

WELCOME TO THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY PAYNE



Dear friends,

As Summer is coming to an end, I am pleased to continue to attend the many community events and meetings with my constituents. Below, you can find some of the highlights from the month of August.

I had the opportunity to attend the annual FECA (Florida Electric Cooperatives Association) Convention in Clearwater. Florida's electric cooperatives are relatively small electric utilities that bridge gaps to serve Florida residents in rural communities. It was great to learn about their new initiatives and how they are working to best serve their communities.

I met with Marion County officials and learned about the issues facing the county. Due to re-districting, Marion County is a new part of my district and I appreciate continuing to learn new things about the area and constituents I serve.

I had the honor to escort FL Department of Transportation Secretary Perdue, on a tour of Putnam County infrastructure and transportation. Secretary Perdue saw firsthand the local and state-wide opportunities that are available through the expansion of Port Putnam and the Palatka Municipal Airport.

Don't forget to take advantage of the Tool Time Sales Tax Holiday that runs from September 2nd thru September 8th. The Tool Time Sales Tax Holiday, first introduced in 2022, gives Floridians the chance to stock up on power tools, toolboxes, work boots and other items that skilled trade workers commonly need. See below for more information.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Your Public Servant,

- Bobby

TOOL TIME TAX FREE HOLIDAY

Beginning Saturday, September 2, and running through Friday, September 8, Floridians can save money on eligible trade work-related items.

Items that you can purchase tax-free include:

- Toolboxes for vehicles selling for \$300 or less.
- Power tools selling for \$300 or less.
- Ladders selling for \$250 or less.
- Work boots selling for \$175 or less.
- Power tool batteries selling for \$150 or less.
- Handheld pipe cutters, drain opening tools, and plumbing inspection equipment selling for \$150 or less.
- Industry textbooks and code books selling for \$125 or less.
- Tool belts selling for \$100 or less.
- Electrical voltage and testing equipment selling for \$100 or less.
- Shop lights selling for \$100 or less.
- Hard hats and other head protection for \$100 or less.
- Toolboxes selling for \$75 or less.
- Hearing protection items for \$75 or less.

- Hand tools selling for \$50 or less.
- Safety glasses selling for \$50 or less per pair (or the equivalent if sold in sets of more than one pair).
- Protective coveralls selling for \$50 or less.
- Duffle bags or tote bags selling for \$50 or less.
- LED flashlights selling for \$50 or less.
- Shovels and rakes selling for \$50 or less.
- Fuel cans selling for \$50 or less.
- High-visibility safety vests selling for \$30 or less; and
- Work gloves selling for \$25 or less.

For more information, visit <https://floridarevenue.com/tooltime>

Legislative Meetings in Marion County



It was a pleasure meeting with newly elected Representative Ryan Chamberlin and Representative Stan McClain.



I was honored to meet with College of Central Florida President Dr. James Henningsen and former Speaker of the House Larry Cretul.



I enjoyed meeting with Marion County Tax Collector George Albright. George Albright is a former State Representative from Marion County.



Had a great meeting with Commissioner Carl Zalak and Marion County Legislative Director Matthew Cretul.

Putnam County Tour with Secretary Perdue



Enjoyed meeting with Secretary Perdue and the Palatka Municipal Airport staff.



I would like to thank the Palatka Municipal Airport for giving Secretary Perdue and myself a tour of the facility.



I would like to thank the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for taking Secretary Perdue and Putnam County officials on a tour of Port Putnam.



I enjoyed making Secretary Perdue aware of the importance of Port Putnam to the surrounding counties on the St. Johns River.

Upcoming Events

Marion County Legislative Delegation Meeting
September 13, 2023 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm
601 SE 25th Ave Ocala, FL 34471

Farm Share
September 16, 2023 from 8:00am to 12:00pm
Putnam County Fairgrounds
118 Fairgrounds Rd. East Palatka, FL 32131

Interim Committee Week
September 18, 2023- September 22, 2023
402 South Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399

Keystone Heights Mobile Office Hours
September 21, 2023 from 9:00am to 2:00pm
555 S Lawrence Blvd. Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Clay County Legislative Delegation Meeting
October 4, 2023 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
477 Houston St. Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Putnam County Legislative Delegation Meeting
October 6, 2023 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm
2509 Crill Ave Palatka, FL 32177

St. Johns County Legislative Delegation Meeting
October 13, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00pm
500 San Sebastian Vw, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Interim Committee Week
October 16, 2023 to October 20, 2023
402 South Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399

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