



Lee County  
*Southwest Florida*

## Board of County Commissioners

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June 1, 2023

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In July 2023, I will have been the Lee County Manager for 10 years. During that time, the Lee County Commission reduced the tax rate four times, while planning and building roads and other infrastructure worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The Board has invested heavily in public safety, clean water, conservation lands, mental health and economic vitality. Striking a balance between growth and quality of life has been your driving philosophy. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of those efforts.

Lee County employees are an exceptionally talented, ethical and hard-working group of people. Together, we have managed and cared for this community through COVID, Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Ian, a cyber-attack, blue-green algae, flooding from record rainfalls and a host of other events. Together, we developed the One Organization philosophy and management system. Together, we have weathered the good and the very difficult.

It is now time for me to announce my retirement. My last day will be July 31, 2023. I want to express my deep appreciation to the citizens of Lee County, the Lee County Board of Commissioners, and all the County Employees I have been privileged to lead. Thank you to County Attorney Richard Wesch. I could not have asked for a better partner and friend. Thank you to the Senior Team for doing the heavy lifting. I want to thank my Assistant, Patty DiPiero, for helping me keep life and work in good order. (No easy task) Mostly I want to thank my wife, Vivian who has been by my side for 49 years with unwavering support and love. I also want to thank our daughter, Manda, our son-in-law Kevin and our grandchildren, Mason, Brighton, Foster and Ella for their unending love and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger J. Desjarlais  
County Manager  
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