

FlaglerLive Interview, 2026 Elections: Flagler County Commission Candidates

Place and date of birth:

Current job:

Net worth: (*Please attach disclosure forms in pdf*)

Political affiliation:

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1. How have you prepared yourself to be ready to succeed from day one, and what is your method at arriving at decisions? Tell us about the character flaws and unique perspectives you bring to the commission, and how you handle your mistakes or misjudgments. Who do you admire most in office today among elected officials in Flagler County—the person you'd consider a model of leadership?
2. Give the current commission a letter grade on its performance in the last two years. Explain with specific examples where it has been lacking and where it has excelled, and what specific experience and qualities you will bring to improve its effectiveness.
3. What are two goals where you are most aligned with the current commission's goals, two with which you differ, and two you would seek to add, and explain how you intend to convince the commission to follow your lead.
4. How will you vote on the proposed amendment to raise the homestead property tax to \$250,000 by 2028? How do you see the county making up the loss. If you're against elimination, explain why.
5. The commission has flirted several times with raising the sales tax by half a penny. Would you support raising the sales tax?
6. Do you take Blaise Ingoglia's claim at face value that Flagler County "wasted" \$59 million over the last five years? If so, can you point to specific line items you would cut from this year's proposed budget that you consider a waste?
7. What services could be consolidated between the county and the three major cities?
8. Since the late 1980s the [Environmentally Sensitive Lands program](#) has completed 28 acquisitions and protected nearly 10,000 acres, from Bings Landing to Princess Place Preserve to a huge tract in the Big Cypress Swamp. The program has been supported by a dedicated property tax levy of 12.5 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value: a \$300,000 house with a \$50,000 homestead exemption pays \$31 a year. The ESL renewal referendum is due in 2028. Will you be supportive? Is 12.5 cents enough? The program has been dedicated to land preservation. Do you think its mission and scope should change? If so, how?
9. Flagler remains the only coastal county in Florida without a beach management plan—a long-range plan to protect the county's beaches, arguably its chief tourism asset and one of its chief economic drivers. The administration [had a plan](#). Three commissioners killed it. First, evaluate the previous plan and tell us if you'd have

supported it, along with its reliance on an increase in the sales tax. If not, give us your specific idea of a well-funded beach management plan that would generate Evaluate the county's long-term beach-management plan--specifically, its taxing approach. How would you raise the needed \$10 to \$15 million a year, assuming the grant pipeline is relatively dry. Should all county taxpayers and zones pay equally? Is doing nothing an option?

10. The sheriff's budget has increased 87 percent in the last five years, though the county's population has increased four times less than that, by 22 percent. Fire Rescue, FireFlight and Emergency Management increased a combined 80 percent. In light of persistently low crime rates—and taking account of population growth--where do you place the point at which expansions in budgets and ranks outweigh the benefits, or become more burdensome on the county's overall budget than necessary? Is there such a thing as overfunding police and fire?
11. The county airport is unquestionably an economic asset. Is it also a noise and pollution problem, as some of its neighbors claim? If so, what do you propose that the county should do, and what is in the county's power *to do*, understanding that the county has no jurisdiction over the air above the airport (it's FAA-regulated) and the county would lose federal grants if it were to restrict flight schools.
12. Have you ever been charged with a felony or a misdemeanor anywhere in Flagler, Florida or the United States (other than a speeding ticket), or faced a civil action other than a divorce, but including bankruptcies, or faced any investigative or disciplinary action through a professional board such as the bar or a medical board? If so, please explain, including cases where charges or claims did not lead to conviction or disciplinary action.

Thank you for your time and participation. FlaglerLive, and readers, are greatly appreciative.