



State of the County Address Volusia County Government

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Ocean Center**

Joanne Magley - welcome

Good afternoon! My name is Joanne Magley, Community Information Director for Volusia County Government and it's my pleasure to serve as your emcee for the 2017 State of the County address.

You'll notice a few items that were placed at each seat-first, we have the State of the County Address brochure that provides an overview of some of the accomplishments from 2016. There's a section in the brochure that outlines the county's budget and where the money goes. I encourage everyone to take this brochure with you when you leave. It's a great reference piece and we have extras at the registration tables.

There is also an informational flier on the Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge. It will provide a beautiful place for people to remember fallen veterans and also provide a location for

local veteran organizations to host military ceremonies and celebrations. This is a project that is currently not funded... there is a committee led by District 2 representative Billie Wheeler and former district 2 representative Josh Wagner who will lead fundraising efforts for that. So please read all about the proposed Veterans Memorial Plaza and share the information.

And the last item I want to point out is a small token of appreciation for attending today's event... that small box on the table is a USB car charger. We hope you find that useful.

At this time I'd like to recognize our sponsors and thank them for making this event possible. I'm going to ask the sponsors to stand when I call your name... and I'd like to ask the audience to please hold your applause until all sponsors have been recognized.

I'll start with our presenting sponsors....

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AND FINALLY, Vystar Credit Union

**Please give all of our sponsors a big round of applause.
Their support covers all of the costs for this event...
including the food, the brochures and the car chargers. So
thank you again.**

Presentation of Colors/Pledge/Anthem

At this time, I'd like to ask everyone to please stand for the presentation of colors by the Vietnam Veterans of America Daytona Beach Chapter 1048, which will be followed by the pledge of allegiance and the singing of our national anthem. (Ed will thank them personally in his speech, but here are the names)

Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Alliance

Star-Spangled Banner

And now please remain standing for the singing of our national anthem by Gwen Watson.

Introduction of County Chair

And now it's my pleasure to introduce our County Chair Mr. Ed Kelley.

Ed may be new to the County Council but he has been involved with our community for years, serving as the Mayor of Ormond Beach from 2010 to 2016, Ormond Beach City Commissioner from 1993-1997 and again from 2005-2009.

Ed serves on the boards of the River 2 C TPO, the Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials, Congress of Regional Leaders and Team Volusia.

So, without further ado... please welcome County Chair Ed Kelley.

ED KELLEY SPEAKS

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 State of the County address. Let me start by thanking a few people.

- First, to the citizens of Volusia County, thank you for the privilege of serving as your County Chair.

I'm still pretty new at this role but I'm loving it.

- Thank you to the Vietnam Veterans of America Daytona Beach Chapter 1048 for the presentation of colors, and to Gwen Watson, for that wonderful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.
- I want to express my appreciation to Bethune Cookman University Quartet which will provide music during lunch. And of course, the Ocean Center staff for setting up this event... the room looks great!
- I also want to thank all of the cities that are here today supporting this event. I believe we have representatives from each of the 16 cities here...we have many elected officials and managers here today, and I would like them to please stand and be recognized.

(applause)

- And of course, my colleagues on the Volusia County Council.
- We are working together for all of the citizens of Volusia County to have an efficient, effective and

impactful government.

- So at this time I'd like to ask all of my fellow county council members to stand to be recognized and then I'll call out your names.
- Again, please hold the applause until the end.
- First, Vice Chair and District 3 representative Deb Denys
- At Large representative Joyce Cusack
- District 1 representative Pat Patterson
- District 2 representative Billie Wheeler
- District 4 representative Heather Post
- and District 5 representative Dr. Fred Lowry.
- Thank you Volusia County Council.
- I'd also like to recognize our other elected county officials. Please stand to be recognized and then I'll call out your names. Again, please hold the applause until the end.
- Clerk of Courts Laura Roth, Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett, Sheriff Mike Chitwood and Supervisor of Elections Lisa Lewis. Thank you for being here.

(Pause for applause)

- The County Council is so fortunate to work with a truly talented staff and management team led by County Manager Jim Dinneen.
- The Council sets the vision for County government, but it is Mr. Dinneen and the staff who make sure the work gets done.
- And also we could not do our jobs without the exceptional legal service provided by County Attorney Dan Eckert and his legal team. Gentlemen, please stand to be recognized.

ED SPEAKS

- The State of the County address is an annual event that allows the County Council the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate partnerships and previous year accomplishments, as well as outline the county's future goals.
- After lunch, we will play a video that will highlight many of our accomplishments in 2016.
- And don't worry, you won't have to listen to my voice during the entire video!

- Each county council member will highlight just some of the accomplishments of 2016.
- Ok... you are probably all getting pretty hungry so lunch will be served in just a few minutes.
- At this time, I'd like to ask fellow county council member Dr. Fred Lowry to come up to provide the invocation.

(FRED DOES INVOCATION)

ED KELLEY

Thank you, Dr. Lowry. Ok everyone, enjoy your lunch.

ED KELLEY

Wasn't that a delicious lunch. Spectra provides catering services here at the Ocean Center and they do an amazing job.

- As you look through the State of the County Address brochure and as you watch the video which will play in just a minute, you'll notice a theme—partnerships.
- Volusia County could not accomplish much of what it has if it wasn't for partnerships with the cities, nonprofits, businesses and our citizens.
- Working together we leverage the best outcomes for our residents and visitors and along the way, we get stronger for having those partnerships.

- So, thank you for being here today, and enjoy this State of the County presentation.

(VIDEO STARTS)

SCRIPT FOR VIDEO

- **Joyce Cusack**

- Hurricane Matthew operations and recovery
 - (on-camera) Hello, this is Joyce Cusack, your at large representative. One of the biggest challenges and accomplishments of 2016 was Hurricane Matthew.
 - (take vo)
 - For many, 2016 will be the year we felt the impact of a major hurricane in more than a decade. When Hurricane Matthew passed by Volusia County Oct. 7th, it left in its' wake more than 10,000 homes, businesses and government facilities impacted and more than one million cubic yards of debris. The county's Citizen Information Center provided information to more than 10,800 callers.
 - The county and municipalities' response was truly cross-functional and comprehensive. More than 200 individuals worked at the county emergency operations center, coordinating with local municipalities, businesses, and nonprofits for response and recovery operations.
- Food Drive/ Community Assistance

- (on camera) I'm Joyce Cusack, your At-Large representative and the countywide Feed the Need food drive once again proved public employees are big givers!
- (vo) Public employees from the cities, the county, Daytona State College, the School Way Café and the Health Department collected more than 184,000 pounds of food during the sixth annual countywide "Feed the Need" public employee food drive. Feed the Need began in 2011 and in total, employees collected 591,000 pounds of food for the community.
- Year round, the county's Community Assistance Division helps local families through a variety of programs.
- More than 1.5 million dollars was provided to income eligible people for housing rehabilitation services such as installation of window and door coverings, upgraded garage doors and down payments and closing costs. And, more than \$528,000 was provided to homeowners for reimbursement of insurance deductibles and to those needing home repair as a result Hurricane Matthew.
- 6,790 people received utility assistance.
- Rent and mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness was provided to 2,295 people.

- And, 1,050 summer camp scholarships were provided for low-income children and families.

- **Deb Denys**

- Turnbull Bay Bridge/ Williamson Blvd. extension/
Economic Development

- Hi. I'm Deb Denys, your district 4 representative and in 2016 Volusia County made a lot of headway in construction projects and also supported economic development.
 - [TAKE VO]
 - The Turnbull Bay Road Bridge is a major link in Southeast Volusia, providing a convenient connection for residents on the west side of Turnbull Bay to Downtown New Smyrna Beach. But the 1967 bridge has well exceeded its design lifespan. Last year bids came in for construction of a new Turnbull Bay Bridge in New Smyrna Beach. Those bids were more than \$3 million more than expected, but this year the county council fought for and secured additional federal funds to off-set the shortfall and we are excited that construction will begin by July of 2017.
 - Construction was completed in 2016 on the \$15 million S. Williamson Boulevard extension project---a new 4-lane road 2.5 miles from Airport Road to Pioneer Trail in

Port Orange. This was accomplished through a public/private partnership to advance this important transportation project that will not only enhance transportation mobility but also provide much needed economic stimulus to eastern Volusia County. This project would not have happened without funding participation from the FDOT and Port Orange, and a major contribution by the landowner in donating 100% of the required road right of way including significant additional acreage for stormwater treatment ponds.

- Volusia County Council approved an incentive support for a local manufacturing firm, Dougherty Manufacturing, to expand in Volusia County and to create a significant number of jobs. The company could receive up to \$360,000 in state and county performance-based incentives if they create 120 jobs that pay an annual average wage of \$39,900 or higher — 15 percent above Volusia's average annual wage at the time.

- **Fred Lowry**

- Hope Place

- (on-camera) Dr. Fred Lowry, District 5 representative and in 2016, the Volusia

County council made a major commitment to fight homelessness, with Hope Place.

- (vo) The Volusia County Council agreed to purchase the former Hurst Elementary school buildings property for \$200,000 from the Volusia County Schools. The property was then deeded to Halifax Urban Ministries. The County Council also voted to spend an additional \$3.5 million to renovate the nine buildings in the school complex. Under this agreement, Halifax Urban Ministries would become the owner and operator of Hope Place.
- Hope Place will offer housing for homeless families and teens on their own. It also will include a medical clinic, cafeteria, laundry area, family TV room, and areas for Pre-K and adult education. Case managers will work with Hope Place residents to get them back on their feet and living independently within three months, while providing a safe and dignified environment that respects and addresses their needs.

- **Billie Wheeler**

- Ocean Center/ Customer Service

- (on-camera) I'm Billie Wheeler, District 2 representative and this beautiful Ocean

Center we are sitting in, was full of excitement in 2016.

- (vo) More than 250,000 people attended one of the 104 events hosted at the Ocean Center in 2016. Events at the Ocean Center varied--- and included the National Cheerleading Association and National Dance Association's Daytona Beach International Championship, which has been hosting its event at the county convention center for more than 20 years.. a testament to customer satisfaction and great customer service.
- And, the community is getting ready to host this summer's International Shriners convention here at the Ocean Center. More than 2,700 area hotel rooms are booked for the July convention, which is estimated to have an economic impact of \$8 million and an attendance of up to 15-thousand! Plus, the Shriners will be back in Daytona Beach next year for their 2018 convention—its the first time the group has chosen the same destination for back-to-back conventions.
- A major win for the community in 2016 was the start of daily, non-stop JetBlue service to New York City... a relationship building effort that began in 2000. Hundreds of people came out to welcome the passengers

on the inaugural flight to Daytona Beach January 7th.

- This was a direct result of the public and private partnerships. A total of 2.3 million dollars was provided by County Government and the airport and that includes a travel bank managed by the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce that guarantees \$250,000 from local businesses, in the form of pre-paid airline tickets for the first year of service. Local businesses also provided \$110,000 revenue guarantee.
- The addition of JetBlue, along with increases for American Airlines and Delta helped boost traffic numbers at the county-run airport to more than 700-000 pass

- **Heather Post**

- **Economic Development successes/ERAU**
 - (on-camera) I'm Heather Post, your District 4 representative and with several projects completed, 2016 was a banner year in our community for Economic Development.
 - (vo) The county invested considerable effort for business recruitment and business expansion. At least four existing businesses expanded their operations to add jobs, and two other businesses were recruited with approximately 1,000 jobs expected. Some

examples include B. Braun Medical Company, a German medical manufacturer, that announced plans to make a capital investment of more than \$100 million and create 175 jobs.

- DaVita Labs plans to expand its DeLand complex with the construction of a new lab building and the creation of 100 new jobs.
- And Tanger Outlet Mall, a \$100 million destination retail center has opened with more than 75 outlet stores at its high profile location along Interstate 95.
- And one of our strongest partners here in Volusia County is Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.
- In 2016, the Volusia County Council unanimously showed their commitment to Embry-Riddle's vision to become the world's leading applied aerospace research university. ERAU began construction of the 50,000 square foot Advanced Aeronodynamic Lab Building, known as the The John Mica Engineering and Aerospace Innovation Complex, the first component of the new ERAU Research Park.

END OF VIDEO

ED - FINAL REMARKS

- Thank you. Volusia County is riding a wave of momentum and much of our success is because of strong partnerships.
- Partnerships like Hope Place, JetBlue, water quality, roads and the list goes on.
- And, we have great partnerships to boast about already in 2017, such as working with the city of Deland on a homeless shelter for the west side of the county, continuing to work with each city on a priority list for road projects, partnerships with all of the colleges and universities that help train the workforce and enhance recruitment and economic development efforts.
- As I close out this State of the County address, I'd again like to recognize the importance of our citizens and how they shape Volusia County.
- Our future depends on our ability to work together as one community to tackle our challenges and seize

new opportunities.

- I'd like to think everybody in this room believes that Volusia County is one of the best places to live, work, play, raise children and grandchildren and a place we are proud to call home.
- On behalf of the Volusia County Council, I look forward to all that we can accomplish together in 2017. Thank you for coming.