposal. Here's a link: http://static-lobbytools.s3.amazonaws.com/press/65345_taxwatch_commends_governor_scott_on_budget_proposal_.pdf

2014 Legislative Session Dates

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|-------------------|---|
| January 28, 2014 | Senate Bill Drafting Approval Deadline |
| February 3, 2014 | Interim Committee Week |
| February 10, 2014 | Interim Committee Week |
| February 17, 2014 | Interim Committee Week |
| March 4, 2014 | Legislative Session Convenes Bill Filing Deadline – 12:00 pm |
| May 2, 2014 | Legislative Session Scheduled to Conclude |

Fly-In Dates

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (Road to Tallahassee)

February 10- February 12, 2014

Florida Association of Counties (2014 Legislative Day)

March 27, 2014

Florida League of Cities (Legislative Action Days)

April 1 –April 2, 2014

Miami Dade County Days

April 2-April 3, 2014

LOCAL NEWS

North Miami

Source: Miami Herald

The North Miami City Council unanimously decided in December to move its residents' trash and stormwater charges from their quarterly utility bills to property tax bills.

However, disagreement arose at Tuesday's meeting. City administrators needed approval to put the new collection method into effect through an agreement with the county's property appraiser and tax collector. It passed with a 3-2 vote.

The city will have to pay Miami-Dade County a collection fee of between \$100,000 and \$300,000 annually as part of the deal.

Council members Marie Steril, Philippe Bien-Aime and Mayor Lucie Tondreau voted for the agreement. Councilwoman Carol Keys and Vice Mayor Scott Galvin voted against it.

The new method also means residents will see additional charges on their property tax bill starting Oct. 1, the start of the city's budget year. The charges that were on their utility bills for trash and stormwater will now be on their property bills.

One benefit to the city is earlier cash flow as the County sends property tax bills within the first three months of the city's fiscal year, and that money gains interest. For residents whose taxes are paid through mortgage companies, this method spreads their payments out to 12 times a year instead of four. And if residents pay early, a 4 percent discount is available.

The cost to the city comes from a 2 percent fee the county charges to collect the money.

The city of Miami started using the same collection method in 1999. North Miami tried to use it in 2002 and 2009, but the then-City Councils terminated it during the set up process.

Read more here: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/01/30/v-print/3902995/north-miami-to-collect-trash-fees.html#storylink=cpy>

Doral

Source: Miami Herald

The Doral City Council approved a cheaper and whiter design for the city's future police vehicles and finalized its order of business for regular meetings at a special meeting Wednesday evening.

As the police department continues to replace its 110-car fleet during the next few years, Doral's officers will cruise the streets cars with a simpler color scheme.

The cost of striping new vehicles would be \$3,000 for the current blue-and-white scheme, but only \$500 with the new design. The savings to the city will add up to about \$275,000, police Chief Richard Blom said.

Read more here: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/01/30/3903283/doral-approves-new-police-car.html#storylink=cpy>

South Miami

Source: Miami Herald

Seven candidates are running for three South Miami City Commission seats — including the mayor's — in the Feb. 11 election.

Residents can vote early on Saturday, Feb. 8 at City Hall, 6130 Sunset Drive. Each voter can vote for one candidate for mayor and one each for commission groups I and IV. The group II and III seats don't expire until 2016.

City commissioners serve four-year terms, except the mayor, who serves a two-year term.

South Miami Candidates

Mayor

Philip K. Stoddard

- **Age:** 56
- **Occupation:** Biology professor at FIU.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in biology, Swarthmore College; doctorate in psychology, University of Washington.
- **Other:** South Miami mayor since 2010; Co-Founder, Citizens Allied for Safe Energy; member of the Miami-Dade League of Cities Energy and Environmental Committee.

Valerie Ann Newman

- **Age:** 62
- **Occupation:** Corporate accounts manager, Relax the Back, Back Pain Relief and Comfort.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of South Florida.
- **Other:** South Miami city commissioner since 2008 president, South Miami Homeowners Association, 2000-2004.

Rodney Lamar Williams

- **Age:** 41
- **Occupation:** Owner, Rodney's Unisex of Class barbershop
- **Education:** South Miami High School graduate; Stewart Smith School of Beauty, barber/stylist certificate.
- **Other:** Member of the South Miami Community Advisory Committee of the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, 2008-2010 .

Commission Group I

Gabriel Edmond

- **Age:** 44
- **Occupation:** high school history and government teacher; congressional aide/legislative counsel, U.S. Senator Bob Graham, 1996-1999.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in political science, University of Miami; law degree, Howard University School of Law.
- **Other:** Board member, South Miami Neighbors; board member, South Miami Alliance for Youth; South Miami budget/finance committee.

Donna M. Shelley

- **Age:** 64
- **Occupation:** Freelance writer, DMS Studio.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in liberal arts, Harvard University.
- **Other:** Grant writer, city of Miami; museum manager, Collier County government; former president, Alliance for Youth.

Commission Group IV

Walter A. Harris

- **Age:** 70
- **Occupation:** Incumbent commissioner since 2010; owner, Walter Harris Photography.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in business administration, University of Miami; law degree, University of Tulsa College of Law.
- **Other:** Former president, South Miami homeowners association; board of directors, Miami-Dade League of Cities.

Horace Feliu

- **Age:** 60
- **Occupation:** Adjunct professor, algebra and biology, Fortis College; president, SterilQuip Inc., Biomedical Engineering company.
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in biology from FIU; master's degree in education from FIU.
- **Other:** Mayor of South Miami, 2002-2004 and 2006-2010; South Miami Environmental Review and Preservation Board, 1996-1998

Read more here: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/01/28/3898316/seven-candidates-running-for-south.html#storylink=cpy>

Taxes/ Millage

FY 2013-14 Millage Rate and Relative Taxes Paid (Please see attached).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE:

MIAMI-DADE LEAGUE OF CITIES

What: MDCLC 60th Annual Installation Gala

Where: Jungle Island 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL.

When: Saturday, February 8, 2014