

Chris BOLES

12 Months

REAL RESULTS

A YEAR OF GETTING THINGS DONE

Over the last 365 days, I've crisscrossed all 1,200 square miles of Hillsborough County. I've sat down with farmers, builders, residents, HOAs, civic groups and business owners. I've heard every kind of concern you can imagine, and I've done my very best to find solutions or recommend support that made sense and stayed within the law. I've walked through county facilities, talked with our staff and learned firsthand what challenges they face and how we can better support the people of Hillsborough County. I am just getting started and ready to plan on doing more. I am looking forward to what the next year brings.

01-02/25

- Conducted comprehensive interviews with all County departments and the County Administrator's Office to better understand organizational alignment.
- Identified long-standing community-wide operational challenges across County systems.
- Identified existing collaborations with regional, state and federal government agencies to continue progress on County priorities such as transportation safety, wastewater improvements and road/drainage safety work.
- Initiated landfill & affordability analysis: identified more than 10 recommendations to reduce operational costs, improve internal reporting systems, and enhance long-term healthcare cost controls.

03/25

- Oversaw the launch of a new Domestic Violence Unit and relocation of operations to better protect survivors and children.

- Directed the addition of Nonprofit Services under the Department of Social Services to increase transparency and improve oversight.
- Implemented enhanced community-need-based nonprofit funding accountability processes.

05/25

- Elevated youth voices through public art, directly staffed for youth by the County's Center for Students Connected.
- Championed the Choate Road repair that reopened Odindle Downs — the County's most challenged community-safety-funded roadway.
- Delivered \$650K for critical renewal of vegetation and land management planning for the wetland area in Bloomingdale.

06/25

- Directed biannual prescription-program review, ensuring accountability and expanded resident access to cost-saving programs.
- Led the repeal of Ordinance 19-1 (HOPE Affordable Housing Act) to re-appropriate funds strengthening County fiscal integrity.

07/25

- Backed major reforms to the County's nonprofit funding system with improved transparency, scoring, ROI and KPI reporting.
- Directed \$175K in arts funding to underserved arts and education centers, including the Valrico Civic Center.
- Implemented targeted gaps-in-service support to protect at-risk youth.
- Committed \$2.5M to upcoming public-safety initiatives.

08/25

- Reinforced accountability in prescription-assistance programs by expanding resident access to cost-saving opportunities.
- Strengthened nonprofit partner accountability and alignment with County service areas via a multi-year review process.
- Strengthened collaboration between departments to reduce operational siloing and streamline resource use.

09/25

- Directed a feasibility study for a pay-related raise schedule for first responders stationed at the MOSI facility.
- Analyzed major Fiscal Year budgets and their impact on residents and nonprofit partner oversight.
- Reviewed ongoing resident concerns and identified opportunities for improved County service delivery.

10/25

- Ensured fair growth contribution strategies to reinvest savings into road, transportation and park needs in high-growth communities.
- Unlocked \$13.2M in funding through a successful private grant to support capital improvement planning.
- Strengthened County volunteer boards through updated Boards & Committees policy language.
- Launched an internal policy review team.
- Represented Hillsborough County to regional partners.
- Reviewed and improved internal processes supporting public safety and emergency coordination.
- Advanced affordable-housing initiatives through multi-regional PHADA training to improve mapping and eligibility of County properties.

11/25

- Organized a County staff volunteer day at Feeding Tampa Bay to strengthen community support and create a culture of service with local nonprofits.
- Proposed legislation to stabilize disaster-recovery grant processes across additional partner agencies and protect taxpayers from contractor price increases.
- Launched the “Rising Voices” art competition at the County Center, showcasing creative works by Hillsborough County youth.