



# CLERK TO REVIEW COUNTY'S DEBT PRACTICES

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Recent headlines have shined the national spotlight on Palm Beach County once again. Our third county commissioner faces charges for honest services fraud as a result of allegedly manipulating the county's bond issuance process for personal gain. These unfortunate times remind us of the vital role an independent watchdog plays in your local government.

After this latest indictment, I notified the Board of County Commissioners that my office will conduct an independent review of the county's debt management practices. For the past three years, I have recommended that the county enact a comprehensive debt policy that includes strict controls to prevent opportunities for abuse such as those described in the indictment. Our review will provide county commissioners with the tools and information they need to bring transparency and best practices to the debt management process.



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This indictment also reminds us of our responsibility as citizens to participate in our local government. We recently made it easier for you to do that. Visit *myMinutes*, our online interactive program that allows you to easily

access, watch and search county commission meetings from the convenience of your own home.

In the coming weeks, my office will complete its review and present a report to the Board of County Commissioners. The report will be available under the "Get the Facts" section on [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com).

As your Clerk & Comptroller, I remain committed to ensuring your tax dollars are protected. I invite you to stay informed, hold your elected officials accountable and take an active role in this important issue.

Best regards,

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Stay informed about issues facing Palm Beach County. The Clerk & Comptroller's Web site now has a new tool called *myMinutes*, which allows you to search Board of County

**myMinutes**  
Search Minutes Online

Commissioner meeting minutes and video. The interactive program, available on [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com), links meeting agendas and minutes directly to the corresponding closed captioned video.

For more information on this new interactive program, visit [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com).

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