

Question 1:

72100: Does your group/organization have a working relationship with Pasco County? Briefly describe.

Moderator: Online audience, please feel free to answer now while the live audience is talking.

11513: Yes, we are members of the TAB group.

61700: Yeah, I go to TAB and stay after hours to help set up for things such as game night and all

2565: Yes, I am an active TAB member

45471: Well, teens are obviously a part of TAB

11513: We are also actively are a part of the library. Doing many different programs at the library whenever we can.

11513: Like game nights.

45471: And staying off the streets and keeping crime rates of teens lower

11513: I love the library so much!

Question 2:

72100: What do you know about the services that Pasco County provides? What's your general impression about those services? How do you make these judgements?

11513: I think that the library should be more effective on security, because at night our library, there are drug deals.

45471: I agree with that girl. The sheriff's office doesn't do a lot, and they keep getting new cars and asking for more money when the libraries are being cut.

11513: So yeah, more security programs to help the county.

2565: The Sheriffs department could do more to stop some these problems that teens and others are having.

11513: The police need to care more and actually get more involved.

61700: We need bum control

45471: YES! The libraries are awesome.

11513: I win the library is my home.

61700: We should get library hours back!!!

11513: Yeah, definitely get the hours back.

2565: I agree the Library is AMAZING and needs their hours back!!!

45741: Yeah, Library hours need to come back!!!

45741: Teens are going to the streets because of it.

45741: RAISE PROPERTY TAXES!!!!!!

61700: Poor person control!!!

Question 3:

72100: From your perspective, what are the strengths of Pasco County government's organization?

45741: The Library

11513: I think the best thing is the library

2565: The library keeps teens occupied and off the streets causing trouble.

Question 4:

72100: What are the weakness/areas where the County can improve?

11513: The money, and the sheriffs department

45741: Money...They need more...Exactly NO more new cars...

11513: We should try to get more money

11513: They also need to stop giving so much to the cops to get cars

61700: They need more funding to the library system and less to rec centers and junk because there is no educational value in the rec really...

11513: There are enough of them!!

45741: Raise property taxes...for the library

2565: The sheriff's department is definitely the weakness of this county they do not really care what happens to get help either a murder or an armed robbery must occur

11513: The rec just causes more negative energy

45471: Yeah with Teens

11513: The library keeps the teens off the streets and in a safe building with fun programs so it's much better

2565: Yes, the rec ends up with just fights and more fights, they all fight at the rec is a bad point

61700: And we don't need new school buses...we have plenty of them...the old ones still work!

11513: The old ones are amazing

2565: I love the school buses

2565: Yes, environmental friendly is the way to go

61700: And we need a shelter for poor people so they stop resorting to the woods!!!

11513: We can also work on getting library hours back

45741: Hours!!!

2565: Library hours need to come back

11513: Yes, definitely get the homeless people off the streets

45741: Yeah, give homeless people jobs...

45741: So they can help the county for money

2565: Put the homeless people up so they're not walking around being creepy

11513: We should stop cutting down the trees as well

45741: Yeah...why do we need that new school?

2565: Save the trees!!!!

11513: We don't need that school

45741: That new school is like killing like 345345 acres...

11513: And it's just ruining more of the atmosphere

45741: of animals, trees, and bums

2565: We have enough schools

45741: And about that “Bum” thing...I’m being serious

41939: Skate parks rock

Question 5

72100: What opportunities exist in our community as a whole that can be used to ensure the future success of the County government?

42252: Yeah, definitely bring back Mondays

41939: Yes, Libraries totally help on Monday. I needed to do a report and it was closed. I have a broken printer. I need libraries open on Monday!!!

45741: Yeah, and a lot of people get off of work at 5 or 6 and the school have stupid Macs and we need the Mondays. And to be open later so teens and students have more time to get to the library.

41939: And the library is very educational

42252: We need Mondays and it to be opened until 8:00 PM again

42252: The library is the most educational thing in the world besides Silverstein

41939: Silverstein is not educational

41939: Free lunch rules

42252: Some opportunities we can improve on is getting more money for the county so we can get the free lunch for schools and also for the libraries.

42252: Many roads should be fixed as well like the ones in gulf highlands

42252: Those are awful to drive on

41939: Yes, the roads are really bumpy fix those roads please

8086: Animal control!!

8086: We need to get rid of all the stray animals

8086: There are way too many

42252: Yes, definitely animal control

42252: Especially in Gulf Highlands

42252: There are about 38294792349293 cats

41939: Put cats up for adoption

42252: Good!

42252: Just leave the cats for food to eat

42252: Cook them

41939: Help out the strays

8086: Put them to sleep or something

41939: No send them to China

45741: Leave cats alone!!!

41939: All animals need to be helped out

8086: No cameras outside

42252: Cameras should be installed outside to stop the drug deals

8086: no cameras

41939: Yes, the cameras will stop the drug deals

42252: Yes, cameras, they are important to stop the evilness in the library

8086: cops will

42252: cops do nothing

41939: They put animals down

41939: Like crazy

45741: I know save the kitties!!

41939: And the dogs

8086: If there is an excessive amount of animals I think we should ship them somewhere else or put them down.

Question 6

72100: Conversely, what external threats need to be addressed if the county government is going to be successful?

41939: The drug dealing problems

42252: Drug dealing at the Hudson library

42252: Also the graffiti

42252: They should get Bob back to defend the Hudson Branch!

41939: The drug problem in Hudson is a really big problem

42252: Smoking pot is awful

41939: Stop the drug use!!!

Moderator: Yes, all questions are related to the county as a whole.

41939: We need crime watch

42252: We need to up the security at libraries

45471: A lot of external threats are the drugs. And crime.

42252: Also, if you don't want to go to the library or anything like that then open up another place for kids to be entertained instead of a school

45471: Get the rec out of here... We don't need them

25862: There is a lot of drugs

41939: Rec center is drug central

42252: The rec should be closed

8086: Get rid of fat cops.

42252: Fat cops are nice

41939: that needs to stop if the county is to be successful

42252: Get Mr. Davey fired to save money

41939: The library saved me

45741: Give me* library or give me death

42252: We should get car shows at the library to get money and activities for people

Question 7

72100: What are the most important issues facing your group in the next 3-5 years?

8086: College

Moderator: Remember, keep your answers coming as Paul talks to the live audience before going to the chat answers.

42252: omg, losing the library and not having it anymore to chill at
41939: high school and the starting of college for some of the people is the most important issues we are facing in the next couple years
42252: 012
8086: Scholarships
41939: The books for college are extremely expensive
42252: Going to college and not having the financial aid or grants to get in or pay for it
45741: Driving, Graduating, Getting a job, and a lot of other things.
42252: Not being able to get scholarships
42252: Driving and the insurance being way to expensive for people to get
41939: Insurance is raised just because we are young
8086: Finding jobs and a home people ready to move out
41939: That's not right.
42252: Moving out and getting an apartment
41939: Being able to find work
42252: Trying to find a job part time or full but not being able to because of the money issues
41939: The budget cuts are hurting peoples finances
8086: Politics
8086: Major Concern
45741: Voting
41939: Voting for the next president will be important
25862: A lot of places are cutting hours and by three years it will be extremely hard to find a job more then it is now. The economy sucks and it's not getting any better
8086: We don't want people who don't know what they're doing to vote for future presidents
42252: Unless it gets any better we have nothing in 3-5 years
45741: Keep Jack Mariano...he is a good person and he tries to reach out to the libraries as much as possible.
41939: Go Jack Mariano...

Question 8

71200: The county annual budget is \$980,368,693.00 for FY0809. In the next fiscal year, the County faces a \$28.8 million general revenue budget shortfall. What do you think the county should do to address this situation?

8086: Energy drink machines would make loads of cash
41939: They should raise money by doing something new that will catch people's attention and helping out by getting donations
42252: I think we need to stop building things that are unimportant and unneeded
41939: Yes, energy drinks cost a lot. They should put them in. Great idea.
42252: It takes money away
45741: Fundraisers! They can help get money...and get rid or combine some the services
25862: They can get rid of rec centers like we mentioned before they are useless

41939: Car show \$30.00 entrance fee
45741: Build a six Flags and make all the money go to Pasco...or a good portion
42252: Close down libraries that don't contribute anything like hugh embry and centennial park
25862: Charge entrance for Battle of the Bands if we have it next year
45741: No more Walmarts!!!
41939: Close Rec centers give money to libraries
42252: We could also have a car show, like have an entrance fee, have music and food and also have like a 50/50 drawing where people put in money to get their number drawn.
8086: Charge to rent items from the rec if we have to keep them...
8086: Like 1 dollar for a basketball and such
Moderator: Remember these questions are for the county as a whole
45741: Raise Property taxes
41939: Raise property taxes
42252: We can stand outside of Wal-Mart to try to raise money
45741: Property taxes are the main feed for the Libraries
41939: As Wal-Mart for 1 million
42252: Close down the Rec center since it's costing a lot and it's nothing but a bad thing
41939: Put taxes on things that aren't necessities
8086: Set an average tax instead of a stupid high one
41939: Close rec centers, give money to libraries
8086: Recycle
41939: \$5 dollar entrance fee

Question 9

71200: What do you think are the three biggest issues facing Pasco County in the next 3-5 years?

25862: Taxes
42252: Closing the libraries
41939: 012!!!
42252: Higher taxes and insurance
25862: unemployment
42252: People losing their houses due to taxes and bills
41939: Foreclosure
42252: More things being built and taking money away from more important things
8086: job losses...that's like one of the biggest concerns
8086: no jobs, no money, no house to get foreclosed on...
42252: job losses, I agree
45741: No, but seriously, the taxes are more than likely going to rise and along with the taxes the budget is obviously dying.
41939: Charge a lot more for fire arms
25862: I think they shouldn't sell weapons
41939: Unless you got a major background check done first
42252: I think they should sell guns as long as the person is legit

41939: Dude, no one is super-legit

41939: Everyone has a shady side

8086: Budget loss can be prevented by more jobs like government jobs, like secretary jobs or

25862: They could have a clean background...anything can make someone snap

41939: Yes, that's true

41939: Lower retiring age so everyone who is young can get a job

8086: Property taxes lowered will be better!

Question 10

72100: What advice do you have for the County regarding these challenges?

8086: Fix them!

41939: Open the libraries on Monday

42252: Raise money and fire people who aren't legitimate

42252: Like people who don't care for the county

42252: Close things that take a lot of money so we can have more for libraries and get our hours back

41939: We need the library open until 8:00 PM

8086: Opening the libraries on Monday and closing it on Friday...

42252: Keeping the library open

42252: No closing the library ever

45741: The first thing to save the county is to get money

41939: 24/7 Library

8086: My bad, close on Wednesday instead of Friday

25862: That would be nice if we had the money

42252: I would also say to close unnecessary library systems

45741: Ok, honestly, I love the library. But how is just keeping it open more seriously effect the whole county?

45741: Get the energy saver lights

41939: Stop so much of the crime by keeping them off the streets

94019: We can sell some books that people never check out!

Final Comments

8957: Never close the library