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## Manager: This year's collections down 18%!

| by [Carl Cricket](#) | *June 1st, 2009* | 392 words

This afternoon's County Commission meeting was an eye opener for some, but not for others who have been keeping up with other areas in the county who have been telling anyone who asks that tax collections are way down, and next year doesn't look much better.

The County manager told the County Commission that property tax collections will be down approximately 18% creating a probable \$27 Million shortage in the county budget. Normally, this is where we'd give a wise crack or something smart, but instead, we're just telling you like it is. Times are tough all over. Unemployment is still up, the Governor STILL hasn't signed the legislative bill extending unemployment benefits for Florida residents, and small businesses continue to close.

As we pointed out the county's hiring practices, it appears they aren't trying very hard to hire **LOCALLY** and county contracts still aren't flowing **LOCAL**, unless you smoke cigars. (oops, not allowed) 😞

In an attempt to **HELP** instead of constantly complaining here, here's a suggestion. The County Commission might consider getting Legislative support to amend the tourist tax bill to allow a certain percentage to go directly towards Public Safety. Law Enforcement and Fire/Ambulance services. We're sure that numbers can be gotten to break down the financial impact tourism is having on our emergency services. To their credit, all emergency services personnel provide excellent coverage and service to tourists BUT there's a financial impact on all of US. Yes, the tourists buy souvenirs, yes, tourists eat, drink, and make merry, but that's to the delight of our local businesses, many of which are owned/operated by some who do not reside in Osceola County, taking the money home with them. We're not being critical, just saying.

By obtaining legislative support to change the tourist bill/act and allowing for a percentage of Public Safety funding will certainly help balance a short budget as well as give us, the taxpayers, some minor but welcomed relief.

We're sure Orange County, Dade-Miami, Brevard, and other counties who collect the majority of these type taxes would also support this, particularly at this time in our economic lives. It's something to give serious consideration and while it's been brought up a couple times before, now is the perfect opportunity to give it a serious try.

God Bless you all. Be healthy and always be safe!

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## 23 comments

[Comment](#) from: WAYNE EVANS [Visitor]

I AM SENDING THIS TO THE GOVERNOR OF CALIF AS ITS A GREAT IDEA. OUR PROBLEM HERE IS, IF WE DON'T PLAY BALL HIS WAY, HE PICKS IT UP AND GOES HOME. CAN YOU REPEAT THIS IS AUSTRIAN PLEASE?

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Comment from: Richard Herring [Visitor]

The county commission and others have tried to change the law to allow a penny to law enforcement. Not all counties have a tourist tax and the legislature doesn't want to fund those counties equal to the haves. Every study done over the years for the CVB shows that tourists more than pay their way for emergency services in Osceola.

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Comment from: JoeTaxPayer [Visitor]

Okay. I've been reading the comments coming from the "Insider" and have to say, I think Carl hit a nerve with this person. We have to go back and see where the Insider started on this mission as the Insider hasn't always been this way. If we can pinpoint where that loving feeling went away or which article pushed that button, then we can figure out who this person is and find out what got them going.

As for the tourist tax...might want to watch how you approach that. Some people feel that there is this cash cow that can't be touched which to a certain point is true but the bigger picture is the fact that that industry makes a large part of our County's Tax Base. The other part of that is that those property owners on top of paying the tourist development tax also pay advalorem tax which everyone else pays so they are not getting any breaks.

I'm not saying I'm against using the TDT as a revenue source and truly like the idea of using it to offset emergency services but approach this idea with caution.

I've got to go but "Insider" we get it...you don't like Mark or Carl. :)

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Comment from: Carl [Visitor]

The insider is an obvious idiot and we've had enough. If the management doesn't take steps to eliminate this pest it'll just make our decision much easier.

This has gone on far enough. It's one thing to have an opinion, it's another to be a part of slanderous statements made against someone, anyone, here.

We have contacted Marcus at KSIB and are waiting for his decision.

It is too bad that someone who claims to not approve of hypocrisy is actually being a hypocrite themselves in their own comments.

Okay, enough, we are done. Waiting for you Marcus.

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Comment from: Raisin' Cain [Visitor]

Big surprise fellas - how can anyone NOT expect that tax revenues are down! Foreclosures and businesses closing or being driven out of business by an ever-increasing unfair tax burden...huh!

I'll give ya credit - the idea you propose sounds like a good idea....wonder if anyone will ACTUALLY look into it? Or will the "big guys" guard their cash cow so they can take another trip out of the country???

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Comment from: larry from St Cloud [Visitor]

Insider is too stupid to understand the anonymous part of this blog. Insisting on whomever writes it, defeats the purpose and, I would suspect, their ability of obtaining more information. You gain nothing here by your personal attacks on one guy, yet you continue and the management of KSIB continues to allow it. I would think that makes them a part of any legal action theman would want to take!

You committed libel when you make statements like they were factual, when everyone knows they aren't. You're good at throwing the dirt that's years old, but when you said you'd identify yourself, well, we're still waiting. That makes you the liar you are.

By the way, IP addresses work and are easily obtainable in the confines of a lawsuit.

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Comment from: Richard Herring [Visitor]

St Cloud Insider: You have revisited Mark's problem with his employment. A search of the financial contributions when he ran for office in St Cloud shows Ron Howse made none to Mark. I know that Mark was hired months after he

left employment with the Sheriff's office by RHPA to help with permitting development applications in the county and both cities. When Ron sold his engineering business one of the buyers hired Mark to do the same work. Mark has posted on the blog using his name and is open to accusations by anyone including you. As an elected official he has heard worse. So what we know from you is that Mark was not fired by the Sheriff. Did not accept contributions from Ron Howse to run for office. Worked for RHPA. Is he Carl Cricket? He has been accused of that since 1998.

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**Comment** from: Larry [Visitor] 

Richard,  
The commission "talked" about it a few years ago but they never placed it on their legislative "wish" list hoping for some type of support from the legislature. With the economy the way it is now, it might be a good time to try again, but this time, REALLY try.

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**Comment** from: Larry [Visitor] 

Insider, will you stand behind yours? When will you identify yourself? You claimed you would, or was that another lie of yours?

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**Comment** from: Mark Rosenbauer [Visitor] 

Okay "insider", you got me. I have written the blog. I have always stood behind my words, and backed them up. How about you? Now, with that great admission (nearly half the county suspected as much) go ahead and reveal yourself so we all can know who you are, as YOU said you would.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this blog. I know you all realize the importance of the attempt at being anonymous here, in order to gather information. Oh well, "insider" should be proud. Can't wait to personally thank whomever it is.

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**Comment** from: Larry [Visitor] 

Gee, "insider", don't you look stupid (as usual). You post right under the guy who said he's it. Waiting for the big reveal, liar.

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**Comment** from: Mark Rosenbauer [Visitor] 

so far "insider", the only coward here is you, and all can see. You've made whatever your point seems to be but you still just ramble on.

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**Comment** from: Guiseppe [Visitor] 

Hey "insider", the only one who made who you are important is you. You are the one who said if the blog writer revealed themselves you would too. Your turn schmuck. Let's get this over with so we can move on to other important things like beating up wheeler and others!

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**Comment** from: Grasshopper [Visitor] 

So Rosenbauer "Confesses" to being Carl Cricket. Cue the laugh track here as the real Crickett is still out there.

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**Comment** from: joerepublic [Member] 

Carl,

What is Insider's ISP?

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**Comment** from: Mark Rosenbauer [Visitor] 

No, really, grasshopper. I am guilty as charged! It's me. I've been writing this for the entire time. Shame on me but at least it's out there. That's that. Already getting ready to hand it over to someone else since my cover has been "blown".

By the way, no response from the "insider", huh? Guess they want to build up the drama for their big reveal. LOL. Not a big deal "insider", in fact, it feels good to let it all out!

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**Comment** from: Steve [Visitor] 

'Insider' has some serious issues going on there. That is alot of hate built up in those words. You need to get a hobby or something.

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**Comment** from: Mark Rosenbauer [Visitor] 

Insider, you've gotten all you're going to get. Take it, leave it, stick it up your butt, it matters not to me. You are a sick individual, as everyone has seen. I have nothing else to give. Everyone knew you'd be too scared or ashamed to admit what you are, so be it. Everyone can also judge me, as they will you, for what we each are. This time, I am truly done. You are simply a cowardly liar.

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**Comment** from: Tom Long [Visitor] 

C'mon now people! You all know who the insider is. Who else talks just like this nut? Who else keeps changing his story? Who else NEVER answers a question? (Here's a hint- I sent an email to both Carl and Mark. Maybe they will put it up for all to read and compare the two writing styles. Tom Long

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**Comment** from: Arnold [Visitor] 

I am Carl Cricket!

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**Comment** from: Larry from St Cloud [Visitor] 

I really am Carl.

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**Comment** from: Larry from St Cloud [Visitor] 

and numbnuts hides behind the skirts of who?

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**Comment** from: Osceola Outsider [Visitor] 

Rosenbauer has said he is (was) Carl Crickett. The site does not belong to Rosenbauer. Look, St Cloud Insider doesn't have to reveal who he (she) is. We know that he doesn't like politicians or developers. Do you think that the targets of Rosenbauer's Blog wouldn't respond after being hammered the past 3 months? Let's be serious. In the political world who didn't know that Mark was Carl? Keep sending your tips on government wrongdoing to Carl Cricket aka Mark Rosenbauer.

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