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It's hard to believe we are faced with the close of another year. In retrospect, it has been a very productive year in which my staff and I have accomplished many of our goals. Several of our newsletters and articles throughout this year focused on answering the recurring question of what my staff and I do on the "off election years". In looking back over the past year of newsletters, I am proud to say that we have delivered on our promises as outlined below:

- In April, we administered a successful Municipal Election as we began our second year of using the optical scan voting equipment.
  - April and May were consumed by monitoring the legislative session for any changes in election law. Also, ongoing monitoring of federal legislation is a time consuming, but important task.
  - The spring and summer were devoted to the daunting task of assembling a budget proposal that reflected a climate of declining revenues in Pasco County. 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% with an overall decrease of 23% in the past three fiscal years.
- Voter outreach and education were busy throughout the year. In September, we were at all Pasco County High Schools and pre-registered over 300 students. We received 158 essays in response to our countywide essay contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders that we co-sponsored with the Pasco Council of Chambers. We participated in the Great American Teach-In with our Vote in Honor of a Vet program at 11 high schools. We made a successful transition in administering school elections electronically using Double-click Democracy, an on-line school election software that saved taxpayers thousands of dollars per year. We have maintained a very active schedule of voter registration drives at community events throughout the summer and fall, and re-implemented a New Resident Program in which we mailed new county residents voter registration packets.
  - In the voter registration area, we implemented a quarterly list maintenance program which exceeds the biannual statutory
- requirement. Also, from a state list of nearly 5,000 potentially registered felons in Pasco County, we identified, noticed and removed over 850 felons from the voter registration rolls. In this way, we are confident that our voter registration files will be in top shape for the upcoming 2010 election cycle.
- We completely redesigned our OTP (Online Training Platform) for pollworker trainings in 2010, and produced training videos to augment our pollworker trainings. We also began the arduous task of reviewing and revising our pollworker manuals for the 2010 cycle.
  - For the first time, our office will have a COOP (Continuation of Operations Plan) that will allow us to plan for emergencies around elections.
  - In an effort to be proactive with our 600 + military and overseas voters, we notified them of the methods available to them for the request, delivery and return of ballots.
  - Our Information Technology (IT) staff worked vigorously on developing an on-line method for voters to check their registration status and to track absentee ballots commencing in 2010.