

## ***County Commissioner Joe Meek Updates Rotary Club of Inverness***



Citrus County Commissioner Joe Meek was guest speaker recently, sharing news about county business and his goals for the rest of his term. Pictured above, L - R: club member Vince Cautero, PDG, the county's development director; club president Charlie Richer; and Commissioner Joe Meek.

Commissioner Meek began with an update of what had been accomplished during his first two years on the commission. Since 2008, as tax revenues have fallen with real estate values, the county budget has been trimmed by \$47 million, with more than 100 positions eliminated among other measures. He said commissioners are working with staff to identify alternatives to help control the budget.

Commissioner Meek also mentioned that club member Vince Cautero is currently overseeing update of the Land Development Code.

As President of the Citrus County Economic Development Council, Meek said he has pushed to bring new business and jobs to the county by offering incentives, and cutting red tape and impact fees. Meek is also currently president of the county's new Transportation Planning Organization, which allows us to access state and federal monies for building and maintaining roads.