

Item Title: Goals and Top Priorities for the Board of Commissioners

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approve the updated set of Goal Areas, Objectives and Initiatives, and affirm the prioritized top 22 initiatives.

Item Summary:

To better focus County efforts and resources, the Board of Commissioners updates and prioritizes a set of goals each calendar year. The Board and County staff use the goals to set budgetary priorities, concentrate staff efforts, and focus Board discussions.

The Board of Commissioners held a planning retreat on January 27, 2018. During the retreat, Commissioners and staff discussed the status of the existing 83 initiatives, changed the scope of selected initiatives, and combined many initiatives to better reflect the Commissioners' common goals. The Board refined the list down to 60 initiatives. The Board prioritized these initiatives by first having smaller groups prioritize within a Goal Area (e.g., Public Safety or Community Health). This step yielded 22 priority initiatives to consider. Finally, the full Board prioritized the top 22 initiatives, which have been organized into three tiers based on a vote tally.

The Board of Commissioners further discussed goals and priorities during the Work Session held on February 12, 2018. Specifically, the Board affirmed the combination of several initiatives and affirmed the prioritization of the top 22 initiatives.

At the upcoming retreat on March 17, 2018, the Board will again consider 2018 priorities in the context of the FY2019 operating budget and 7-Year Community Improvement Plan. County staff will update the Board of Commissioners on goal implementation throughout the year at work sessions and committee meetings.

Attachments:

1. Presentation on 2018 Board Goals from February 12, 2018 Work Session
2. Board Goals
3. List of Top 22 Prioritized Initiatives by Tier