

News and Updates



August 31, 2026

President's Message

One of the most rewarding parts of our profession is seeing the next generation of local government professionals learn and grow.

This month, we are excited to feature **testimonials from our FCCMA interns**. These talented students spent the summer working with cities and counties and gaining firsthand experience in local government. I encourage you to take a few minutes to **read their testimonials** and learn about their experiences.



I also encourage you to join us on **September 5 at 2:00 p.m.** for our **free coaching webinar, A Legislative Update on Amendment 3**. The session will cover the latest on Amendment 3, key Florida property tax developments, advocacy efforts, and what to expect before the November vote. I hope you'll join us for this important discussion. Click [here](#) to register.

If you're attending the **ICMA Annual Conference in Long Beach** this October, don't forget to register for the **FCCMA networking reception on Monday, October 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at Parkers' Lighthouse | Queensview

Steakhouse. It will be a great opportunity to connect with fellow Florida members. **Registration is open through October 5.** Click [here](#) to register.

Finally, the **September 30 deadline for mandatory ethics training** is quickly approaching. If you still need to complete your ethics training, [FCCMA offers several opportunities](#) to help you do so.

There are always opportunities to learn, grow, and connect through FCCMA. I hope you'll take advantage of them and continue to make the most of your membership.

We're all in this together.

Terry Atchley

Deadline to Confirm Your Participation is TODAY!



The graphic features a dark green header with the text "FCCMA Short-Form VIDEO SHOWCASE" in white. To the right of the text is a large, light green play button icon. Below the header is a photograph of a hand holding a smartphone. The phone's screen displays a grid of solar panels under a blue sky with clouds. Overlaid on the right side of the photo is the text "Innovation in Action" in bold black font, followed by "Showcase a project, program, or technology improving life for residents." in bold black font. At the bottom of the graphic is a dark blue banner containing the FCCMA logo on the left and the text "Email fccma@flcities.com to confirm your participation by Monday, August 31" in white.

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MANAGEMENT IN MOTION

Spotlighting city and county success

Sarasota County's ICMA Fellowship Program

By Jonathan Lewis, County Administrator, Sarasota County

I believe strongly that we have a responsibility to lift up the next generation and provide them with the development opportunities that might allow them to be our future county or city managers. I was lucky enough to get my start in the profession because someone else felt the same way. At Sarasota County, we believe the fellowship should provide hands-on experience. Our fellows work alongside seasoned leaders and contribute in meaningful ways. We expect our fellows to learn, lead, and innovate. We benefit not just from their work but also because their energy challenges us not to be complacent in what we know or how we have always done things. We have been lucky to have amazing fellows who have added value to our community and our team.

For more information about the fellowship, click [here](#).

Member News and Updates

The following membership applications have been received:

- **Rachel French**, District VII, Master of Public Administration, University of South Florida, Student Member
- **Gary Goble**, District II, Town Manager, Town of Orange Park, Full Member
- **Cassandra Hodys**, District I, Customer Service Manager, City of Fort Walton Beach, Affiliate Member
- **Ravin Mudiappa**, District VII, Master in Business Administration, University of South Florida, Student Member
- **Ben Pecoraro**, District I, Stormwater and Streets Supervisor, City of Fort Walton Beach, Affiliate Member
- **Jody Schum**, District VI, ICMA Fellow, Sun 'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District, Student Member

- **Jennifer Tuten**, District I, Assistant County Manager, Jefferson County, Full Member

If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, he/she will be approved for membership.

From Our Partners

The advertisement for FLCityJobs features a dark blue header with the logo and a magnifying glass icon. Below the header, a hand is shown pointing at a smartphone displaying the FLCityJobs app interface. To the right of the phone, the text "POST OPEN JOBS FOR YOUR CITY" is displayed in large, bold letters. Below this, a section titled "Key Benefits for Your City:" lists three bullet points: "Post and manage job listings independently", "Import job details automatically", and "Track applicant sources with data insights". At the bottom, it says "Visit flcityjobs.com to get started today."

Remember the MITs

Members-in-Transition (MITs)

Please take a minute to show support for the MITs by emailing or calling the members of your district. A phone call or an email can go a long way to help someone temporarily out of work. You can also help if you have any job opportunities or special projects available for which one of our MITs may be qualified.

With current technology, the project could even be done from the MIT's home. Some of the MITs have provided their resumes and indicated their areas of expertise. The resumes and areas of expertise are now available on the [FCCMA website](#). Also, please keep FCCMA staff informed of any FCCMA members who may be eligible for MIT status. You can email [FCCMA staff](#).

The FCCMA Podcast

Each week, the Florida City and County Management Association releases a podcast featuring a professional in local government. Tune in to discover success stories, leadership insights, innovative local initiatives, and more to keep you informed.

- **#226 Culture as Infrastructure in Palm Beach**
Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager of Palm Beach
- **#227 Community Engagement and Building the Next Generation of Leaders in Sanford**
Norton Bonaparte, City Manager of Sanford
- **#228 Leadership Lessons from a Green Beret**
Mark Nutsch, featured speaker at the 2026 FCCMA Conference
- **#229 Organizational Leadership and a New Chapter in Florida City**
Dr. James Poag, City Manager of Florida City

[Click to Hear the Latest FCCMA Podcasts](#)

Perspectives

What does the next generation of local government leaders need to be prepared for that your generation wasn't?



Featured Member



Meet Keith Touchberry, City Manager, City of Cape Canaveral

How long have you been an FCCMA member and why did you join? I have been a member since November 2025, and I joined to better connect with my peer managers and stay on top of issues that are important to municipal government.

Are you an ICMA member? Why did you join, and how long have you been a member? Yes. I joined the ICMA for the same reasons as the FCCMA, but also to one day become credentialed.

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education. I have a B.A. in Organizational Management and an M.S. in Criminal Justice. I am a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course, the ICMA's Emerging Leaders Development Course, and other advanced leadership programs.

Why did you select a career in public service? I believe in serving others as a means to improve quality of life.

[Read More](#)

Next Generation Intern Program

Partnering to Build Tomorrow's Local Government Leaders - One Internship at a Time

The FCCMA Next Generation Intern Program offered a competitive funding opportunity for four municipalities to host summer internships for college students interested in making a difference in local government. In partnership with the host municipalities, FCCMA provided students with networking opportunities, including funding attendance for the FCCMA Annual Conference, as well as valuable hands-on local government experience. Click on the pictures to read the testimonials from our four interns about their experiences.



[Olivia Colone, FCCMA Intern, Dunedin](#)



[Nathan Cunningham, FCCMA Intern, Bartow](#)



[Tatiana Paz Bedolla, FCCMA Intern, Jupiter Inlet Colony](#)



[Wyatt Wagner, FCCMA Intern, Fort Walton Beach](#)

[Testimonial Videos](#)

Events and Trainings

September 3, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
[FCCMA Coaching Webinar](#)

October 19, 2026
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
[2026 FCCMA Reception at ICMA](#)
*Parkers' Lighthouse | Queensview
435 Shoreline Drive #1
Long Beach, California*

Upcoming Webinars

Save the date for future webinar offerings!

September 3, 2026 **Property Tax**

October 1, 2026 **Public Safety in Florida: Trends, Costs, and What's Coming**

November 5, 2026	Onboarding New Elected Officials
January 7, 2027	Building an Effective Legislative Advocacy Program
February 4, 2027	Grant Opportunities – How to determine which grant could serve your project? Strategies for Securing Grant Funding
March 4, 2027	How to Handle Difficult Public Meetings
April 1, 2027	Funding the Future: Creative Collaboration Revenue Solutions for Cities and Counties Working Together
May 6, 2027	Employee Recognition That Doesn't Cost Much
June 10, 2027	Legislative Recap
July 8, 2027	Artificial Intelligence in Local Government: Opportunities, Governance, and Practical Applications: Making the Case in AI Municipal Implementation - Case Studies
August 5, 2027	Engagement That Matters: Inspiring Residents to Participate, Volunteer, and Lead, Which Can Include Your Community's Voice in Your Strategic Plan
September 2, 2027	Data Centers - Policy Development, Municipal Leadership Perspective

Jobs

Below is a list of active FCCMA job advertisements accessible on our website. [Click here](#) for details.

ALACHUA COUNTY – Assistant County Manager (ACM) for Public Safety and Community Operations
ALACHUA COUNTY – Assistant Director of Facilities Management
ALACHUA COUNTY – Chief of Staff
ALACHUA COUNTY – Equal Opportunity Office Director

CLARKSVILLE, IN – Town Manager
CLAY COUNTY – Fire Chief
FORT MYERS – Director of Financial Services
MARION COUNTY – Assistant County Attorney
MORGANTOWN, WV – Finance Director

ALACHUA COUNTY – Network
Division Manager

ALACHUA COUNTY – Senior
Transportation Planner (TPO)

AMARILLO, TX – Assistant City
Manager

AMARILLO, TX – Solid Waste
Superintendent

ANNA MARIA – Procurement,
Finance, and Grants Administrator

CENTRAL BROWARD WATER

CONTROL DISTRICT – Operations
Engineer

CLARKSVILLE, IN – Building
Commissioner

PALM BAY – Recreation Director

SARASOTA COUNTY – Compensation
and Payroll Maintenance Specialist

SARASOTA COUNTY – Parks Internal
Operations Division Manager

SARASOTA COUNTY – Recreation
Supervisor

ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH – City
Manager

ST. CLOUD – Assistant City Attorney

TALLAHASSEE – Manager – Financial
Reporting

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – Deputy
Director of Finance

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