

2009-2010
COUNTY MANAGER'S
ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD MEMBERS:

Minor Bryant
District I

Nick Timmerman
District II

Terry Atchley
District III

Bobby Smith
District IV

Dale Johnson
District V

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Hardee County

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"Work"

"Play"



County Directory

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 773-9430	E-911 773-0222	PLANNING & ZONING 767-1964
BUDGET & FINANCE 773-3199	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 773-6373	PROPERTY APPRAISER 773-2196
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Minor L. Bryant, District I



“Hardee County, even though slowly, has continued to move forward in 2010 and I was proud to be a part of it. While it is a difficult time with the tough economic climate we have been able to continue to maintain acceptable levels of service and expand our infrastructure in preparation for future growth when the economy rebounds. I look forward to that time with great expectations of encouraging and supporting smart growth which will provide for well-planned economic development and increased employment opportunities for our citizens.”

Clifton N. Timmerman, District II



“I maintain my commitment to make sure the growth that is coming to Hardee County is done in a well-planned and orderly fashion. It is vital that we continue to expand the employment opportunities available to our citizens and focus on further development in the County. I look forward to continuing my service to the citizens of Hardee County.”

Terry Atchley, District III



“With continuing economic challenges this past year, our hard working and dedicated employees have once again stepped up to help face the challenges as a united team. We will face many more challenges in the up coming year, but with challenges come opportunities for growth - both individually and as a community.

Each individual citizen has a responsibility to participate in the future success of our fine county by sharing both their concerns and their ideas for improvements. As a community as a whole, we all share the responsibility to do what is necessary to plant the seeds today for tomorrows success.

As your County Commissioner, I believe it is my responsibility to Listen, Learn and Lead toward progress. It is my honor to serve the citizens of Hardee County as we move forward together toward victory and success.”

Bobby Ray Smith, District IV

“It is our role as Commissioners to provide the leadership services and infrastructure needed to maintain the health, welfare and safety of all Hardee County’s residents. Accordingly, my top priority continues to be the support of commercial, residential and economic development. I believe the completion of the four-laning of Highway 17 is an integral part of this mission and I will continue to fight for this until it is complete.”



Dale A. Johnson, District V

The tax revenue in Hardee county is at rock bottom. Our ad valorem taxes are at the lowest level they have been in a long time. Any more expenditures in the budget will mean a cutback on services. However, I am committed to try harder to bring jobs to Hardee County and to turn our economy around. I think this will happen within a year for Hardee County and that once again Hardee County will prosper. Hardee County is the place to be---it doesn't get any better than this.



Ken Evers, PA, County Attorney



Lex Albritton, County Manager



Dear Fellow Citizens:

We are pleased to present the 2010 Hardee County Annual Report. The goal of this document is to inform the citizens of Hardee County of the accomplishments of county government over the past year. In these pages, you can see what your government is doing for you and your neighbors.

As all are aware, there has been no positive change in the economic conditions for our state or county over the past year and none of any significance is expected for several years into the future. Even though faced with significant staffing and budget reductions over the past few years, we have continued to provide adequate levels of service to the citizens of Hardee County. I am very proud of our staff's accomplishments and their willingness to work together by accepting additional responsibilities and greater workloads to maintain the levels of service. I am certain, due to the state of the economy that we will continue to experience additional reductions in revenue at both the state and local level but I'm confident due to the dedication of our staff that we will continue to meet and even exceed our service level demands.

Also in spite of the difficult economic climate we have been able to continue to move forward and expand our water and wastewater infrastructure which will better position us to support and attract businesses and provide for much needed additional employment opportunities for our citizens. During this period the county installed two 12" potable water supply deep wells and started the construction of a water treatment plant and a utilities operations headquarters building which will be completed in the current fiscal year.

In addition to reading this Annual Report I encourage you to visit the Hardee County web site: www.hardeecounty.net where you can find additional information on the county and the various departments and I hope you will take the time to review the Budget Document which can be found under the Events/Info section of the Home Page. I am particularly proud of the effort the Budget & Finance Office made in developing a budget document that I hope you will find very user friendly in gaining a better understanding of the county's budget process.

As you read this report, I hope that you will be pleased by all that your county staff has accomplished over the past year. By working together and staying focused, we will continue to ensure that the needs of the community are being met while maintaining the values that make Hardee County a great place to live and work.

Sincerely,

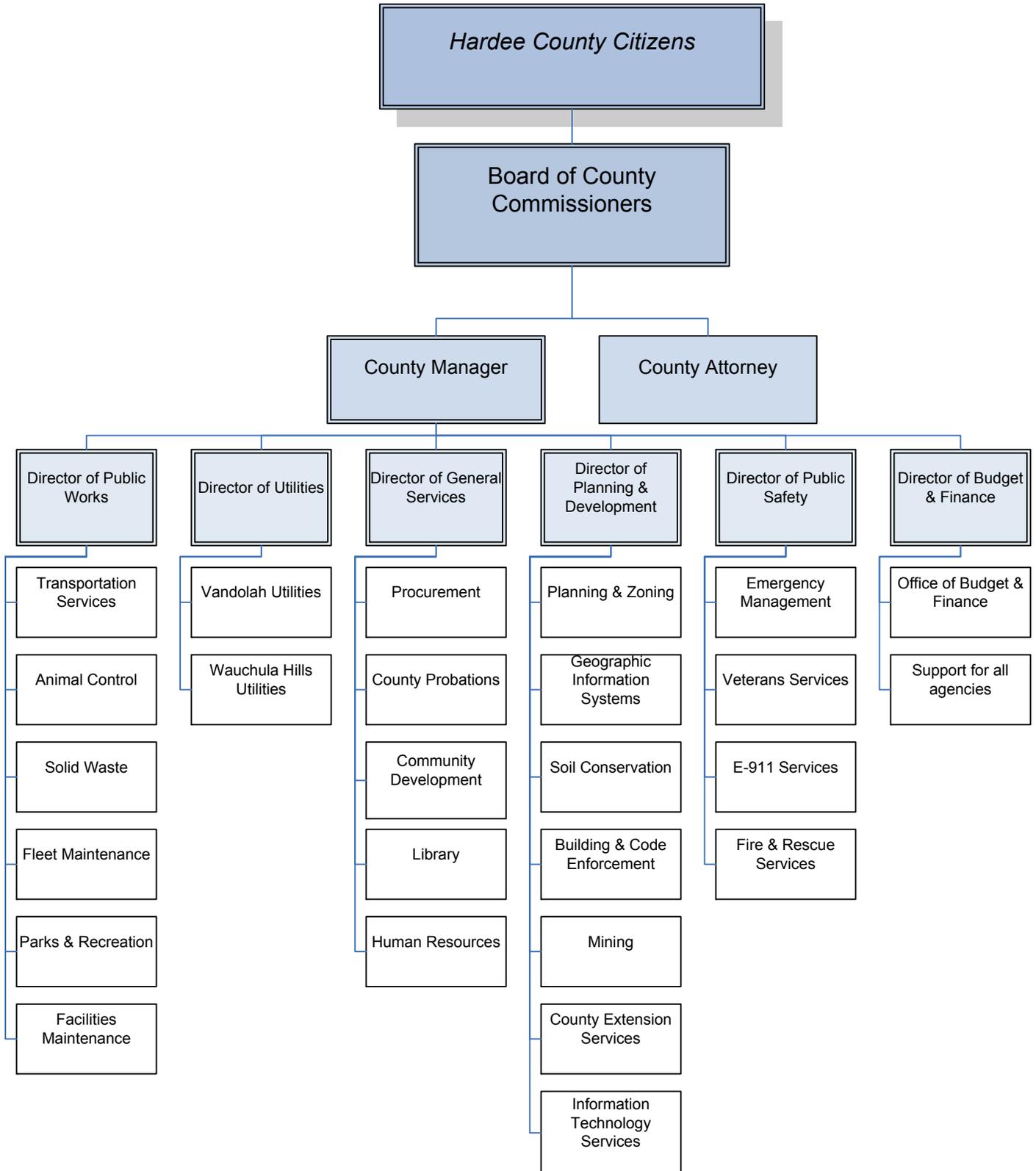
Lexton H. Albritton, Jr.

DID YOU
KNOW?

The opposite
sides of a
dice cube
always add
up to seven!

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Hardee County Services Matrix

The County Manager requested that a matrix be developed to disclose the services provided or supported by Hardee County Board of County Commissioners. This matrix can be a very useful tool when investigating the strategic changes in services and operations that may be necessary when developing a budget. In addition, this matrix could assist in developing measurements that could grade the value and performance of the services provided.

Explain the Matrix: Services in Black type are services 100% funded and under the direct control of the County Commission. Services in Blue are 100% funded but under the control of other elected officials. Services in Green type are supported through the County Commission but operated and managed by outside agencies.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Clerk of Courts

County Recorder
Internal Auditing
Recordkeeping for BOCC
Recordkeeping for Courts

County Attorney

Eminent Domain
General Legal Services & Counsel
Litigation

County Commission

Performance Auditors
Set Policy & Directive
Implementation of Comp Plan

County Manager

Administrative Support to BOCC
County Intergovernmental Representation
County Legislative Representation
Development of Legislative Programs
Development of County Policies
Targeted Process Improvements
Provides Access to Legal Research Materials

Human Resources

Applicant Recruiting and Screening
Employee Record Maintenance
Hearings of Discipline Appeals and Grievances
Job Classification and Compensation
Payroll Processing

Information Technology Services

Business Solutions/Services
Communications Services
Desktop Services
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Information Distribution and Data Management Services

Office of Budget & Finance

Budget Preparation & Management
Audit Management
Special Assessment Interim Collections
Fixed Asset Management
Budget Analysis & Reporting
Annual Reporting

Planning & Zoning

Comprehensive Planning
Land Development Review & Inspection
Land Use Counseling

Zoning Administration (ULDC)

Property Appraiser

Exemptions Administration
Real & Tangible Property Assessment
TRIM Notice Administration

Purchasing

Bidder Registration and Management
Centralized Procurement
Purchasing Card Program
Inventory Management
Fuel System Administration

Supervisor of Elections

Administer Elections
Voter Registration

Tax Collector

Bill & Collect Property Taxes & Assessments
Licenses Issuance (Hunting/Fishing/Driving)
Motor Vehicle Registration/Title

PUBLIC SAFETY

Building & Code Enforcement

Building/Code Inspections
Condemnation and Removal of Dangerous Structures
Building & Zoning Code Enforcement
Building Plan Review
Administration of Licensed Contractors

E-911

Countywide 9-1-1 Database & Street Address Management
Countywide 9-1-1 Network Administration

Emergency Management

General Population/Special Needs Shelter Management
ALF / Home Health Plan Review
Hazard Analysis Site Visits
NIMS Compliance
Disaster Response and Recovery
All Hazards Planning

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Paramedic Services (Advanced Life Support)

Facilities Management

Maintenance and Upkeep of all County Property (Land and Buildings)
Custodial & Grounds Services
Maintains Indoor Air Quality, (Heating, Ventilation, AC)

Fire Control

Training Services
Fire Inspections & Prevention

DID YOU KNOW?

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum!

Fire Suppression
Plan Review

Sheriff

Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigation
Detention, Special Operations

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

County Extension

4-H and Youth Programs
Family & Consumer Science Program
Agricultural Programs & Safety Training
Restricted Use Pesticide Licenses Training
Commercial and Residential Horticulture

Mining

Ensures Compliance with County LD Codes
Coordinates with Regulatory Agencies
Conducts Water Sampling in Mining Areas
Conducts Inspections of Clay Settling Areas
Inspects Reclamation Areas

Soil Conservation

Conservation & Environmental Education
Soil & Water Technical & Permitting Assistance

Solid Waste

Solid Waste Collection Management
Solid Waste Disposal, & Recycling
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Utilities

Water & Wastewater Management

Ona Range Cattle Station

Beef & Forage Production Research & Education

TRANSPORTATION

Fleet Maintenance

Public Safety Equipment Repairs & Maintenance
County Equipment Repair & Maintenance
24 Hour Emergency Coverage for Essential Vehicles

Transportation

Transportation Plans, Programs, & Studies
Develop, Monitor & Evaluate Transportation Systems
Long-Range Transportation Planning
Road, Bridge, and Right of Way Maintenance
Engineering Design
Storm Water Management
Capital Project Management
Maintain Database of Daily Work Logs & Citizen Request
Review & Permit Right of Way Utilization

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Office of Community Development

Affordable Housing Services (Rehab & Down pay. Assist)
Legislative Appropriation Administration
Grant Writing & Admin. For BOCC and Sheriff Office

Homebuyer Education Workshops
Community Education Programs

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Participate in Planning Issues, provide technical services
Plan Activities for Transportation Disadvantaged

Chamber of Commerce

Help Business Growth
Increase Job Opportunities

Economic Development

Agriculture Industry Development
Business/Industry Development
Corporate Business Development
Employment & Training Workforce Board
Small Business Information Center

HUMAN SERVICES

Animal Control

Enforce State and Local Domestic Animal Regulations

Office of Budget & Finance

Indigent Health Care Board Management
HCRA, Indigent Burials & Medicaid

Veterans Services

Counseling & Benefits Assistance to Veterans & Families

Alpha & Omega Ministries/Hannah House

Drug Addiction/Domestic Violence Shelter

EPCA

Food Distribution for Disadvantaged

Ridge Area ARC

Services for Mentally Challenged

Hardee Help Center

Services for Indigent

Health Department

Health Care Services & Education for Indigent

Intelitran

Transportation for Disadvantaged

Medical Examiner

Cause of Death Determination & Disposition of Bodies

Nu Hope

Aging Services, In-Home Care, Nutrition

Peace River Center

Mental Health & Drug Addiction

Resthaven

Assisted Living Facility

Tri—County Addictions

Drug Addiction

CULTURE & RECREATIONAL

Library

Circulation Services, Citizen Action Center
Information & Reference Services

Parks & Recreation

County Park Maintenance & Grounds Keeping
Operate & Maintain the Wildlife Refuge



2009-10 End of Year Financial Report

At the end of the fiscal year the County has an amended budget that was expected to generate \$36 million in new revenues. Actual revenues received at the end of the year were approximately \$33.6 million which is approximately 93% of what was budgeted. Revenues not received are mostly in the area of state and local grants which is to be expected when capital projects carry forward into the next year. Another area with lower than budgeted yields was interest earnings. This is due to interest bottoming out and secure investment opportunities being non-existent this past year.

There were several areas that received higher revenues than expected including Licenses, Permits and Fees which had a sharp increase in the final quarter of the year. This is a good indicator of an improving economy. Federal Grant had an intentional collection percentage of 826% over budgeted as we move through the process of final audit and close out of the 2003 and 2004 storms. This process is quite lengthy and revenues owed to the County are being held in a restricted reserve so that funding of any overage owed back to the federal government won't be a burdensome pay back. Sales and Donations were up due to higher than budgeted donations to the Wildlife Refuge, Animal Control and Hardee Lakes Park. Special Assessment were slightly higher than anticipated and Miscellaneous revenues were up due to unanticipated proceeds deposited into the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

HARDEE COUNTY PRELIMINARY REVENUES					
2009-10	10/1/2009	9/30/2010	9/30/2010	9/30/2010	9/30/2010
Classification	Original Budget	Amendments	Amended Budget	YTD Revenues	% Budget Received
General Government Taxes	16,551,780.00	-	16,551,780.00	15,909,515.85	96%
Licenses, Permits & Fees	129,745.00	2,795.00	132,540.00	170,279.78	128%
Federal Grants	414,844.00	(310,268.00)	104,576.00	863,570.70	826%
State Grants	5,704,608.00	(140,412.00)	5,564,196.00	4,061,096.26	73%
State Shared Revenues	5,247,119.00	104,509.00	5,351,628.00	5,467,751.86	102%
Local Grants	1,557,052.00	3,500.00	1,560,552.00	296,718.56	19%
Charges for Services	3,374,952.00	-	3,374,952.00	3,209,101.02	95%
Court Related Revenues	2,500.00	10,915.00	13,415.00	12,507.53	93%
Fines and Forfeitures	351,000.00	-	351,000.00	281,905.65	80%
Interest	139,820.00	(5,118.00)	134,702.00	74,171.04	55%
Rents and Royalties	90,140.00	20,531.00	110,671.00	110,387.12	100%
Sales & Donations	2,000.00	7,832.00	9,832.00	11,615.59	118%
Special Assessments	2,604,084.00	-	2,604,084.00	2,866,976.33	110%
Miscellaneous	70,366.00	116,036.00	186,402.00	289,793.92	155%
REVENUES GENERATED	36,240,010.00	(189,680.00)	36,050,330.00	33,625,391.21	93%
Transfers In	2,929,561.00	681,997.00	3,611,558.00	3,204,055.74	89%
Less 5%	(1,731,885.00)	-	(1,731,885.00)		0%
Cash Forward Restricted	7,993,341.00	492,694.00	8,486,035.00		0%
Cash Forwards	9,994,284.00	427,801.00	10,422,085.00		0%
TOTAL REVENUES	55,425,311.00	1,412,812.00	56,838,123.00	36,829,446.95	65%



At the end of the fiscal year the County had amended Expenditures in the amount of \$43.7 million but actually only spent \$33 million. In keeping with the revenue side the biggest factor for spending only 76% of what was budgeted was the carry forward or continuation of grant projects. Most of the carry forward occurred in the Wauchula Hills Utilities and the Solid Waste Funds. Wauchula Hills carried forward more than \$2.3 million in projects that are continuing into the current year and the Solid Waste Fund carried forward more than \$2 million for the closure of the Class I Landfill.

Transportation Trust Fund carried forward approximately 1.8 million in capital projects. Most of this is assigned to North Florida Avenue improvements and other is assigned to projects funded by the Local Optional 5 Cent Fuel Tax. More detail about the status and progress of capital projects can be found under the Capital Project section in the annual report.

Note: The year end revenues and expenditures are reflective of the year end certified report by the Clerk of Courts using Accrual Accounting methods. However, adjustments were made for bad debt write offs, depreciation, and debt principal payments in the enterprise funds for clarification of this report.

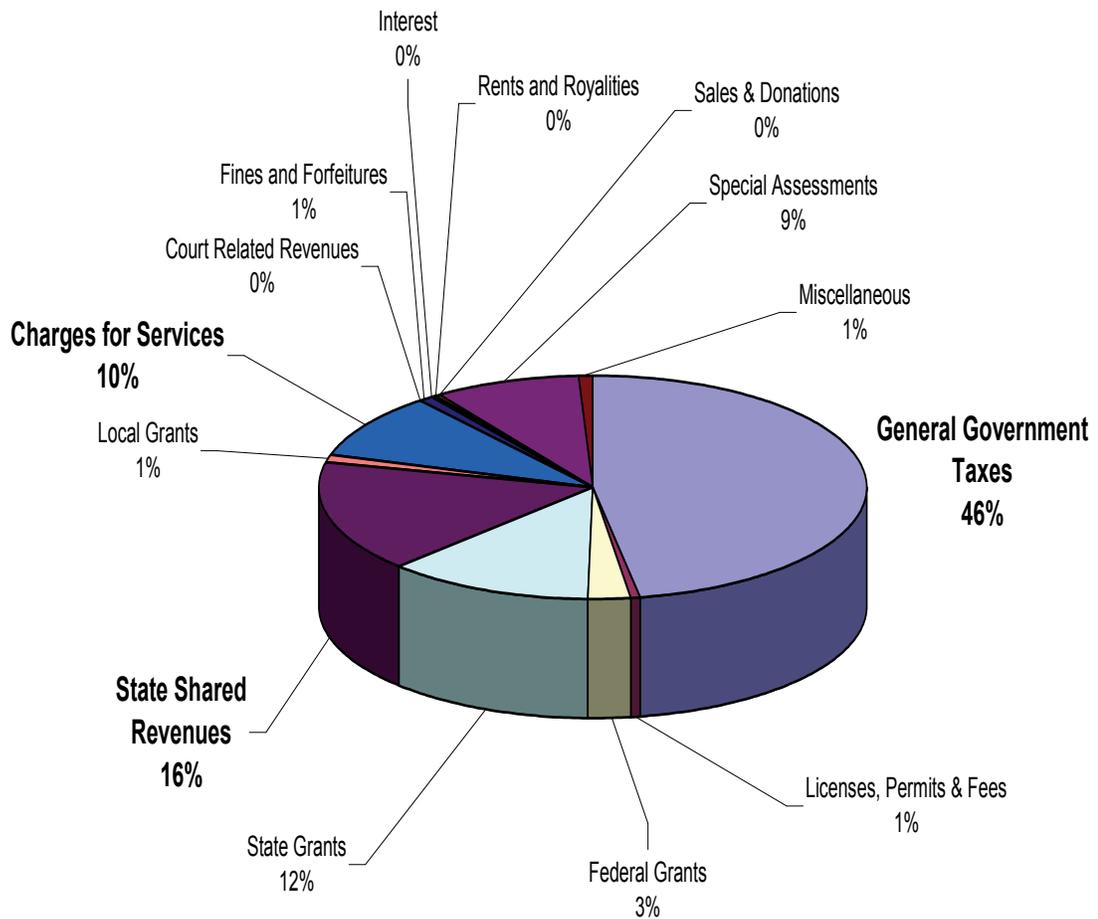
DID YOU KNOW?
The Philadelphia Mint produces 26 million pennies per day!



HARDEE COUNTY PRELIMINARY EXPENDITURES					
2009-10	10/1/2009	9/30/2010 YTD	9/30/2010	9/30/2010 YTD	9/30/2010 % Budget Expensed
Classification	Original Budget	Amendments	Amended Budget	Expenditures	
General Government	5,952,039.00	51,399.00	6,003,438.00	5,275,455.64	88%
Public Safety	13,123,370.00	468,167.00	13,591,537.00	12,781,502.25	94%
Physical Environment	8,829,437.00	77,139.00	8,906,576.00	3,980,190.49	45%
Transportation	10,066,137.00	(702,259.00)	9,363,878.00	6,766,427.63	72%
Economic Environment	1,382,775.00	733,477.00	2,116,252.00	1,693,710.20	80%
Human Services	1,045,785.00	3,500.00	1,049,285.00	859,384.71	82%
Culture/Recreation	996,924.00	46,611.00	1,043,535.00	961,550.53	92%
Court Related	1,445,531.00	133,673.68	1,579,204.68	698,698.13	44%
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	42,841,998.00	811,707.68	43,653,705.68	33,016,919.58	76%
Transfers Out	2,929,561.00	316,833.00	3,246,394.00	3,111,406.39	96%
Contingencies	2,025,968.00	90,921.32	2,116,889.32	-	0%
Reserves	2,357,116.00	191,455.00	2,548,571.00	-	0%
Fund Balance	5,270,668.00	1,895.00	5,272,563.00	-	0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	55,425,311.00	1,412,812.00	56,838,123.00	36,128,325.97	64%

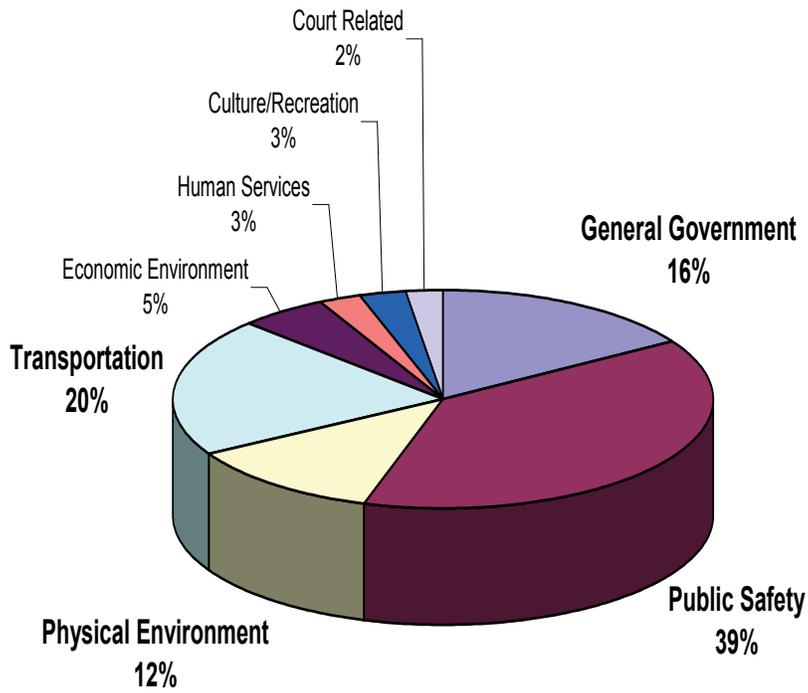
Where the Revenues Come From:

Revenues Generated in Fiscal Year 2009-10 \$33,625,391



How Do We Spend It:

Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2009-10 \$36,128,326



Purchasing

The Purchasing Department is staffed by the Purchasing Director, Purchasing Specialist and Store Manager, with a combined total of almost 35 years of public procurement experience. Paul Spracklen, the County's Buyer for the past 13 years retired in February. His position is currently being covered by existing employees to assist in reducing labor costs for Hardee County.

This department provides procurement services to the entire County, constantly striving to obtain the best value for the taxpayer's dollars.

The Purchasing Depart-

ment is charged with the responsibility of fairly and equitably awarding contracts for materials and services in excess of \$25,000 through the formal Invitation to Bid and Request for Proposals process.

While conscious of our nation's financial crisis, during the past fiscal year Purchasing again issued only 7 formal bids for goods and services, as we did in 2008-2009, down from 10 in 2007-2008 and 32 in fiscal 2006-2007. These Invitations to Bid procured goods and services in an amount over \$5.5 million.

With increased focus on efforts to reduce spend-

ing, Purchasing reacted by recording procurement activities as follows:

- Processed 2,200 requisitions, an 8% reduction from the past fiscal year.
- Issued 1750 purchase orders, a 7% reduction from the past fiscal year.
- Processed 2,000 invoices, a 33% reduction from the past fiscal year.
- Administered 2,900 purchases made by credit card, a 9% reduction from the past fiscal year.
- Added 83 new vendors to the system in an ongoing effort to obtain maximum value for taxpayer dollars.

Human Resources

The Human Resources department ensures that employment practices and benefits of Hardee County employees are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Board. They provide support and guidance to all county departments to ensure the employees

of the County are treated with fairness and have a safe working environment. Some of the accomplishments of this department include:

- Advertised 16 job openings for employment.
- Received 381 applications for employment, a decrease

from the prior years 643 applications.

- Conducted 38 interviews for employment.
- Successfully hired 11 new employees.
- Prepared 26 payrolls for Board of County Commissioners staff.
- Investigated and filed 25 worker's compensation claims.

- Investigated and filed 5 liability claims.
- Investigated and filed 4 auto accident claims.
- Investigated and filed 4 property claims.
- Negotiated two Union contracts (LUINA 678 AND IAFF Local 3471).
- Maintained personnel records for Board of County Commissioners employees.
- Scheduled and conducted the Hardee County annual Health and Benefit fair.
- Reconciled monthly premiums of payroll deductions for payments, such as insurance premiums, pre-paid legal, deferred compensations and savings plans.



Budget & Finance

The Budget & Finance Office continues with the mission of properly managing the County's budget in a manner that demonstrates high accountability, integrity and prudent spending of public funds as we also continued with another year of difficult and uncertain economic issues. Property values continued to decrease by about \$7 million from FY09 to FY10. All together the values have dropped \$161 million from the spike in 2007-08. At the current millage rate of 8.5540 the loss is valued at \$1.4 million.

This office continued to improve in most areas except for creation of Budget Policies. This has been set as a high priority goal for Fiscal Year 2010-11. Procedures that were improved and/or goals that were accomplished include the following:

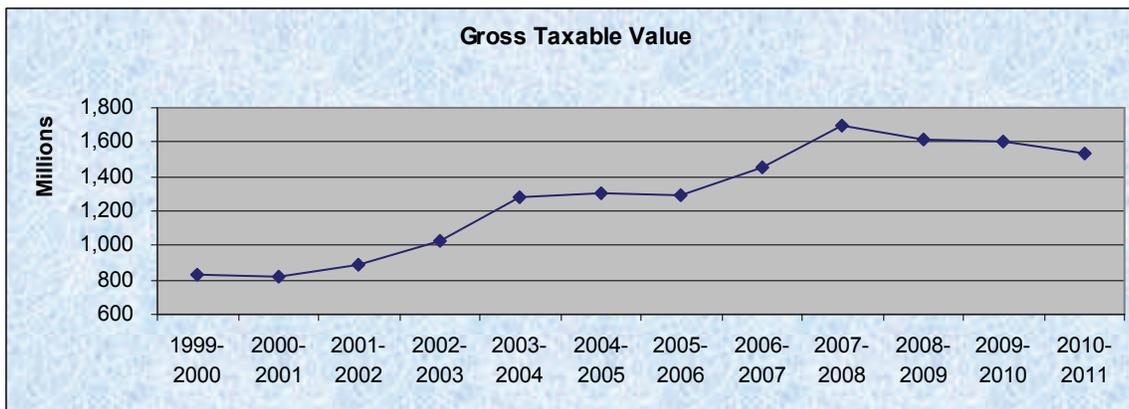
- Continued to improve upon the budget process by utilizing new shared software.
- Held budget hearings and adopted budget in compliance with all TRIM requirements.
- Submitted and main-

tained throughout the year a balanced budget by processing a total of 70 budget amendments and 179 departmental transfers.

- Developed and improved on the Public Budget document designed to educate the public on the budget process and demonstrate accountability. This document is posted on the County web site: www.hardeecounty.net

DID YOU KNOW?

If you counted 24 hours a day, it would take 31,688 years to reach one trillion!



Budget & Finance, Continued

DID YOU KNOW?

It is estimated that 4 million "junk" telephone calls, phone solicitations by persons or programmed machine are made every day in the United States!



- Developed first and second quarterly reports. This included the creation of complex spreadsheets necessary for analysis of ADG monthly reports.
- Maintained the tax roll for Solid Waste and Fire Control special assessments and collected \$8,184.20 in interim billings for these departments.
- Successfully complied with the Government Audit Standard Board's accounting policies to maintain and report all County's fixed assets and infrastructure.
- Successfully managed the budget and meetings for the Independent Indigent Health Care Special District Board.
- Compiled and presented the 2008-09 Annual Report on behalf of the County Manager.
- Managed the County's debt schedule.

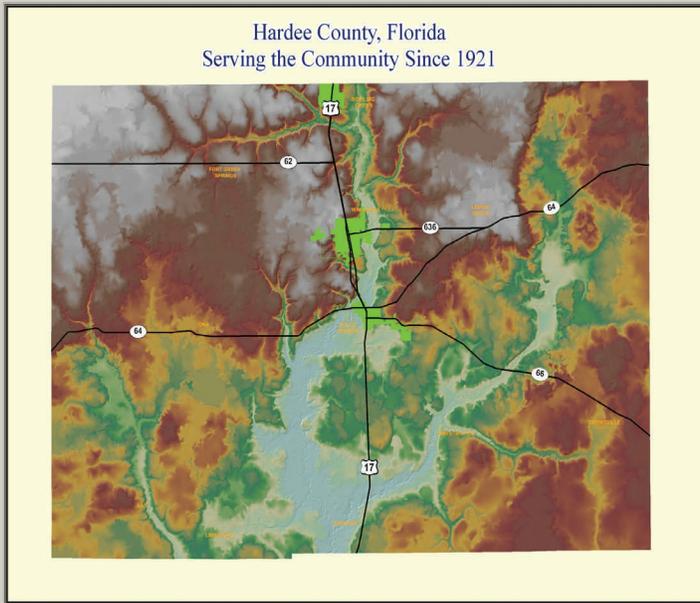
ITS & GIS

The IT Department is responsible for maintenance and upgrade of various county computer and telephone systems. It is also responsible for maintaining and upgrading wireless connectivity to all the remote offices belonging to the BoCC, as well as keeping the BoCC website up-to-date.

Accomplishments for the IT Department include:

- Implemented new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System for Fire / Rescue, enabling them to have more information about calls before arriving on-scene.
- Consolidated phone bills and services with Tenth Judicial Circuit Court, further reducing the County's costs of operations by approximately \$10,000.
- Implemented upgraded wireless equipment to Hardee County's primary tower, providing greater access to resources and information for County departments.
- GIS project support has been provided to Addressing, Pioneer Park Days, Emergency Management, Economic Development, Utilities, Engineering, and other County departments
- The GIS Department has created and updated new digital management systems of road centerlines, E-911 addressing, fire hydrants, manholes, communication towers, utilities, road drainage inventories, and other county infrastructure.
- GIS provides digital tools that abstract and organize geospatial data, model geographic processes, and visualize these data and models with advanced computer techniques.





- GIS has evolved into a technology that can help people plan, design, engineer, build, and maintain information infrastructures that improve our everyday lives.
- On any given day, more than two million people around the world use GIS to improve the way their organizations see customers, evaluate situations, and conduct business.

Emergency Management

The mission of Hardee County Emergency Management is to safeguard and protect the lives and property of Hardee County citizens by preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against natural and man-made disasters. Some notable accomplishments for our department include:

- Delivered 20 public education seminars providing education on natural and man-made disasters.
- Prepared cold-weather and hurricane shelters.
- Conducted annual hurricane exercise.
- Distributed 2,500 All-Hazards Guide Books.
- Collaborated with Fire Rescue to implement a comprehensive, web-based fire and EMS training tool.
- Developed a mass casualty/mass fatality plan.
- Reviewed and approved 15 home-health and Assisted Living Facility (ALF) disaster plans.
- Responded to 20 requests for assistance from other public safety agencies.

Our department also utilized over \$153,000 in state and federal grant funds to accomplish the following projects:

- Install protective window coverings and an automatic generator transfer switch at Fire Station I.
- Deliver over 100 hours of All-Hazards training to first responders in Hardee County.
- Conducted an executive-level tabletop exercise for all first response

agencies and school board for a mass casualty event.

- Delivered Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to residents of Brookside Bluffs RV Park.

Emergency Management Department Staff had several significant accomplishments during FY 09-10, including:

- EM Coordinator trained as Target Safety website administrator .
- EM Planner attended Governor's Hurricane Conference.
- Director re-elected to Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Board of Directors as the Region 4 Governor.
- Director invited to speak at the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Annual Conference.

Public Safety

Enhanced 9-1-1



E-911 administers the emergency program in accordance with state laws and rules thus making E-911 services universally available and as effective as possible in providing immediate citizen access to emergency services, thereby saving time for the caller and assisting emergency services in their response activities. Some notable accomplishments for this department include:

- E911 received \$29,478.96 in grant funds to accomplish the following: Purchased maintenance agreements on the

911 equipment to include the recording systems, and Positron Viper equipment both at the primary public safety answering point and the backup public safety answering point.

- Received 10,581 Emergency calls into our primary public safety answering point.
- Nine individuals became certified under the new Florida Statutes, Chapter 64J-3, Florida Administrative codes, as 911

Public Safety Telecommunicators.

- 26 new addresses were issued.
- Participated in public education at several community outreach programs throughout the county.
- This office headed the Hardee County Partnership with the United States Census to share the 2010 census message and mobilize constituents in support of the census bureau's goal of achieving a complete count.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every 45 seconds a house catches on fire in the United States!

Fire Rescue & Emergency Medical Services

The fire and EMS services are combined into one department operating separate budgets for each. Hardee County Fire Rescue was created in 1987 following a merge of the Wauchula Fire Department and Hardee County EMS.



The Department was initially staffed with seven firefighters per shift, an operational staff of 21, and call volumes were around 1900 per year. Since that time, we have shown over a 100% increase in our annual calls for service.

Today, we are involved in much

more than just fighting fires and answering medical calls, we ensure life safety for every county resident as well as the protection of their property. It's not just our job, it's our life.

Jointly, our Fire Rescue mission statement is as follows:

Our fire department will bolster its mission by providing fire pre-



vention and safety education to our schools and citizens alike. Our emergency response shall be rapid with the deployment of highly trained, professional firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Our department's dedication to the community extends to the mitigation of all emergencies using the most efficient and effective means available.

Accomplishments include:

- Our national incident fire reporting systems (NIFRS) year end call volume data for 2009 breaks down into the

- following:
- Fire Calls 265
 - Overpressure/Explosion 2
 - Rescue/EMS 1,989
 - Hazardous Condition 103
 - Service Call 88
 - Good Intent 371
 - False Alarm/False Call 176
 - Special 9
 - Other/Unclassified 75
 - **Grand Total Calls 3,078**

Other notables include:

- Our Fire Prevention Division has successfully facilitated all mandated fire prevention practices within all schools and daycares located in Hardee County.
- Our Fire Inspector has also been able to visit several of the businesses located within Hardee County to ensure all patrons' life safety is being safeguarded. All of this while having to participate in the Develop-

mental Review Committee, reading all new construction plans and making on-site inspections to all new construction properties.

- There were no staffing level increases in 2009. We did have three long time career employees retire this past year. This enabled us to hire three new employees at a reduced cost to our personal services budget.
- We were able to purchase a new engine this past year. It comes as a replacement of a front line engine that has become more increasingly unreliable. It was placed into service with a quiet ceremony on September 11, 2010. It is housed in Zolfo Springs at our fire station #2.

DID YOU KNOW?
 There are over **58 MILLION** dogs in the United States!

Animal Control



During this fiscal year Animal Control provided county-wide enforcement and assistance to citizens with animal related problems. Animal Control received nine hundred and seventy-eight complaints which resulted in ninety-two citations, twelve correction notices, and seventy-nine written warnings

being issued. Animal Control impounded a total of eight hundred and forty-nine dogs and cats, of which, one hundred and ninety-

five were owner surrenders. The following details their disposition:

	Adoptions	Died in Kennel	Escaped	Euthanized	Redeemed	Transfers
Cats	8	4	15	256	7	32
Dogs	92	6	2	351	85	14
Totals	100	10	17	607	92	46

Animal Control, Continued

Animal Control continues to work in collaboration with the Hardee County Health Department, at no charge, to provide services for forty-three bite cases. Services included response, investigation and quarantine of the bite cases. There were also sixteen animal on animal bites processed.

Animal Control in collaboration with the Hardee County Sheriff's Department successfully prosecuted six cases of animal cruelty/neglect. Animal Control also provided transportation and impoundment services for numerous drug raids that were conducted throughout the year by the Sheriff's Department.

Animal control provided

services to The Town of Zolfo Springs on four separate occasions. The Town of Zolfo Springs reimbursed Animal Control for all fees incurred.

For the third consecutive year Animal Control participated in Spay Day USA. A proclamation was approved and signed by the Chairman proclaiming February 23, 2010 as Spay Day USA. Animal Control partnered with Hardee Animal Clinic by offering the "Love Without Litters" low-cost spay/neuter program during the entire month of February. In addition to the Spay Day Events Animal Control also participated in the following:

- The Peace River Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting, March 06, 2010.

- Pet Adoptathon, May 1, 2010
- Bi-Weekly Live Radio Spot on the Bull to promote adoptable shelter animals, May 19, 2010

Animal Control was awarded \$2,500 from the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant to assist in converting a ted shed into a cat housing area and was also awarded \$1,000 from the Petfinder.com Foundation to fund the FVRCP vaccine program.

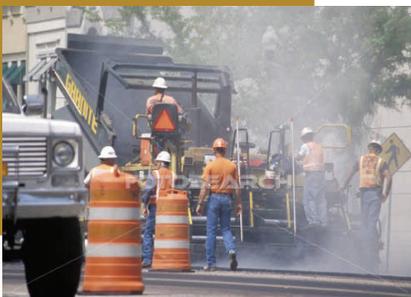
The revenue generated from adoptions, donations, impoundment fees, boarding fees, quarantine fees, dangerous dog registrations, redemption fees and reimbursements was \$10,441.27.

Road & Bridge

The Road and Bridge Department is the largest department within the County and is responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and right-of-way in the County's road system.

Within the County, there are 310.53 miles of paved roads and 201.08 miles of unpaved roads, as well as 70 bridges. The sign shop is part of this department and is responsible for fabricating, installing and maintaining all roadway signage, as well as maintain-

ing four overhead flashing traffic lights, one overhead signal light and seven flashing roadside lights. This department also coordinates, reviews and issues permits for all utilities and driveway connections/culverts being placed in the County right-of-way, in addition



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to handling all right-of-way inquiries and road closure requests. The Public Works Director is the Department head and also serves as the County Engineer. The County Engineer provides technical support to other County departments, to ensure the County's infrastructure is safe and effective, and to review and ensure all development in the County is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Board of County Commissioners. Activities and accomplishments of the Road and Bridge department for 2009/2010 include:

- Issued 68 utility permits and 22 culvert/connection permits.
- Submitted 313 utility locate requests.
- Completed the paving and drainage improvements for Gebhart Road from S.R. 62 to Commerce Lane.
- Completed the widening, resurfacing and drainage improvements for Steve Roberts Special from S.R. 64 to Parnell Road through F.D.O.T.'s SCRAP funding.
- Completed the widening, resurfacing and drainage

improvements for College Hill Road from S.R. 62 to C.R. 664 through F.D.O.T.'s SCRAP funding.

- Began construction on the widening, resurfacing and drainage improvements for Florida Avenue from Carlton Street to U.S. 17 through F.D.O.T.'s SCRAP/SCOP funding.
- All of the timber bridges had routine inspections and maintenance throughout the year.
- Reviewed numerous site development plans in conjunction with the Hardee County Planning Department.
- Designed and permitted a grant funded project to

redo the drainage behind the Hardee County Sheriff's Office and jail complex. Facilities Management completed the construction in September.

- Designed a drainage repair project for the Hardee County Annex II parking lot. This project was awarded in August to Excavation Point, Inc., for \$18,457.00 and will be performed in the first quarter of fiscal year 2011.
- Coordinated the preparation and layout of exhibitor and vendor booths for Pioneer Park Days and provided employees to work the event.
- Performed weekly bulk waste pickup which collected a total of 150.46 tons of bulk waste throughout the County.
- Supervised weekly trash pickup by community service workers.

DID YOU KNOW?
There are more than 200 miles of unpaved roads in Hardee County!



Fleet Maintenance



The Maintenance Shop is responsible for providing and maintaining safe and dependable equipment to all County departments. This department made several valuable pur-

chases this year: a new diagnostic scanner, Caterpillar software and International software to help diagnose and maintain all of the County fleet.

Activities and accomplishments of the Maintenance Shop for 2009/2010 include:

- 496 road calls.
- 6 overtime service calls.
- 2,162 work orders.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Department is responsible for the maintenance of all County owned buildings and their adjacent areas. This department constructs new buildings and renovates old buildings as needed to accommodate the occupants. In-house staff is utilized for maintenance, as well as all phases of construction. This reduces the need for outside contractors which benefits the County monetarily.

Some major accomplishments of the Facilities Management Department include:

- Minor Renovations at the Building & Zoning Department
- Completed Renovation at the Tax Collectors Office that Now Houses the Division of Motor Vehicles
- Overseen Minor & Major Repairs to All County Buildings

throughout the Year

- Replacement of Boiler Unit at the Jail
- Electrical Upgrade at the Jail
- Installed Rainwater Drainage at the Jail
- Installation of the New Water Filtration at the Courthouse
- Ordered & Received Generator Transfer Switch to be Installed at the Fire Department-Station I

DID YOU KNOW?

One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water!

Utilities



The Hardee County Utility Department (HCUD) is responsible for all facets of management and opera-

tional safety of the County owned water and wastewater service area treatment plants, their associated collection, distribution & transmission systems, and fa-

cility requirements planning, construction, customer service, billings, collections, operation and maintenance.

HCUD, having assumed



since January 1, 2009 complete autonomy for in house operations of facilities by ending the nearly

five year plant operator outsourcing to the City of Wauchula, continued to establish and improve procedures and protocols toward the goal of excellence in customer and environmental health, safety and welfare.

HCUD revenue generation from all sources balanced with frugal asset management toward only essential and/or mandated expenditures continued to receive no County General Revenue subsidy during the last two years—in fact, contributions continued to be budgeted from the Utility Enterprise Funds in reimbursing support services provided by General

Revenue departments.

Some of the most significant HCUD events during the past year include:

- engineered, rehabilitated & connected two existing mobile home park's lift stations to the Wauchula Hills waste water system enabling their owners to decommission failing on-site treatment facilities;
- initiated and completed construction under budget of the Wauchula Hills Sub Division (WH S/D) Phase 2 utility collection & distribution system expansion, as well as designed and permitted a proposed WH S/D Ph 2.5 expansion;
- applied for and was awarded the CDBG-DRI grant \$633,220 toward proposed WH S/D Ph 2.5 construction and Service Connections to ultimately assist an estimated 115 WH S/D additional residences in con-

necting to the central potable water system and decommission failing septic tanks;

- continued through State funded reimbursable grants the proposed Vandolah Rural Center waste water expansion & reuse water facilities design and County regional system 20-year planning;
- installed & tested two 12" potable water supply deep wells under budget and issued notice to proceed in construction of the Wauchula Hills Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Expansion; and, issued notice to proceed for construction of the proposed Hardee County Utilities Operations Headquarters—a culmination to the utility's essential past six year capital improvement expansion planning for centralized County utility operations, management and control.

DID YOU KNOW?
You could live for a month without food, but you would be dead after a week without water!

Landfill

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year the Hardee County Solid Waste Department received its permit for partial closure of the Phase I Section I from the Department of Environmental Protection. Capital cost for the

project included \$299,417 to SCS Engineers for the Engineering and CQA Services for the project.

Other capital cost included a Zero Turn Mower for landfill mainte-

nance the cost was \$3,000.00.

The landfill has multiple programs available to Hardee County residents. One program is the Household Hazardous Waste Col-

Landfill, Continued



DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling one glass jar, saves enough energy to watch T.V for 3 hours!

lection. These collections were held quarterly and allowed the residents to bring in household hazardous waste to the landfill so that it could be properly diverted and recycled. The collections resulted in 21.18 tons of hazardous materials being disposed of at a cost of \$20,459.99. In addition, the Landfill also provides a safe method for residents to dispose of their unwanted needles through the Sharps Program. This program greatly reduces the risk of accidental exposure of infectious diseases to sanitation workers and solid waste staff. The tons of waste that the landfill staff processed are listed in the following categories:

Class I Disposal:
18,135.08 Tons

Wood and Yard:

1,200.52 Tons

C & D Disposal:
211.71 Tons

Tires:
154.58 Tons

The Solid Waste staff is responsible for the collection of tipping fees, daily accounting of cash customers, monthly invoicing of deposit account customers and collections. The total tipping fees collected for the fiscal year totaled \$528,046.38. The Solid Waste staff also applies and manages the Small County Consolidated Grant. The state awarded grant was for \$78,787.

The Solid Waste staff maintains various contractual service agreements that include the treatment of leachate, groundwater and surface water monitoring,

leachate and methane gas testing, household hazardous waste collection and disposal, and classification/verification inspections and training. The total amount of leachate hauled for treatment was 3,078,000 gallons. The cost of treatment was \$19,181.70. The Solid Waste staff field and effectively resolve complaints received from unincorporated Hardee County residents who receive garbage pickup. Special pick up requests from unincorporated residents are also taken by solid waste staff and forwarded to Public Works. The staff is also responsible for the production and proper distribution of private road identification cards.

Recycling



Over the past fiscal year the Recycling section of the Solid Waste Department was responsible for recycling the following:
The Solid Waste Staff is responsible for finding markets for recyclables.

- Scrap Metal: 217,720 Pounds**
- Lead Acid Batteries: 4,560 Pounds**
- Cardboard: 47,280 Pounds**
- News Print: 13,940 Pounds**
- E-Scrap: 77,500 Pounds**
- Pallets: 760 Pounds**



recycling revenues. We have continued taking Desoto County recyclables and processing as agreed in 2008.

The Recycling section manages a variety of Solid Waste contracts. Consolidated Resource Recovery is used for the processing of wood and yard debris. They processed a total of 1,289 tons of wood and yard debris at a cost of \$11,872.52. The 8,800 cubic yards of debris was hauled off site to a power company in South Bay to use as fuel. Hardee Correctional Institution provided a trained corrections officer and an eight-inmate work squad to aid in resource recovery at a cost of \$57,000. The Department of Environmental services mandates that there be no electronics disposed of in

In this past fiscal year Hardee County Solid Waste Department worked closely with Hardee Disposal Inc. to set up a recycling drop-off center at their facility located on Townsend Street by placing a recycling drop off center at their business they are able to service residents who do not want to drive to the landfill to use the landfill drop off center. They are also able to monitor the waste that is being placed in the containers. A total of \$10,404.00 was received in

the landfill; therefore American Electronic Recycling provides the Solid Waste Department with a roll-off bin for the collections of electronics. Staff collected a total of 40.41 tons at a cost of \$7,700. The Department of Environmental Protection also states that you cannot put car or truck tires in a landfill, they must be recycled. Staff recycled a total of 175.65 tons of tires at a cost of \$22,762.25 this includes the hauler fees for transportation.

The Solid Waste Department continues to promote the value of all recycling programs available. Other accomplishments include the hauling of concrete and asphalt from projects around the county for crushing and recycling.

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

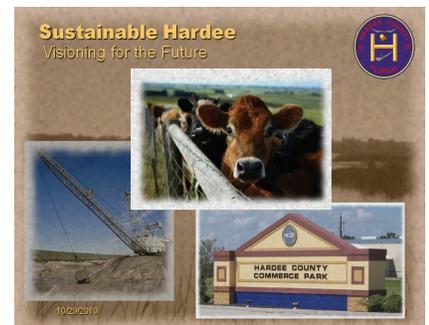
Planning & Zoning

For the fiscal year 2009-2010, the Planning/Development Department processed requests for Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments, "Comp Plan" Future Land Use Map Amendments, Special Exceptions, Exceptions to Policy LI.15 of the "Comp Plan" and to the Minimum Lot Size for A-1-Zoned Districts, Rezoning, and Amendments to the Hardee County Unified

Land Development Code in addition to Minor Subdivisions. The department held conferences with developers and property owners for potential projects requiring Site Development Plan approval and coordinated Development Review Committee meetings.

Ordinance No. 2010-01 was approved for transmittal to Department of Community

Affairs as a Large-Scale "Comp Plan" FLU Map amending the Mining Overlay Map to add 69 parcels to the Mining Overlay Map and identify and include 69 parcels that were omitted from the Mining Overlay Map.



Planning & Zoning, Continued

Ordinance No. 2010-03 was approved for transmittal to DCA amending the "Comp Plan" Capital Improvements Element and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Ordinance No. 2010-04 was approved amending Section 2.28.00 and Article 09 of the County's Unified Land Development Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages and definition.

Ordinance No. 2010-05 was approved for transmittal to DCA amending the Generalized Mining Overlay Map of the "Comp Plan" to include several parcels of land totaling approximately 3,601.43 acres in the A-1-zoning district and Agriculture Future Land Use District.

Ordinance No. 2010-07 was approved to amend the "Comp Plan" adjusting the Generalized Mining Overlay Map, updating the text and maps of the "Comp Plan" based on the adopted 2008 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

Ordinance No. 2009-06 was approved amending the text of the Unified Land Development Code pertaining to minor subdivisions, and Ordinance No. 2009-07 was ap-

proved amending the text of the ULDC regarding setbacks for communications towers in the Industrial and Public Institutional-zoning districts by Special Exception.

The County denied an application for Special Exception/Site Development Plan for a regional landfill on 875+/-acres of a 1,620+/-acre tract in the A-1-zoning district on or about Crewsville Rd.

A modification to an approved Site Development Plan was approved to add a 6,100+/-sq-ft production building to the OldCastle Lawn/Garden complex on North Co Rd 663.

Site Development Plans were approved for a mini-warehouse complex on Highway 17 South, Hardee County Utilities Department's expansion of Water/Wastewater Treatment infrastructure entitled Water Treatment Plant Operation Headquarters in the County's Commerce Park.

A rezoning from Farm-Residential to General Commercial was approved for two contiguous parcels adjacent to Hwy. 17 South of St Rd

62.

A Variance to the setbacks from Peace River was granted to a 5.0-acre lot of record for development of a single-family dwelling.

Special Exceptions were approved for the location of single-family mobile home dwellings in F-R-zoned districts on or about Terrell Rd., and on or about Edwards Peace Drive, and for the location of a 250-ft self-supporting communication tower on 12,125.28-ft of a 9.70+/-acre parcel zoned Light Industrial in the Ona community.

Application for Special Exception for a commercial outdoor recreation motorsports park and Variance to the setbacks from the neighboring dwellings was received in this budget year, but the Planning/Zoning Board and Commissioners did not hear in public hearing until October, 2010.

One of the major services the Planning/Development Department provides at no cost to the general citizenry is written zoning information/land use data. Considerable research is conducted so the ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION SHEET

can accurately answer specific questions and cite regulations from the Unified Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan to help inquirers with development plans. The 'ZI' Sheets also provide information about floodplain areas, and identi-

fied wetlands areas provided to the County from the National Inventory of Wetlands.

The Planning Department presented 'Sustainable Hardee: A Vision for the Future' to the Board of County Commissioners for their

consideration and approval. Staff received direction and approval, making multiple presentations to the community on this project which will start in January 2011.

DID YOU KNOW?
The largest residential home in Hardee County has 8,807 square feet of living space!

Special Exceptions	6
Rezoning(s)	1
Variances	1
Site Development Plans	4
Modifications to Approved Site Development Plans	1
Zoning/Land Use Information	393
Minor Subdivisions {Powell, DeLeon/Bautista/Garcias, Helms, Abbott, Jump, Platt}	6
Large Scale FLU Map Amendments	1
Amendments to Comp Plan	1
Amendments to Comp Plan FLU Map	2
Amendments to ULDC	1
Exceptions to Policy L1.15 of Comp Plan	8
DRI	0
Alcohol Beverage Licenses Review	2
Renew Temporary Special Use Permits	6

Building & Code Enforcement

The building and code enforcement department continues to ensure that all structures are constructed according to the adopted codes and ordinances that are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Hardee County.

Accomplishments this year include.

We purchased the Blue Prince building permit and code enforcement program that allows the online tracking of permits. It also streamlines the code enforcement job with better tracking and identification of code problems.

2,079 customers signed into our visitors log at the permit desk. 3,959 phone calls were answered and logged. We issued 1,006 permits for the physical year with 951 closed out.

11 single family residence new builds issued. One building inspector completed 4,191 inspections. We are still issuing a single family residence permit within 2 days if the package is complete.

Since the new code enforcement system has been implemented we have received 214 code complaints with 133 closed out and 6 referred to other agencies

for decisions.

We are currently working toward removing dilapidated structures that are a blight and health hazard to our community. We have issued 129 commercial demo permits with 151 residential permits. We respond to all code complaints regardless of how they come into the office. We have established a quicker turn around time for code cases with swifter action and a committed time line. We are continuing to address unlicensed contractors, expired permits and building with no permits



Mining



DID YOU KNOW?

Florida is the WORLD LEADER in phosphate rock production!

Mining department staff conducted reclamation inspections and attended site visits with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) at CF Industries and Mosaic. Mining Department staff attended training courses for environmental permitting, water use permitting, dam inspection and water quality sampling. Below are some of the other activities and accomplishments for the past fiscal year:

- Staff received and

reviewed a Notice of Proposed Change from CF Industries. The most notable aspect of the change was to convert from Sand Clay Mix Areas to Clay Settling Areas. The BOCC approved the change.

- Staff has conducted monthly water quality sampling at each designated sampling location and reviewed each monthly water quality monitoring report.
- Staff has conducted monthly dam inspections on all Clay Settling Areas in Hardee County and has reviewed each monthly dam inspection report submitted by CF and Mosaic.
- Staff has conducted reclamation approval inspections in accordance with County regulations. Staff also attended all release inspections with FDEP staff.
- Staff has ensured that each required monitor-

ing report from CF and Mosaic has been submitted. Staff has reviewed each report.

- The Mining Department received the CF South Pasture Mine Extension Application for Development Approval. The proposed project is 7,513 acres.
 - Staff attended the 25th annual Regional Phosphate Conference in Lakeland, Florida.
 - Staff has coordinated with the Hardee County GIS Department to create a GPS capable tablet for use during site inspections. The tablet is now being used on each inspection and has been proven to be very useful for pinpointing mining boundaries while in the field.
- Staff has coordinated with State and Federal Agencies on all projects and activities related to Mining and DRI projects.

Community Development

Community Development's mission is to provide an integrated system of resources, services and opportunities to help people improve their lives, the lives of others, neighborhoods and the total

community. Department Highlights Include:

- * Successfully completed and closed the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program, Housing Preservation Grant, and the SWFWMD

Community Education Grant.

- * Developed a public-private partnership with the Hardee County Drug Prevention Coalition and Commu-

nity Development has been awarded a five-year Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant in the amount of \$125,000 per year. The program will commence on 10/01/10. The primary goal is to reduce substance abuse among youth, and over time among adults.

* Successfully received a \$633,220 CDBG-Disaster Recovery grant to expand water and sewer infrastructure in Phase 2.5 of the Wauchula Hills Subdivision.

* Established a win-win relationship with the Hardee County Sheriff's Office and Community Development is now administering all Sheriff's Office grants where the BoCC is the named recipient.

* Expended \$171,000 assisting local families in fulfilling the American dream of becoming first-time homeowners.

* Expended \$41,300 as a cash advance against the

First-Time Homebuyer Credit allowing clients to use the credit as part of their down payment. This program is designed as a pay-back, as funds are repaid, it will be used as down payment assistance for other families.

* Expended over \$713,057 for repair and alterations to improve the health, safety and well being of local families. Assistance also provided structural modifications to enhance accessibility for elderly and physically impaired occupants.

* Expended \$20,053 for the Housing Preservation Grant thru USDA-Rural Development.

* Expended over \$4,710 from a SWFWMD grant for Community Education about conserving water. Program was very successful and well received within the community, so we plan to reapply when the cycle opens.

* Continued collection on defaulted liens to ensure continuity of the housing assistance programs, collecting over \$23.5K to assist other income eligible families.

* Continued budget management and regulatory compliance reporting from local, State and Federal levels regarding affordable housing, recreation and Wastewater Infrastructure grants.

* Community Development provided free home buyer education for 154 attendees. The eight hour class met HUD guidelines and presented much information about the steps in purchasing a house.

* Community Development provided free counseling services for 90 Hardee County residents in the areas of Homebuyer Preparation, Foreclosure Prevention and Financial Budgeting/Credit.

County Extension Office

The Cooperative Extension Service provides research based educational information and services in areas of agriculture, family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth. Over the course of 2009-10 year, the extension office performed the following services:

* Conducted Annual Citrus Production School

* Conducted multiple classes in pesticide certification, equipment safety and worker protection standards.

* FCS Agent facilitated Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance (TPPA) and Drug Prevention Coalition (DPC) educational meetings and events in an effort to reduce risky be-

haviors in Hardee County's youth in the areas of teen pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse.

* Articles published on health and nutrition in The Herald-Advocate.

* Annual six week Back to Basics summer day camp was held for children and youth in Hardee County.

Community Services

County Extension Office, Continued



* Taught nutrition and 4-H curriculum to all 4th grade students in Hardee County at annual Ag-Fest sponsored by Farm Bureau.

* Monthly 4-H leader trainings are held to keep volunteers current with state 4-H program development.

* Staff recruited and trained volunteer leaders for three new project area 4-H clubs.

* Annual 4-H Open House was held to re-enroll and enroll 4-H members from across the county.



Library

With a rich history that traces back many years the Hardee County Public Library has grown and evolved to fulfill its mission of maintaining and improving public library services to reflect the informational, educational and recreational needs of our diverse community.

The library provides quality customer service to the public including increased access to information, collection development and resource sharing. The

county participates in an interlocal agreement with the Heartland Library Cooperative to provide resources to county residents from a shared database. These databases provide: E Government, Careers and Educational choices, Health Information and Resources, Educational Support and Personal Growth and Development.

The Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services: State Aid to Libraries grant awarded

the library \$54,082 for FY09-10.

The Home School Program, Children's Story Time and other youth activities has seen a growth in the past year from an original group of twenty children per month to average of more than sixty. A total of 3,153 children participated in some type of programming during the year!

During last fiscal year there were 66,221 visitors that used the library.

DID YOU KNOW?

One ragweed plant can release as many as one billion grains of pollen!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Library has 64,927 books in it's collection!



Parks & Recreation



Hardee County maintains approximately 1,500 acres of public park property with a very wide range of activities provided.

The recreational complex includes an Olympic size swimming pool, softball and baseball fields and racquetball courts. This past year, with funding sources from the state FRDAP grant, a new baseball field and a soccer field were constructed. In addition, a handicap fishing pier was installed at the parks lake.

One of the newest and largest parks opened to the public is Hardee Lakes. This park includes miles of fitness trails for pedestrians, bicyclers and horseback riders. There are four lakes with both boat and dock fishing access and it's all beautifully maintained by this department. Hardee Lakes hosted a 4th Annual Nature Fest

with over 1,200 in attendance this past year.

Parks and Recreation supported the formation of a newly founded non-profit organization called "Friends of the Parks". This organization's main objective is to seek grant dollars and raise money for park improvements.

Pioneer Park Days

One of the biggest attractions in Hardee County each year is the Pioneer Park Days Event. Held every year during the first weekend in March, this event blends the roar of old engines with the excitement of a huge flea market and lively entertainment. This year was the 42nd event and claimed the following accomplishments:

- * Conducted the 42nd Annual Pioneer Park Days

- * Total revenues from the collection of ticket sales were \$38,690.

- * County Craft demonstrations daily around Cracker Trail Museum with a fossil hunt for the children provided by Mosiac.

- * Florida Frontiersmen demonstrating frontier and pioneer living drew a large crowd. Some demonstra-

tors camped in their tepees while attending the show.

- *Camping fees collected were \$18,425.

- * Received donation from Mosiac for the entertainment during the week of the show.

- Received \$42,800 in flea market/concession rental spaces.

Wildlife Refuge

Located within Pioneer Park the Wildlife Refuge is home to approximately 40 animals and has a 1200-foot long elevated boardwalk that winds among the trees, providing an attractive arena for visitors to view the animals in environments similar to their natural habitats. There are viewing nodes constructed along the boardwalk that contain information kiosks to provide the visiting public with educational information and facts about the various animals who have sanctuary here.

The trained staff at the Wildlife Refuge provide an educational experiences about native Florida Wildlife like no other. Presentations and accomplishments for this department include the following:

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year a commemorative postal cancellation stamp is designed just for the Pioneer Park Event and available only at the Cracker Trail Post Office!



Parks & Recreation, Continued



DID YOU KNOW?
 An alligator cannot stick out its tongue; its tongue is attached to its bottom jaw. Alligators raise their heads to swallow so gravity can help move the food down.



- * Provided an outdoor educational setting that aligns with the Florida standard curriculum and services the public schools. Over 1,700 school children from Hardee, Polk, Highlands and Desoto Counties visited the Refuge this past year.

- * Presented a recreational and educational experience to more than 17,000 guests.

- * Utilized veterinary technology education and experience of refuge manager and limited veterinarian service to maintain the health and welfare of the animals.

- * Continued partnership with Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc., Vernon Yates Inc. and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to provide refuge for injured and non releasable wildlife as well as provisions required by the animals

- * Presented outreach programs to various head start and preschool organizations

- * Participated as an active partner in Pioneer Park Days

- * Partnership with local business such as Hardee Ranch Supply, Sweetbay and Wal-mart to except donations of bagged feed and produce

- * Utilized volunteers to assist with public relation activities

- * Provided an educational encounter for

Mommy and me groups

- * Preserved the exhibitors' license with the United States Department of Agriculture and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Standards.

- * Numerous newspaper interviews promoting the Refuge

- * Hosted several summer day camps from Hardee and surrounding counties

- * Provided a venue for community groups, boy/girl scouts troops and others to volunteer their services

- * Provided a stimulating outlet for individuals with special needs.

CRACKER TRAIL MUSEUM

Cracker Trail Museum has been a foundation for the preservation and historical research of over 3,500 Hardee County treasures dating back to its early beginning. It includes priceless family heirlooms including looms, spinning wheels and pump organs as well as elementary school diplomas displayed on walls when we were still a part of the De Soto County school system.

Each year approximately fifty new acquisitions are received and new photographs, historical documents, machinery, and personal

items have graced the walls, cases and floor space to the degree that the present building is becoming filled to its capacity. It is the desire of The Hardee County Builders Association to assist with the construction of an addition to the present building.

In November, the fee schedule was changed from that of a donation to a specific entry amount of \$2.00 per person with the exception of children under the age of 5 being free of charge. That change resulted in receiving double the revenue that had been received the previous year.

Specific groups have been a constant each year which have included Hardee County's Outdoor Classroom. All third graders in the Hardee County School System visit Cracker Trail Museum under the direction of Kayton Nedza and are guided on a personal tour of not only the museum building but the C.A. Bryant Blacksmith Shop, Post Office and Hart Cabin as well. The current year has seen an expansion of the number of students that have made arrangements for tours by those residing in Polk and Highlands Counties.



The addition of a website for Cracker Trail Museum was created which has enabled not only Hardee County residents to obtain a snapshot view of the contents but to acquaint those outside the area with this historical entity for future visits. More than 600 viewings of the webpage have been made since its inception in April 2010.

Each year activities have been increased during Pioneer Park Days including spinning and quilting demonstrations, pioneer cooking, Civil War Reenactments, pioneer fashion shows and woodworking demonstrations. The number of visitors during this annual five-day event has constantly increased each year.

Cracker Trail Museum hosted its first open house for the participants of the Cracker Trail Riders Association annual re-creation of the 1850's 120-mile ride. Prior to a tour of the museum, approximately 100 Cracker Trail riders were entertained in the lobby area with a reading by published

author, Deborah Sharp, who had accompanied them the previous year obtaining material for her "Mama Rides Shotgun" novel. The interest that the Cracker Trail Riders Association displayed for the tour has encouraged Cracker Trail Museum to provide the open house in the future.

Cracker Trail Museum was invited to participate in Hardee County's summer 4-H program and miscellaneous items were taken offsite with demonstrations being made to this group of youngsters. With positive comments being made by the 4-H organization, plans will be made to continue this project in future years.

The weekly article, "Museum Musings" appears in the local newspaper and includes historical information concerning items located within Cracker Trail Museum. Speaking engagement invitations occur throughout the year enabling clubs and organizations to learn more about Cracker Trail Museum.

Cracker Trail Museum has assisted more than twenty-five residents during the year with genealogy research of their personal families. Local municipalities have referred many individuals both within and outside of the county to the museum for this service.

Plans are being made to offer a "History of Har-

dee County" course to local fourth grade students beginning with a pilot program at one elementary school. If this project proves successful, plans will be considered to expand the course to all schools within the Hardee County school system.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Several improvements were made to our parks this past year and they include the following:

- Replacement of Lift Station Pump at Pioneer Park
- Increased Camping Rates at all Parks & Recreation (Pioneer Park, Wildlife Refuge, Museum, Hardee Lakes)
- Continued Preparation for the New Baseball & Soccer Fields
- Repaired Major & Minor Pumping Issues at Hardee Parks (Baseball & Soccer Fields)
- Worked with the YMCA and Soccer League Foundation to Establish Proper Amenities for Organized Field Use at Hardee Parks (Soccer Fields)
- Maintained all boat ramps at Hardee Lakes, Pioneer Park and Gardner.

DID YOU KNOW?

They may have short legs, but alligators can move at high speeds, up to 30 miles an hour, in short bursts. Alligators' front legs have five toes and back legs have four toes.



Soil & Water Conservation



Deborah Prestridge

The Hardee County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) works in cooperation with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to assist farmers and ranchers with soil and water conservation issues.

This past fiscal year the County lost a very valued employee in this department. Ms. Deborah Prestridge, she worked for this department for more than 30 years and she will be dearly missed by all of us.

Despite the tragic loss, this department can claim the following accomplishments:

- * In 2010 the Hardee SWCD assisted in the processing of 37 EQIP applications of which 6 were obligated and became contracts. The breakdown of the 6 contracts is 3 grazing land contracts, 2 specialty crop contracts and 1 organic contract for a total of \$436,644 obligated on approximately 1,962.1 planned acres.

- * The Hardee SWCD also assisted with certification of conservation practices on existing EQIP contracts in 2010

which made payments to farmers totaling \$384,294, benefitting approximately 6,411 acres in Hardee County.

- * The Hardee SWCD assisted with applications for the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and Grazing Land Program (GRP) easement programs in 2010.

- * The Field Office provided support to the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) in 2010, providing assistance to local landowners to improve the efficiency of their irrigation systems and use less water.

- * Assistance was also provided to individuals in obtaining SWFWMD permits.

Veterans Services

Veterans Services assist Hardee County veterans and their families by providing counseling and assistance in order to establish VA benefits under Federal and State laws which may result in monetary gain and medical care.

The County's accredited Veterans Service Officer can assist county Veterans and/or their families with Service Connected Compensations, Non-Service Connected Com-

pensations, Health Care, Education, Home Loan Guarantees, Burial Benefits, Dependent/Survivor Benefits, Lost Military Records, and Property Exemptions.

This past fiscal year the Veterans Services office assisted with the following:

- 391 Walk-ins
- 110 Appointments
- 86 Health Enrollments
- 48 Death Notification Letters
- Maintained 441 Active Files.



Robert Lee
Adam
Carter from
Wauchula
while in
Afghanistan
during
FY2009-10

Human Services



The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners participates in allocating county funds to various non-profit organizations that are established within the county. These organizations

are thought to be a great benefit to the residents and they help to improve the physical and mental state of residents in need. They also provide many needed elderly services as well as promoting the economic strength and community environment that is necessary for a healthy community.

The following not-for-profit organizations received funding from the County:

- Hardee County Health Department
- Peace River Center
- Hope of Hardee
- Rest Haven
- HARC
- Tri-County Addictions
- ATC Intelitran

Human Services also includes funding that is mandated by the state for indigent health care, Medicaid supplements and indigent burials.

DID YOU KNOW?

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I

County Probation

This department provides supervision services to the court system for misdemeanor cases in Hardee County. These services are provided in such a manner as to ensure compliance with court ordered obligations. Services are provided to ensure probationers assistance in living a worthwhile life style, thereby enabling them to stay in society and contribute, without putting extra burdens on the jail and welfare system.

- * 237 New probation cases were taken in, including, 30 community service only cases.
- * 112 warrants were issued on non-compliers for failure to cooperate and

abide by instructions.

- * 70 warrant cases were apprehended and probation status revoked. Offenders were usually given appropriate jail sentences.
- * 3,428 hours of community service were accomplished by probationers at the Hardee County Road Department and Pioneer Park.
- * \$24,870.00 is the benefit to Hardee County for the community service hours, figured at minimum wage.
- * Additional community service hours were also accomplished at other non-profit organizations, for the benefit of others in the community.

- * \$81,088.00 in probation fees were collected during this time.
- * \$87,221.00 is the amount that we helped collect for the Clerk's Office in court ordered obligations, mostly fines.
- * \$6,062.00 is the amount that we collected and forwarded to victims of crimes for restitution.
- * \$193,179.00 is the total that was generated for Hardee County through collections of probation fees, assistance in collections for Clerk's Office, and community service provided to Hardee County Departments.



Capital Projects

As required, The County Amended the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan that is included as part of the Comprehensive Plan through Ordinance 10-01.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

Moffitt Road – The County Engineer is working with consultants to get the surveying, engineering and permitting completed to allow the paving of ½ mile of Moffitt Road, from Sasser Road to Dallas McClellan Road. This project is scheduled to be completed in the 2011 fiscal year.

Florida Avenue – The County received the SWFWMD permit for the Florida Avenue SCRAP/SCOP project early in the 2010 fiscal year. The Engineer of Record, AIM Engineering, reviewed the specifications book prepared by the County Engineer and the project went out to bid. In February, eight bidders responded with the low bid being awarded to L. Cobb Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$618,345.89. This was less than half of the remaining grant amount so the County reviewed the project to identify additional needed improvements that could be funded. We added the construction of two northbound turn lanes into the North Wauchula Elementary School, replacing all of the existing curb-

ing which was in poor condition, and replacing additional drainage structures. Construction began on this project at the end of April and is expected to finish in December. At the end of the fiscal year, the north end had been reconstructed, new pipes and a headwall had been installed near Farr Field, all of the existing curbing had been removed, all of the utilities and sidewalk had been relocated at North Wauchula Elementary School and the base installed for the new turn lanes, and most of the storm structures had been replaced.

College Hill Road – This project went out to bid at the beginning of the fiscal year and in mid November three bidders responded with the low bid being awarded to L. Cobb Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$352,951.81. Construction began at the beginning of March and completed in July.

Steve Roberts Special – This project went out to bid the same time as College Hill Road at the beginning of the fiscal year. In mid November three bidders responded with the low bid being awarded to Better Roads, Inc., in the amount of \$1,553,065.70. Construction began at the beginning of March and was substantially complete at the end of September.

Gebhart Road – This project went out to bid at the beginning of the fiscal year and in mid Oc-

tober six bidders responded with the low bid being awarded to L. Cobb Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$173,554.94. Construction began the middle of January and was completed in April.

Sweetwater Road – In July the County was awarded a FDOT SCOP grant for Sweetwater Road, from Crewsville Road to S.R. 66. The grant was in the amount of \$2,552,471.00. This will include widening the road to 20 feet, performing a full-depth reclamation on the existing roadway, replacing some storm structures, and replacing two single-lane timber bridges. This project is planned to begin in the 2011 fiscal year.

Walker Avenue – This year the BOCC directed the County Engineer to begin design of an extension road from Walker Avenue to Murphy Road in Limestone. This is due to a possible emergency situation with the train tracks crossing Walker Avenue, which is the only ingress/egress to the community. This will begin in the 2011 fiscal year.

PARKS & RECREATION ELEMENT

The Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant was unfunded again this year. Therefore, the second phase for the soccer fields at Hardee Park was not completed. However, regular maintenance was performed to allow



the fields to mature. In September, contracts were in negotiations with the soccer clubs and the YMCA to allow play on these fields to begin soon. Proper mowing equipment was purchased this year to allow the grass to be maintained correctly. This mowing equipment will also be used for the four baseball/softball fields. The lack of FRDAP funding also delayed the completion of phases two and three of the baseball/softball fields at Hardee Park. Part of the phase two work was completed in phase one. To avoid having to split the baseball season up into two parts again this year, due to lack of fields, the BOCC has directed Parks & Recreation to have the fields ready for play by the end of February 2011. Staff began work on the fields in the last quarter of fiscal year 2010. This will be a top priority through the first half of fiscal year 2011. The plans for the restroom/concession/score keeper building were also started to try and complete it by the end of February. Staff has already received acknowledgement from several people and companies for contributions.

UTILITIES ELEMENT

Pine Cone MH Park Waste Water Lift Station tie-in – In accordance with an earlier BoCC approved service agreement, lift station & line extension design and permit-

ting were accomplished during 2009 by the owner of the Park. County's construction and testing efforts were accomplished and the Park was formally connected to the Wauchula Hills waste water system with FDEP approval in November 2009. County expenses for the project engineering and construction of main line tap, valves and lateral extension were just under \$12K and reimbursed using State Legislature appropriated grant funds.

Orange Blossom MH Park Waste Water Lift Station rehabilitation and tie-in – In accordance with an earlier BoCC approved service agreement, lift station improvements design, permitting and bid award were accomplished during 2009 by the County. Construction and testing efforts were accomplished and the Park was formally connected to the Wauchula Hills waste water system with FDEP approval in January 2010, a month ahead of schedule and at less than half the originally budgeted amount for a new lift station. County expenses for the project engineering and construction were \$66K and reimbursed using State Legislature appropriated grant funds.

Utility planning, design, permitting project – As an unexpected award by the State Legislature and Governor in 2008 to the County's 2007 community budget request, this project was originally co-managed as a County Planning Department and HCUD effort to plan for 5-20 year County regional infrastructure growth, possible leveraging & inter-connecting of waste water collection & transmission systems, and a possible reuse water system future creation. Modification of the award scope was shortly thereafter ap-

proved by the State to include design & permitting efforts associated with a proposed future Vandolah Rural Center waste water treatment plant expansion and reuse water infrastructure requirements--engineering services for the project were bid awarded in late 2008 to Envisors. Initially estimated to be completed within a year, significant changing assumptions caused several essential re-evaluations of base growth projections and associated infrastructure options as well as project management. This State Legislature appropriated reimbursable grant project is now expected to be completed by early-2011.

Wauchula Hills Sub-division Water & Sewer Phase 2/2.5 expansion & improvements – Following the highly successful 2007/2008 Phase 1 initial infrastructure installation within the high nitrate contaminated subdivision, the State Legislature appropriated additional reimbursable grant funds to past remaining grant funds toward continuing HCUD waste water infrastructure efforts. In order to extend potable water lines in parallel, HCUD funds received from the State for Fiscally Constrained (FISCON) counties were applied for water system engineering, design & permitting and construction. The awarded bidder for Phase 2 completed water and sewer availability improvements between January and September 2010, on schedule and \$124K under bid, to all homes not previously serviced in the sub-division from Rainey

Capital Projects, Continued

Blvd north. Additionally, combined with previously discussed funding sources, OCD/HCUD applied for and was recently awarded CDBG-DRI \$633,220 toward proposed Phase 2.5 infrastructure extensions construction south of Rainey Blvd along Stansfield and Rigdon Roads, as well as accomplishing service connections to ultimately assist the nearly 115 additional residences of Phases 2 & 2.5 in connecting to the central potable water system and decommission their failing septic tanks. Engineering design & permitting is complete for the Phase 2.5 extensions and project is pending approval by DCA of submitted plans & specifications documents prior to bid advertisement. Residence service connection bid and construction will occur at best timing (estimated March through June 2011) following Right-of-Way infrastructure extensions.

Wauchula Hills Water Treatment Plant (WTP) & Opns HQ expansion – Since 2003, the HCUD has as an interim measure purchased, stored, and re-treated water from the City of Wauchula for distribution to County customers. In order to control expenses and expand available water capacity, the County began engineering, design and permitting development of its own facilities in 2006/2007. Opportunities for leveraging

long term best operational management practices and financial investments dictated changes from conceptual facility location designs which by mid-2009 were defined. This expansion project now estimated to cost \$2.5M and considered the most difficult and important element in support to the health & safety of customers and establishing County utility management control for future economic growth and operations, has three principal integrated components:

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) consumptive use and well construction permits were completed; County Road & Bridge resources constructed access cul-de-sacs to two wellhead locations adjacent to the existing Wauchula Hills facilities; construction bid was awarded and two 12" potable water supply deep wells were installed and tests completed April 2010. Fund source for the two potable wells construction was through Hardee County Economic Development Authority awarded reimbursable infrastructure grant.

Engineering, design, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection dry-line permit was secured for construction of the WTP expansion project adjacent to the existing Wauchula Hills facilities; following well water quality determination and Operations Hq controls design planning, construction bid was awarded 16Aug10 with esti-

mated completion of the planned million gallon per day capacity WTP in May 2011; additional on going engineering work effort mandated by FDEP and SWFWMD included within the construction bid is in modification to the site storm water system & Environmental Resource Permit. Fund sources for the WTP expansion are through Hardee County Economic Development Authority awarded reimbursable infrastructure grant and, as necessary from previously received IMC trust funds restricted cash forward while the ERP permit mod and related construction is anticipated reimbursable under State Legislature appropriated grant.

Parallel architect, engineer and planner efforts in development of the proposed County Utilities Operations Headquarters secured County P&Z Board & Commerce Park Architectural Review Committee (HC IDA) permitting for this project in mid-2010—a culmination to the utility's essential past six year capital improvement expansion planning for centralized County utility operations, management and control. Located within two Hardee County Commerce Park (HCCP) lots acquired adjacent to the existing Wauchula Hills facilities, construction bid was awarded with notice to proceed of 01Oct10 and estimated completion May 2011, Fund sources are through Hardee County Economic Devel-

opment Authority awarded reimbursable infrastructure grant and from previously received remaining local Dependent District Board grant and IMC trust funds within budgeted restricted cash forward.

Miscellaneous Capital Projects – Necessary efforts budgeted, but without required precursor progress during 2010 include:

Force main over-sizing cost-share contribution (estimated \$50K, using State Legislature appropriated reimbursable grant funds) for extension from US17 west along Bostick Road to tie in the Torrey Oaks RV & Golf Resort facilities. This line extension project is

pending developer actions, including service conveyance agreement.

Water & waste water line extensions along with other related improvements proximate to the SFCC adjunct facility (estimated \$50K for project review and construction supervision, using Developer contribution-in-kind funds) to support the proposed Torrey Groves sub-division (North) development. This infrastructure extension project is pending developer actions, including service conveyance agreement.

Wauchula Hills facilities engineering, design, permitting and construction (estimated \$30K using previously received IMC trust

funds) for proposed site re-use irrigation system improvements. This project is pending other preliminary site development activities.

Survey service efforts along US17 north and south of existing water and force mains for design of future line extensions (estimated \$30K split between State Legislature appropriated reimbursable grant funds and previously received IMC trust funds). Although this minor project is technically on hold pending proposed area development actions, leveraging of previously discussed regional interconnection planning efforts are underway whereby the vast majority of this pre-design survey work expects to be accomplished by end-2010.

2009-10 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01

TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF LIME STREET IN THE DIXIE SUBDIVISION.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02

RELATING TO THE 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE A LEGISLATIVE PACKET; IDENTIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03

2008/2009 SEMI-ANNUAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04

TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (POST PROJECT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WAUCHULA SCHOOL SIDEWALKS ON RAINEY BOULEVARD FROM US 17 NORTH TO STANSFIELD, ALAMO ROAD FROM RAINEY BOULEVARD TO KEETON ROAD AND KEETON ROAD FROM US 17 NORTH TO RIGDON ROAD).

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-06

HARDEE COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07

PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY THAT HAS NO PUBLIC PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY.

RESOLUTION 2010-08

CERTIFYING GRANT MONIES WILL BE USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES 401.113.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-09

2009/2010 SEMI-ANNUAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

APPROVING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS HILLTOP ACRES AND FURTHER EVIDENCING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT LOCATED THEREON KNOWN AS CASEN DRIVE.

RESOLUTION 2010-12

APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA RURAL BROADBAND ALLIANCE, LLC; DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FLORIDA RURAL BROADBAND ALLIANCE, LLC; AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A LIST OF PROPOSED IN KIND ASSETS FOR AVAILABILITY TO THE FLORIDA RURAL BROADBAND ALLIANCE, LLC.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-13

APPROVING THE ANNUAL UNIT REVIEW FOR 2009 AND 2010 FOR CF INDUSTRIES, INC., HARDEE PHOSPHASTE COMPLEX MINE.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-14

RELATING TO THE FIRE RESCUE SERVICES IN HARDEE COUNTY; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING FIRE RESCUE

COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HARDEE COUNTY; DETERMINING THE FIRE RESCUE COST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-15

RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN HARDEE COUNTY; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING SOLID WASTE COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HARDEE COUNTY; DETERMINING THE SOLID WASTE COST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO UPDATE THE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-16

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROVAL OF HARDEE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-17

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SIDEWALKS ON SOUTH SIDE OF KEETON ROAD FROM STANSFIELD AVENUE TO US 17, WEST SIDE OF ALAMO AVENUE FROM KEETON ROAD TO RAINEY BOULEVARD AND SOUTH SIDE OF RAINEY BOULEVARD FROM WILLIAMS AVENUE TO US 17).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-18
TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RESURFACING SWEETWATER ROAD FROM CREWSVILLE ROAD TO STATE ROAD 66).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-19
RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HARDEE LAKES PARK RV CAMPSITES AND COMPONENTS; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A FRDAP GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND SAID DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-20
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR HARDEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 01, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-21
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 01, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-22
ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR HARDEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 01, 2010

AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-23
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 01, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-24
RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HARDEE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX PHASE II; AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A FRDAP GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND SAID DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Summary of Ordinances Passed in FY 09-10

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01
AMENDING THE HARDEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ADOPTED 06/20/02 AS ORDINANCE NO. 2002-20; ADJUSTING THE GENERALIZED MINING OVERLAY MAP; AND PROVIDING FOR ASSURANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY LI.10 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02
RELATING TO REGULATION OF PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HARDEE COUNTY; ESTABLISHING THE JURISDICTION OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVER NON-GOVERNMENTAL WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES WITHIN HARDEE COUNTY; DECLARING HARDEE COUNTY SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 367 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; AND REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS PROVISION.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03
AMENDING THE HARDEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE

PLAN, AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT; AND AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-04
AMENDING SECTION 2.28.00; GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; TO REORGANIZE SAME; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION FOR RESTAURANTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO OPEN CONTAINER PROVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR DEFINITION AND PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF PREMISE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-05 –
PENDING ADOPTION
AMENDING THE HARDEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ADOPTED 06/20/02 AS ORDINANCE NO. 2002-20; ADJUSTING THE GENERALIZED MINING OVERLAY MAP; AND PROVIDING FOR ASSURANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY LI.10 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-07 –
PENDING ADOPTION
AMENDING THE HARDEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ADOPTED 06/20/02 AS ORDINANCE NO. 2002-20; ADJUSTING THE GENERALIZED MINING OVERLAY MAP; AND PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO TEXT AND MAPS OF THE “COMP PLAN” BASED ON THE

ADOPTED 2008 HARDEE COUNTY EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR).

ORDINANCE 2010-08
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-05; AMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF COLLECTING COUNTY IMPACT FEES FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT EXCEPT INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENTS, FROM JULY 01, 2010 TO JULY 01, 2011; AMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF COLLECTING COUNTY IMPACT FEES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENTS FROM OCTOBER 01, 2010 TO OCTOBER 01, 2011; AND AMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF COLLECTING THE SCHOOL IMPACT FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FROM JULY 01, 2010 TO JULY 01, 2011.

ORDINANCE 2010-09
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 89-07; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED SECTION 5. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 6. DRIVEWAYS INSTALLED WITHOUT A PERMIT; AND SECTION 7. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.