



Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Committee Weeks 4, 5 & 6 Report

February 4, 2019 – February 22, 2019

Water Quality

The Senate Agriculture Committee heard a presentation on [“Agricultural Best Management Practices Implementation and Performance.”](#) This presentation highlighted the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA)’s performance since the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee watched a presentation from the Florida Department of Health, [“Overview of Septic Systems”](#). There are 2.35 million septic tanks in the state of Florida. This presentation reviewed a drain field’s benefits to a septic tank. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection presented to the committee on [“Biosolids in Florida”](#). They included an overview of what the different classes of biosolids are and gave an overview of the recommendations of the Florida Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee.

Representative LaMarca’s bill, “Coastal Management” (HB 325), which would provide reoccurring funding for beach and inlet nourishment, passed its first committee.

One of Martin County’s appropriations request, HB 2177, the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative Project for Culpepper Ranch, had its first hearing in the house. Presented by representative Magar, the committee voted unanimously to pass the bill.

Finance & Tax

The House Ways and Means Committee hosted a report by the Department of Revenue titled, [“Examination of the Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.”](#) The act caused a net decrease in state’s taxes and the state needs to pursue further studies on the federal tax cut’s impact on the state.

Education

SB 7030, “School Safety and Security,” passed its first committee in the senate with 5 yeas and 3 nays. This bill is based on the recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission and includes the implementation of the guardian program.