



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Jean Monestime, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Neil R. Singh, CPA
Acting Commission Auditor

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DATE: September 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Budget – Committee of the Whole

As required by Ordinance No. 15-44, the Office of the Commission Auditor has prepared the above subject report with the issues raised at the Committee of the Whole.

Should you require additional information, feel free to contact me at (305) 375-2524.

Attachment

c: Honorable Carlos Gimenez, Mayor
Abigail Price-Williams, County Attorney
Edward Marquez, Deputy Mayor
Jennifer Moon, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Christopher Agrippa, Director, Clerk of the Board

**Board of County Commissioners
Committee of the Whole - Budget
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Commissioner Sosa

- Sea level rise and climate – need to limit studies and begin implementation; the Office of Resilience needs to be involved
- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) – concerned that all employees, including non-bargaining, will be treated equally and that all will be receiving COLA; Water & Sewer and Transit are still pending to execute bargaining agreements
- Ludlam Trail and Underline – concerned regarding available funding (prior year funding is still available)

Commissioner Heyman

- Mosquito Control/Zika – the County should request reimbursement from the State and the Federal government (FEMA); reimbursements may then free up funds for additional priorities to be identified at the upcoming Budget hearings; further mid-year budget amendments will be reviewed for future adjustments

Commissioner Levine Cava

- Mosquito Control/Zika – expects that both State and Federal funding is forthcoming
- Police – need more than 40 new police officer positions
- Parks – needs additional funding
- South Dade – this area does not receive its fair share of funding; wants more funding for farm equipment; area needs additional economic development

Commissioner Jordan

- Water & Sewer – concerned with the delay of the two non-consent decree projects (1) the North Miami-Dade Wastewater Transmission and Pump Station and (2) the South Miami Heights Water Treatment Plant and Wellfield and how this delay will affect the community in the future
- Independent Review Panel – wanted to sponsor, unfortunately item was already sponsored; wants to co-sponsor and will request a sunshine meeting with Commissioner Suarez

Commissioner Souto

- Zika – this issue is extremely serious to our economy (including its impact to UMSA) and it is tied to our tourism; the County needs to engage in more planning