



9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome / Opening Remarks

Davin Suggs - FAC; Director of Public Policy
Ginger Delegal, FAC; Executive Director
Commissioner Chris Constance, FAC President

9:20 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Session #1: The Future of Emergency Communications



When major situations threaten the safety of the public, all hands are on deck ready to assist. First responders have a critical need for communication. So how do police officers talk to firefighters in the wake of a power outage during a storm? With advanced technology, statewide emergency officials are realizing more efficient ways to serve its citizens and visitors in emergency situations. This workshop explores advanced services that protect our counties by providing more information to first responders.

Speakers:

Mr. Chuck Murph - First Responder Network Authority
Mr. Heath Beach - Florida Dept. of Management Services

Moderator: Representative Jason Fischer

10:05 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session #2: Governing Technology



Technology continues its forward march, but are Florida's regulatory and tax structures keeping pace? A panel of industry experts will address the challenges of creating tomorrow's infrastructure today. These new technologies are forcing local governments across the county to innovate or risk these services bypassing their communities. County leaders will have to revision road planning, land use regulations, and revenue structures to make sure that their communities are prepared.

Speakers:

Mr. Charles Dudley - Floridian Partners
Mr. J.C. Flores - AT&T
Ms. Stephanie Smith - Uber

Moderator: Senator Jeff Brandes

11:05 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Session #3: Innovative P3's: Social Services



Today, public/private partnerships (P3) are used for a wide range of applications. This workshop explores the use of P3's as a delivery mechanism to meet the social services needs of Floridians. Experts in fields such as homelessness, mental health, elder affairs and affordable housing, discuss how we can better coordinate resources through various community partners. This workshop kickstarts the conversation with "outside the box" strategic thinking on one of the most important issues that counties tackle.

Speakers:

Mr. Bob Reid, Bryant Miller & Olive P.A.

Ms. Shelly Lauten - Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Mr. Michael Shaver, Children's Home Society of Florida

Moderator: Representative Kathleen Peters

12:05 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

Break/Buffer Lunch

12:30 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.

Keynote Session: "Media Takeout"

Join three of Florida's top policy and political reporters as they discuss the climate in Tallahassee and the impact it is having and could have on home rule.

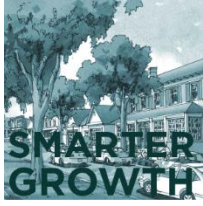


Steve Bousquet, Tampa Bay Times

Tia Mitchell, The Florida-Times Union

Mary Ellen Klas, Miami Herald

1:30 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.



Session #4: Smarter Growth

As one of the fastest growing states in the country, Florida continues to attract new residents, visitors, and businesses to the state. While this rapid growth boosts the economy, it also poses new challenges to policymakers who must balance increased development with maintaining livable communities, preserving limited resources for future generations, and protecting agricultural and environmentally sensitive lands. Learn from experts about what local governments can do now to promote sustainable growth into the future.

Speakers:

Mr. Thomas Hawkins - 1000 Friends of Florida
Ms. Peegen Hanrahan - Trust for Public Land

Moderator: Senator Lee Constantine (Seminole County Commissioner)

2:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.



Session #5: The Business of Preemption

Counties exist to provide services and create their community's well being and there is no doubt that robust public infrastructure, reliable services, and a high quality of life are the foundation of a strong local economy; But what happens when businesses start to view local government actions as overly burdensome on their economic freedom? Can local regulations be counterproductive to economic development? This panel will include industry leaders to discuss the challenges that some local regulations place on business growth and local leaders whose economies have continued to flourish.

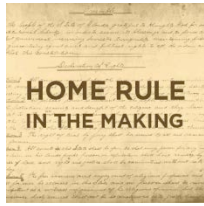
Speakers:

Commissioner Ralph Thomas - Wakulla County
Ms. Samantha Padget - Florida Retail Federation

Moderator: Representative Randy Fine

3:45 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.

Session #6: Home Rule in the Making



The 1968 Constitution was drafted in the midst of cultural upheaval in Florida and the country. The Constitutional Review Commission met on the heels of a decades long redistricting struggle, during the fight for civil rights, and at a time when Florida's governing structure was starting to strain under its burgeoning population. This panel will discuss the historical context of Florida's home rule experiment and how concepts of self-governance are relevant in today's political environment.

Speakers:

Hon. Jon Russell - American City/County Exchange (ALEC)

Prof. Mary E. Adkins - University of Florida

Mr. Bob Nabors, Nabors Giblin & Nickerson P.A.

Moderator: Representative Joe Gellar

5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks / Announcements