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As we begin the summer season, the huge undertaking of compiling and proffering a budget for the next fiscal year (2009-2010) has been completed and turned in to the County Commission, in accordance with Florida Law. Being cognizant of the current budgetary situation faced in our county, my staff and I have worked diligently to review existing programs for effectiveness, cost and continuance. Additionally, we have utilized innovative cost savings measures to submit a budget that substantially reduces expenditures while meeting our obligation to the voters and to the elections for the upcoming fiscal year. By reviewing our organization from top to bottom and finding every prudent cost savings measure, we were able to reduce the upcoming budget by nearly 11% and approximately 23% over the last three years. As you know, we have a very busy election cycle in 2010 with federal, state and local races in both a primary and general election.

My staff and I have found creative ways to fund legal mandates. For example, with the legislative mandate to switch from touch screen to optical scan voting machines, we utilized existing equipment and converted them to voting privacy booths in lieu of purchasing new equipment saving over \$252,000.00. We also voluntarily deferred commencement of construction of a previously approved elections warehouse and utilized construction trailers to house our privacy booths. Those funds (\$5.9 million) went to the Sheriff's Office for a jail expansion.

The mandate to reduce expenditures is not a new concept to my office. As such, I look forward to working with our County Commission over the summer in reviewing our proposed budget.