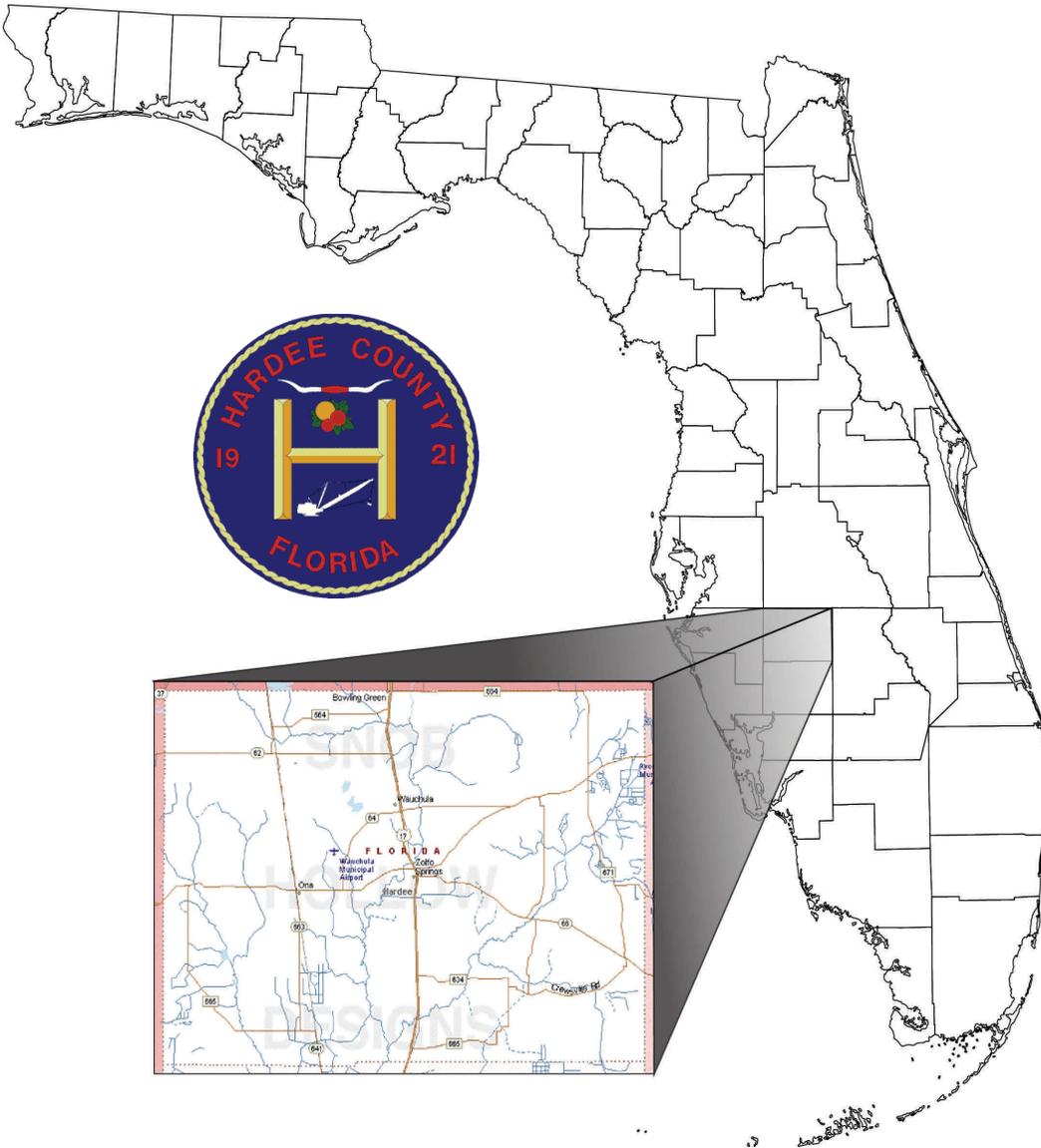


Hardee County

2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT



BOARD MEMBERS:

Minor Bryant
District I

Sue Birge
District II

Terry Atchley
District III

Grady Johnson
District IV

Dale Johnson
District V

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Minor L. Bryant, District I



"I am proud to see where Hardee County was and where we are today. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to contribute. With the state of the economy and talking to others around the State, we are in a much better position to move forward than many others. That only happened because of smart-growth planning on the part of our Economic Development Boards, Staff and Commissioners.

We are moving very carefully and slowly ahead with new possibilities for growth and jobs for our citizens. But, one change I would like to see is more "team-work" on the part of our Board, Staff, Agencies and the People. We have experienced some disappointing actions recently in our community, but our attitude needs to be one of compassion for the victims and a spirit of love, forgiveness and a rebuilding of trust. Remember, united we stand, divided we fall!"

God bless us all,
Minor L. Bryant

Sue Birge, District II



"The challenges for our Commission continue as we move forward, positive in our responsibilities to provide smart growth and employment opportunities for the citizens of this great county. I am more positive than ever before that as we take advantage of the opportunities given to us, that we will be successful in making the right choices for the improvements and the future development of Hardee County.

I believe we have a great team and as we work together, united in our efforts, that even in these tough economic times, we will overcome the challenges that continually face us. I will continue to listen to your concerns and I am committed to providing the leadership necessary to keep us moving in a positive direction.

As the first Woman County Commissioner in Hardee County, I consider it an honor to serve you, the citizens of Hardee County. Thank you for giving me that opportunity."

Terry Atchley, District III



"In spite of continuing local, state and national economic uncertainties and challenges, the county should continue to move forward on its strategic planning initiative in 2011/2012.

Over the course of the last year, continued commitment has been made to promote diversity in economic development and physical changes within the county. It is expected that the trend will continue in the ensuing years ahead as long as the BOCC takes prompt and decisive action and adjusts appropriately to changing external circumstances and to seek the opportunity in those changes wherever and whenever possible.

The BOCC should continue to do all it can to enhance the quality of life and to pave the way for a prosperous future for the county as a whole. As with past years, our hard working and dedicated employees have stepped up to help face multiple challenges as a united team. I would also like to thank the BOCC for their active involvement and continued support of our efforts in pursuing a vital and prosperous future.

It is truly an honor and blessing to serve the people of Hardee County."



**Grady Johnson,
District IV**

“Hardee County

It is an honor to serve as one of your chosen representatives. While spending time with and listening to many of our citizens, one of the foremost concerns is for accountability and transparency in government. My commitment to good stewardship and the continued dedication and hard work by our employees, will help us to produce a thriving and secure Hardee County. The population of Hardee County is declining but with the help of local business owners and with the increasing enthusiasm shown by committed citizens of our county, working as a team we can promote business opportunities, create jobs, and encourage residential growth which will in turn bring about a more prosperous community for our children and their children.”



**Dale Johnson,
District V**

“Hardee County is ready and willing to grow in business. As an agricultural business leader I am ready and willing to see this happen. I welcome all types of family oriented businesses to Hardee County. I pledge to support and help in any way possible so that our county can grow in well paid jobs. I challenge the business world to come and see Hardee County.

I believe that we can be one of the top counties for business growth in Florida. It just doesn't get any better than this. You CAN grow your business here.”



**Ken Evers, PA,
County Attorney**

DID YOU KNOW?

**Our County was
named for Cary
A. Hardee,
Governor of
Florida from
1921 to 1925.**

County Manager's Message

Dear Fellow Citizens:

We are pleased to present the 2011 Hardee County Annual Report. It is the goal of this document 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 expected, there has been no significant change in the economic conditions for our state or county over the past year and by all predictions we will continue to experience depressed economic conditions into future years. As the state legislature implements measures to address revenue shortages the county revenues will continue to diminish as a result of shrinking shared revenues along with continued reduction in ad valorem taxes due to a continued reduction in our tax base. But just as I am certain that we will experience continued reduction in revenues, I am certain that due to the dedication and commitment of your county staff we will continue to provide acceptable levels of service to our citizens.



Lex Albritton

As you review this report you will see staff has continued to accomplish many things but I would like to highlight a couple of major accomplishments that are outside the ordinary and routine activities. During this fiscal year the county completed a major milestone in what has been a ten year journey to bring into service our own potable wells and to consolidate all of our Utility Departments operations and headquarters into a new location in the Hardee County Commerce Park. Also, we are proud to have completed another project that has been in the works for over five years, which was to open the new Ball Field Complex for play this past season. An addition to the above capital projects, the county em-

barked on a long-range planning process titled "Sustainable Hardee". This is a community-wide visioning process to help develop a framework for balanced future growth and development while retaining the county's quality of life.

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, the Sustainable Hardee Visioning exercise and the various departments. For financial information, 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.

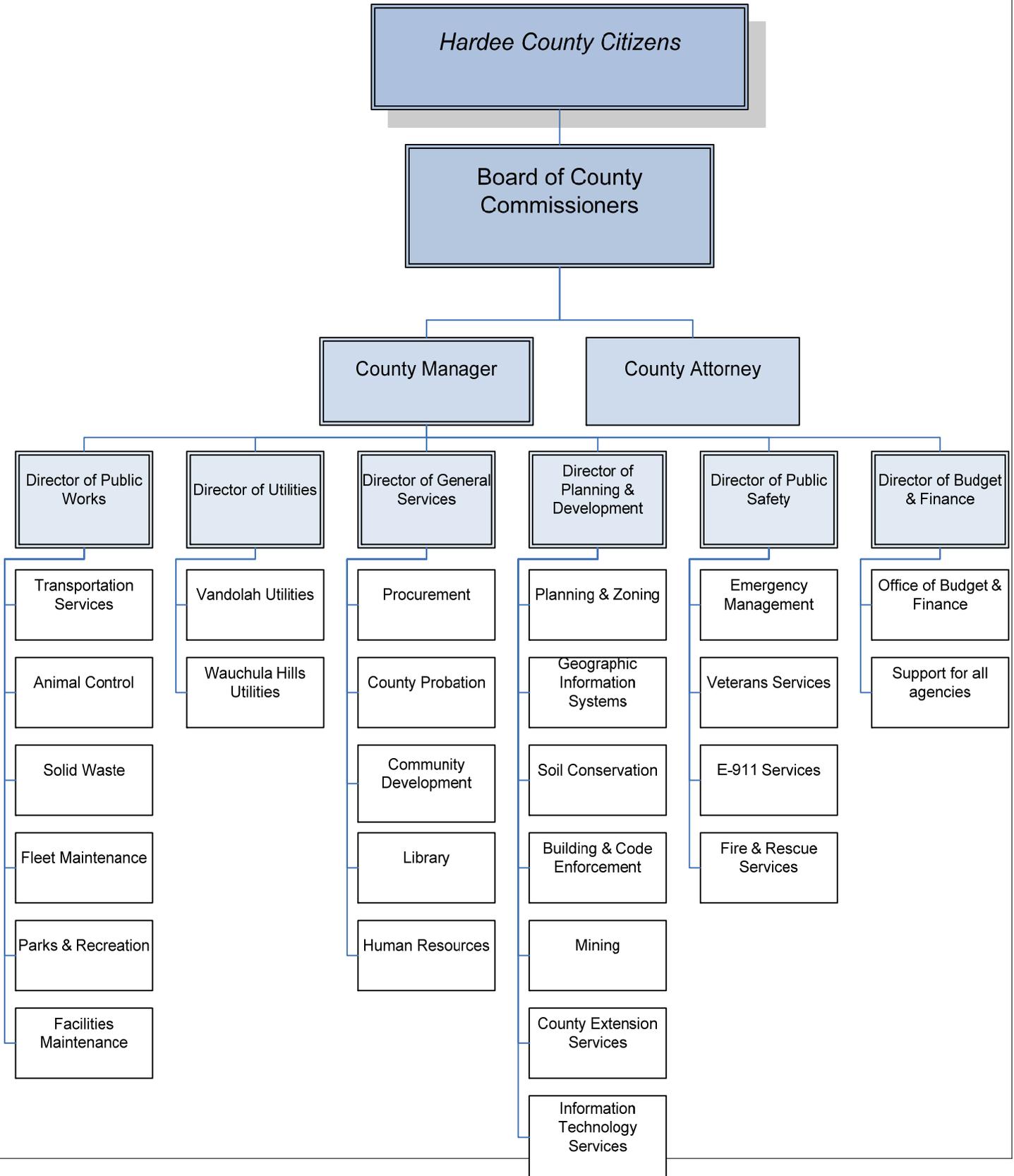
As you read this report, I hope you will be pleased by all your county staff has accomplished over the past year. By working together and staying focused, we will continue to ensure that that the needs of the community are being met while maintaining the values that make Hardee County a great place to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

Sincerely,

Lexton Albritton

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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.

Hardee County Service Matrix

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Clerk of Courts	Desktop Services	Driving)
County Recorder	Geographic Information Systems	Motor Vehicle Registration/Title
Internal Auditing	(GIS)	
Recordkeeping for BOCC	Information Distribution and Data Management Services	PUBLIC SAFETY
Recordkeeping for Courts	Office of Budget & Finance	Building & Code Enforcement
County Attorney	Budget Preparation & Management	Building/Code Inspections
Eminent Domain	Audit Management	Condemnation and Removal of Dangerous Structures
General Legal Services & Counsel	Special Assessment Interim Collections	Building & Zoning Code Enforcement
Litigation	Fixed Asset Management	Building Plan Review
County Commission	Budget Analysis & Reporting/Annual Reporting	Administration of Licensed Contractors
Performance Auditors	Planning & Zoning	E-911
Set Policy & Directive	Comprehensive Planning	Countywide 9-1-1 Database & Street Address Management
Implementation of Comp Plan	Land Development Review & Inspection	Countywide 9-1-1 Network Administration
County Manager	Land Use Counseling	Emergency Management
Administrative Support to BOCC	Zoning Administration (ULDC)	General Population/Special Needs Shelter Management
County Intergovernmental Representation	Property Appraiser	ALF / Home Health Plan Review
County Legislative Representation	Exemptions Administration	Hazard Analysis Site Visits
Development of Legislative Programs	Real & Tangible Property Assessment	NIMS Compliance
Development of County Policies	TRIM Notice Administration	Disaster Response and Recovery
Targeted Process Improvements	Purchasing	All Hazards Planning
Provides Access to Legal Research Materials	Bidder Registration and Management	Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Human Resources	Centralized Procurement	Paramedic Services (Advanced Life Support)
Applicant Recruiting and Screening	Purchasing Card Program	Facilities Management
Employee Record Maintenance	Inventory Management	Maintenance and Upkeep of all County Property (Land and Buildings)
Hearings of Discipline Appeals and Grievances	Fuel System Administration	Custodial & Grounds Services
Job Classification and Compensation	Supervisor of Elections	Maintains Indoor Air Quality, (Heating, Ventilation, AC)
Payroll Processing	Administer Elections	Fire Control
Information Technology Services	Voter Registration	Training Services
Business Solutions/Services	Tax Collector	Fire Inspections & Prevention
Communications Services	Bill & Collect Property Taxes & Assessments	Fire Suppression
	Licenses Issuance (Hunting/Fishing/	

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
 Areas
 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

2010-11 End of Year Financial Report



By the end of fiscal year 2010-11, the County's budget had been increased \$1.4 million most of which was due to severance money from mining operations and new grant awards. The

County's final budget was expected to generate \$34.7 million in revenues. Actual revenues received at the end of the year was \$31.9 million which was approximately 92%.

Revenues not received are mostly contributed to grants and approximately \$3 million in grant projects has carried forward into the next year.

Ad Valorem collections were at 98% which is approximately \$209 thousand lower than budgeted. However, the average rate of collection is 95% so the Budget Office views this as an unexpected achievement.

Special Assessment collections were higher than budgeted by approximately \$101 thousand. Fire assessments were above budgeted by \$141 thousand while Solid Waste assessments were \$40 thousand below budgeted. An explanation for the variance is not easily evaluated. The collections for Fire apply county wide for both commercial and residential properties while solid waste applies only to residential in the unincorporated area. The Budget Office will need to conduct further investigations with cooperation from the Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and the private firm that

prepares the special assessment tax roll.

The final area with significantly low collections is Charges for Services with \$169 thousand shortfall. This can mostly be contrib-

uted to the Mining Fund and the Utility Fund for predicting more activities and progress then what was actually completed.

State Shared revenues came in much higher than expected and made up for the shortfalls in other areas. We collected approximately \$256 thousand more than budgeted.

Expenditures for the County were 78% of what was budgeted to be spent. This was approximately \$9.4 million less than budgeted.

Again, this can be mostly contributed to grants that were carried forward into the next year. The area of Transportation has the largest variance of only 48% expensed due to \$4 million in capital projects going forward. There were also significant amounts in personal services and operating of around \$794 thousand that was due mostly to many retirements of long term employees and not filling those positions immediately after vacancy.

There were slower than expected activities in expenses related to physical environment resulting in \$1.7 million unspent. About \$1 million of that was in the Utilities Department and \$373 thousand in Mining with the remaining due to Solid Waste activities. Overall, Physical Environment spent 83% of their budget.

The Courts spent only 45% of what was budgeted. This was due mostly to the carry forward of state appropriations reserved for court house improvements and the carry forward of court surcharge money accumulating for court innovations.

The area of Economic Environment spent only 59% of their budget. This area includes grant programs such as SHIP and CDBG that assist county residents with housing needs. These grant typically have a three year term and a typical carry forward is expected.

Public Safety and Cultural and Recreation areas both spent 93% of their budgets, while Human Services was at 92% and General Governmental Services was at 90%. The budget office views these levels as an indication of good planning and budgeting.

For additional information regarding past or current budgets please feel free to contact the Hardee County Office of Budget & Finance.

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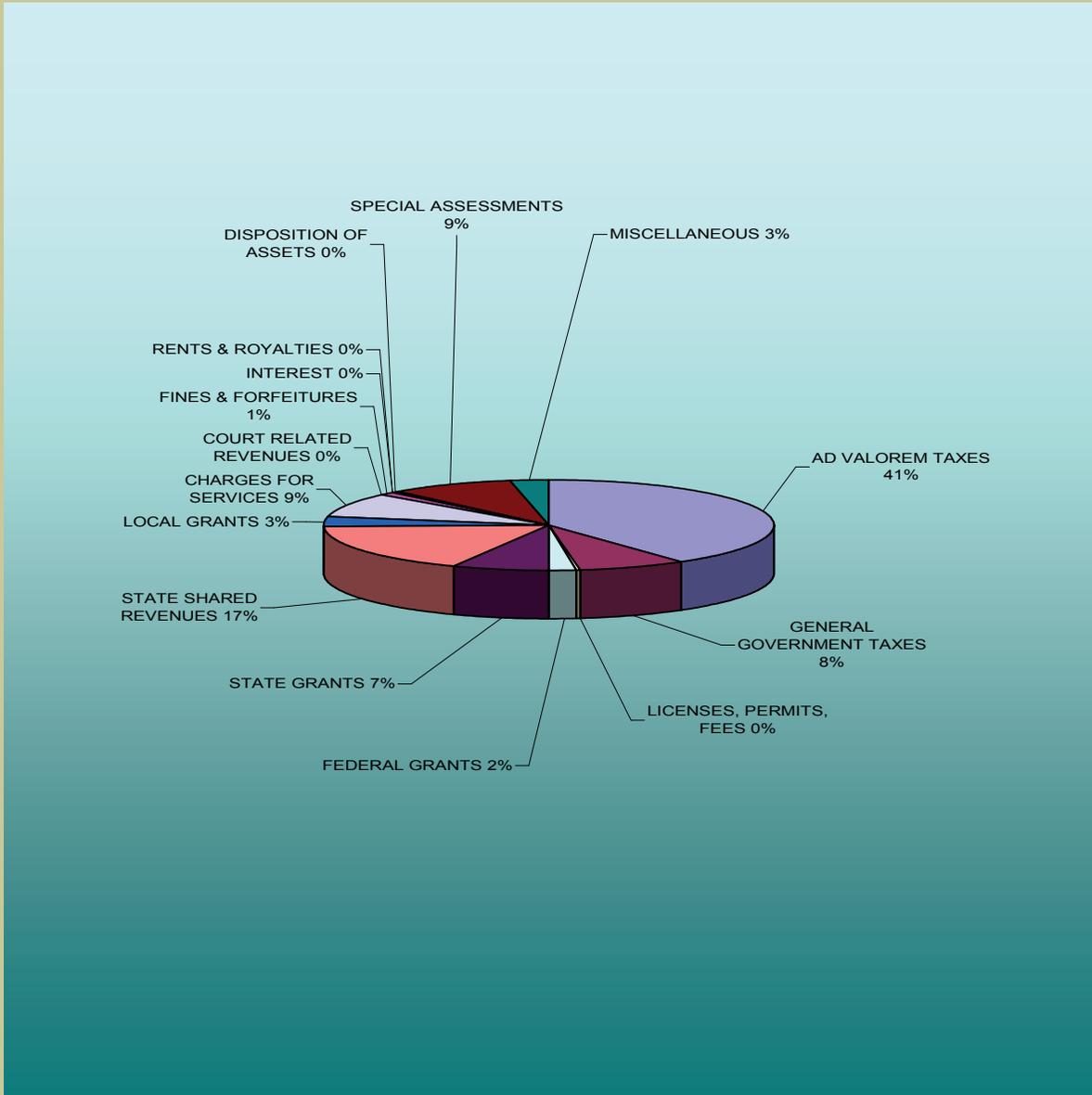
The word 'budget' is derived from an old French word 'bourgette' which means 'little bag'

TOTAL COUNTY REVENUES BY CATEGORY

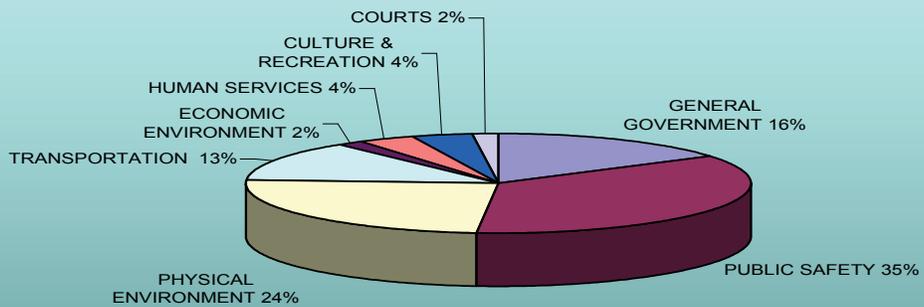
REVENUES	ORIGINAL	9/30/2011	9/30/2011	9/30/2011	% OF BUDGET
	BUDGET	AMENDMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	YTD REVENUES	RECEIVED
AD VALOREM TAXES	12,939,626		12,939,626.00	12,730,412.20	98%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAXES	2,458,491		2,458,491.00	2,485,183.92	101%
LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	104,625		104,625.00	123,084.80	118%
FEDERAL GRANTS	1,008,220	199,300.00	1,207,520.00	622,240.70	52%
STATE GRANTS	4,288,861	162,124.00	4,450,985.00	2,188,207.78	49%
STATE SHARED REVENUES	5,177,701	140,866.16	5,318,567.16	5,574,324.05	105%
LOCAL GRANTS	1,268,290	(1,183.00)	1,267,107.00	1,111,401.90	88%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,987,443	2,000.00	2,989,443.00	2,820,527.40	94%
COURT RELATED REVENUES	2,000		2,000.00	640.00	32%
FINES & FORFEITURES	291,725	9,584.50	301,309.50	298,755.34	99%
INTEREST	52,390	-	52,390.00	55,739.22	106%
RENTS & ROYALTIES	92,598		92,598.00	90,652.18	98%
DISPOSITION OF ASSETS	-	-	-	28,008.36	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	2,726,507		2,726,507.00	2,827,574.78	104%
MISCELLANEOUS	238,541	563,235.00	801,776.00	913,563.79	114%
TOTAL SOURCES	33,637,018	1,075,926.66	34,712,944.66	31,870,316.42	92%
LESS 5%	(1,396,285)		(1,396,285.00)		
TRANSFERS IN	3,539,633	120,850.00	3,660,483.00	2,528,602.71	
CASH FORWARD	18,563,707	226,817.00	18,790,524.00		
TOTAL REVENUES GENERATED	54,344,073	1,423,593.66	55,767,666.66	34,398,919.13	62%

TOTAL COUNTY EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	ORIGINAL	9/30/2011	9/30/2011	9/30/2011	% OF BUDGET
	BUDGET	AMENDMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET	YTD EXPENSES	EXPENSED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,834,902	182,364.00	6,017,266.00	5,394,299.72	90%
PUBLIC SAFETY	12,937,009	70,235.16	13,007,244.16	12,110,522.45	93%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	9,406,659	713,870.00	10,120,529.00	8,372,657.51	83%
TRANSPORTATION	9,107,412	154,075.00	9,261,487.00	4,467,883.03	48%
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	598,273	415,398.00	1,013,671.00	594,379.40	59%
HUMAN SERVICES	1,184,947	159,500.00	1,344,447.00	1,230,259.24	92%
CULTURE & RECREATION	1,332,535	43,915.00	1,376,450.00	1,278,469.46	93%
COURTS	1,283,135	9,584.50	1,292,719.50	576,813.68	45%
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,684,872	1,748,941.66	43,433,813.66	34,025,284.49	78%
TRANSFERS OUT	3,539,633	117,350.00	3,656,983.00	2,525,276.30	
CONTINGENCIES	1,865,738	(463,052.00)	1,402,686.00		
RESTRICTED RESERVES	2,711,249	20,354.00	2,731,603.00		
FUND BALANCE	4,542,581		4,542,581.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	54,344,073	1,423,593.66	55,767,666.66	36,550,560.79	66%



**REVENUES GENERATED IN
FISCAL YEAR 2010-11:
\$31,870,316**



**EXPENDITURES MADE IN
FISCAL YEAR 2010-11:
\$34,025,284**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Purchasing

Each year Hardee County spends millions of dollars on goods and services. **The Purchasing Department** handles the central procurement and contract administration and is charged with ensuring that our purchasing practices best support the long-term interest of the County and its residents. Purchasing is committed to an open, fair, and competitive purchasing process and they continually seek new tools and best practices to achieve the best value for the County.

The Purchasing staff manages the County processes for purchase orders, bids and request for proposals. Over the past year staff processed 2,500 requisitions and issued 2,200 purchase orders. This was an approximate increase of 20% from prior year. Staff also managed one

bid and four requests for proposals. Over the last year, Purchasing developed and implemented key enhancements as illustrated below:

- Improved the basic structure of the Request for Proposal process that allows a quicker and more accurate development.
- Implemented the use of on-line surplus auctions to open surplus items to a global market.
- Issued a Request for Proposal leading to a contract with a fleet leasing program to upgrade the County's small vehicle fleet, reducing the cost of maintaining the small vehicle fleet.
- Added 104 new vendors to the system in an ongoing effort to obtain maximum value of

goods and services. Added 6 new local vendors in accordance with our policy of promoting the use of local vendors whenever possible to improve Hardee County economic recovery.

- Complied with all rules and regulations of the Auditor General's office.
- Began the process of testing the use of biodiesel in attempt to reduce fuel and maintenance costs.

Hardee County's Purchasing Department strives to support the county operations with an uninterrupted flow of materials and services. "As stewards of the taxpayers' money, we want to ensure that every dollar is spent wisely and fairly."

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 activities and accomplishments of this department include:

- Advertised 22 job openings for employment.
- Received 494 applications for employment. Increased from 367 for 09/10 budget year.
- Conducted 81 interviews for employment.
- Successfully hired 19 new employees.

DID YOU KNOW?

The HR Department's office was built in 1958 and was previously the office for Road & Bridge.

- Prepared 26 payrolls for the Board of County Commissioners staff.
- Investigated and filed 21 worker's compensation claims.
- Investigated and filed 9 liability claims.
- Investigated and filed 4 auto accident claims.

- Investigated and filed 2 property claims
- Conducted Union negotiations
- 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 payment i.e.: Insurances pre-paid legal, deferred compensation savings plans etc.

nance of departmental budgets. There were 227 departmental transfers and 43 budget amendment processed throughout the year.

- Completed the Public Budget Document designed to educate the public on the budget process. This document is posted on the County web site: www.hardeecounty.net
- Continued first and second quarterly budget reports.
- Maintained the tax roll for Solid Waste and Fire Control special assessments and interim collections.
- Successfully managed the budget and meetings for the Independent Indigent Health Care Special District Board.
- Compiled and presented the 2009-10 Annual Report on behalf of the County Manager.
- Managed the County's debt schedule.
- Successfully complied with the Government Audit Standard Board's accounting policies to maintain and report all County fixed assets and infrastructure.

Office of Management & Budget

The Office of Management & Budget continues with the mission and goal of properly managing the County's budget in a manner that demonstrates high accountability, integrity and prudent spending of public funds. As part of General Services, this department acts as a support for all county departments to provide guidance and direction on proper budgeting.

This office reviews and prepares the annual budget. Forecasts expenditures and revenues, identifies new revenue sources and analyzes legislation, rates, fees and other financial matters.

This past year continued with a downward trend in property values. This trend has occurred every year since 2007 resulting in a collective

loss in property values of \$161 million. This alone has made budgeting quite a challenge. The County, however, has maintained the same millage rate of 8.5540 throughout this period.

A few of the major responsibilities and achievements of this department for the past fiscal year include:

- The successful completion of the 2011-12 budget process. The end result was the adoption of a balanced budget that was deemed compliant with the Truth in Millage process by the State of Florida. In addition, the format of the detailed budget was improved.
- Management & Budget continued to assist all County departments with the proper maintenance

DID YOU KNOW?

Ad valorem is Latin for "according to value" and refers to taxes based on the value of real estate or personal property.



Information, Geographic & Technology Services (ITS & GIS)

The **Information and Technology Services** is responsible for maintenance and upgrade of various county computers 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.

Geographic Services is more than identifying our roads and rivers. GIS is also used to track physical items such as fire hydrant locations, traffic signs, culverts, and utilities as well as census data, voting districts, zoning and land usage.

The accomplishments for this Department include:

Information Technology Services

- ITS upgraded the wireless connections on the EOC tower from a single, omni-directional radio to two, 180 degree radios. This increased the signal strength and the speed for the departments served.
- Installed a public access wireless access point at Pioneer Park.
- The county wireless access points have been upgraded and are now managed from a cen-

tral console.

- Recovered from severe lightning strikes that damaged several wireless links, switches and phones.
- Connected several new offices, including the courts and the regional counsel to the county IP phone system as a cost saving measure.
- ITS cabled the new utilities building for an approximate savings of \$40,000 over contractor installed network cabling.
- ITS Connected the Highway 62 and Vandolah Waste Water Treatment Plants to the county network for the new SCADA system.

Geographic Information Services

GIS developed and released several new department applications:

- Addressing Mapping website.
- Planning Mapping website.
- Transportation planning mapping website.
- Mining field data collection applications (mine inspection, dam inspection, pre-mining clearing surveys, post mining reclamation inspections, and water quality

data collection surveys.)

- The GIS department is currently developing a field data



collection application for code enforcement.

- GIS received and is processing the new SWFWMD LIDAR data and new flood information data for several watersheds in the county.
- GIS is in the process of redistricting of commission/school board districts, and voting precincts for the 2010 census.
- GIS completed the Census Boundary Annex Survey for 2011.
- GIS assisted the Hardee Correctional Institution in developing and mapping post locations for use during prison escapes.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average person makes about 1,140 telephone calls each year and the average person spends about 2 years on the phone in a lifetime!

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

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 this department include:

- Delivered 18 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
- Performed 12 Hazard Analysis Site visits at area facilities

- Developed a revised Continuity of Operations Plan
- Reviewed and approved 12 home-health and Assisted Living Facility (ALF) disaster plans
- Responded to 18 requests for assistance from other public safety agencies

Emergency Management also utilized over \$80,000 in state and federal grant funds to accomplish the following projects:

- Delivered over 120 hours of All-Hazards training to first responders in Hardee County
- Hosted region-wide rail car/hazardous materials course

- Delivered Sky Warn severe weather spotter training for local volunteers

Emergency Management Department Staff had several significant accomplishments during FY 10-11, including:

- EM Coordinator completed Special Needs awareness training
- EM Planner attended Current Issues seminar at the State EOC
- Director was a presenter at the Florida Association of Counties Commissioner Certification Course
- Director invited to speak at the Governor’s Hurricane Conference.

DID YOU KNOW?

The number of disasters has grown from fewer than 100 in 1975 to more than 400 in 2005!



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 accom-

plishments for this department include:

- Hardee County E911 received \$130,362.18 in revenue from the Emergency Communications Act, both non-wireless and wireless fees. This is the monthly E911 fee that all local exchange carriers and wireless carrier collect in Hardee

Enhanced 9-1-1 , Continued

County.

- Hardee County E-911 applied for and received \$178,302.30 in grant funds to accomplish the following: Maintenance for the 911 equipment to include the recording systems and Positron Viper 911 system at both the primary public safety answering point and the backup public safety answering point. Also included is lightening protection on the equipment at the primary public safety answering point. Equipment upgrades include a Netlock for synchronizing time on the equipment, and a Multi-node Solution to upgrade the 911 equipment to enhance services and to prepare Hardee County for next generation technology innovation and developments.
- Received 10,254 - 911 calls into our primary public safety answering point.
- Three 911 telecommunicators became certified under the new Florida Statutes, Chapter 64J-3 Florida Administrative codes, as 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators.
- 32 new addresses were issued
- Participated in public education at several community outreach programs throughout the county.
- Hardee County's 911 system

remains in Hardee County, as it never left. The Sheriff's Office is and has always been the Public Safety Answering Point for Hardee County.

- Provided assistance in the change of Hardee County Fire Rescue now being dispatched by Hardee County Sheriff's Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the US the first catalyst for a nationwide emergency telephone number (911) was in 1957 when the National Association of Fire Chiefs recommended the use of a single number for reporting fires.

Fire Rescue and 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 one fire station, seven firefighters per shift, a combat 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. Additionally, we have grown to three fire stations and a combat staff of 39, which equals 13 firefighters per shift.

Your fire rescue department is

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 prevention 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 2010 breaks down into the following:

Fire Calls	234
Rescue/EMS	2,807
Hazardous Condition	92
Service Call	83
Good Intent	661
False Alarm	145
<u>Special</u>	<u>10</u>
Grand Total	4,034 Calls

Other notables include:

- Our Fire Prevention Division has successfully facilitated all mandated fire prevention practices within all schools and day-cares located in Hardee County.
- Our Fire Inspector has also been able to visit several of the businesses located within Har-

dee County to ensure all patrons' life safety is being safeguarded. Participated in the Developmental Review Committee and reviewed all new construction plans and made on-site inspections to all new construction properties.

- There were no staffing level increases in 2010.
- We did have three long time career employees retire in 2010. Although we were sad to see them go, this enabled us to hire three new employees at a reduced cost to our personal services budget.
- We were able to purchase a new staff vehicle in 2010. This allowed an existing pick-up truck to be utilized to pull both of our response trailers.

cluded response, investigation and quarantine of the bite cases. There were also six animal on animal attacks processed.

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

For the fourth consecutive year Animal Control participated in Spay Day USA. A proclamation was approved and signed by the Chairman proclaiming February 22, 2011 as Spay Day USA.

- The Peace River Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting.



- Pet Adoptathon.
- Bi-Weekly Live Radio Spot on the Bull to promote adoptable shelter animals, May 19, 2010.
- Tractor Supply pet appreciation week.

Animal Control received a Canine Influenza Grant and participated in Iams Home 4 the Holidays Campaign.

Animal Control

During this fiscal year **Animal Control** provided countywide enforcement and assistance to citizens with animal related problems. Animal Control received nine hundred and thirteen complaints which resulted in fifty-four citations, eleven correction notices, and seventy-nine written warnings being issued. Ani-

mal Control impounded a total of eight hundred and six dogs and cats, of which, one hundred and sixty-four were owner surrenders. The chart below details their disposition.

Animal Control continues to work in collaboration with the Hardee County Health Department, at no charge, to provide services for thirty-three bite cases. Services in-



	Adoptions	Died in Kennel	Escaped	Euthanized	Redeemed	Transfers
Cats	3	4	20	243	5	35
<u>Dogs</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>45</u>
Totals	74	4	21	514	58	80

PUBLIC WORKS

Road & Bridge Maintenance

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-ways in the County's road system. Within the County, there are 309.41 miles of paved roads and 193.93 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 maintaining 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 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 2010/2011 include: Issued 45 utility permits and 26 culvert/driveway connection permits.

DID YOU KNOW?

Out of the 70 bridges in Hardee County, there are 30 timber bridges!

- Submitted 240 utility locate requests.
- Completed the widening, resurfacing and drainage improvements for Florida Avenue from Carlton Street to U.S. 17 through F . D . O . T . ' s S C R A P / S C O P funding.
- Received F.D.O.T. SCOP funding for the widening, resurfacing and bridge replacements on Sweetwater Road. Aim Engineering & Surveying, Inc. began the



surveying and design in July 2011.

- 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.
- The Hardee County Annex II parking lot drainage project construction was completed by Excavation Point, Inc.
- 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 166.40 tons of bulk waste throughout the County.
- Supervised weekly trash pickup by community service workers.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eisenhower Interstate System requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Fleet Maintenance

The Maintenance Shop is responsible for providing and maintaining safe and dependable equipment to all County departments. This department made several valuable purchases this year: a hydraulic hose machine and a trailer which will assist with equipment repair in the shop as well as out in the field

Activities and accomplishments of the Maintenance Shop for 2010/2011 include:

- 445 road calls.
- 4 overtime service calls.
- 2,055 work orders.

Center, Rest Haven, shop, Sheriff Department, Museum, Public Defender, Tri-County Building, and the Nickerson/Ulrich building.

- Repaired Flood Damage at Health Dept.
- Installed transfer switch at Fire Dept.
- Change HVAC Controller at Health Dept.
- Relocated 2 buildings for Animal Control
- Work on Baseball Fields and Concession Stand.
- Major & Minor Repairs at all building for the County.

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:

- Utilizing the Energy Efficiency Grant, the Facilities department changed old lighting systems to new efficient systems at the Civic



Utilities

The **Hardee County Utility Department (HCUD)** is responsible for all facets of management and operational safety of the County-owned water and wastewater service area treatment plants, their associated collection, distribution & transmission systems, and facility requirements planning, construction, customer service, billings, collections, operation and maintenance.



2010-11 Activities and Accomplishments

HCUD continued this past year to establish and improve procedures and protocols toward the goal of excellence in customer and environmental health, safety and welfare.

Some of the more significant HCUD events during the past year

include:

- Initiated and completed construction under budget of the Wauchula Hills Sub Division (WH S/D) Phase 2.5 utility collection & distribution system expansion using CDBG-DRI funding;
- Initiated WH S/D Ph 2.0 & 2.5 Service Connections to ultimately assist an estimated additional 130 WH S/D residences in connecting to the central potable water & sewer system and decommission failing septic tanks;
- Designed and applied for State

permits toward a proposed WH S/D Ph 2.75 expansion & connection effort using recently awarded CDBG-DREF \$239,277;

- Completed the State funded reimbursable grants for design & permitting of the proposed Vandolah Rural Center waste water expansion & reuse water facilities and the County regional system 20-year planning;
- To meet increasing regulatory mandates and to improve operating efficiencies toward public safety, three exceptional management

initiatives were begun, to include: Operation & Management database software for all utility facilities component tracking; automatic meter reading system designed & acquired with installation scheduled; and, Supervi-



sory Control & Automated Data Acquisition (SCADA) system acquired and installation scheduled;

- Obtained construction substantial completion of the Wauchula Hills Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Expansion and in September closed the water main interconnect with the City of Wauchula beginning production of water from our own source wells;
- Obtained construction substantial completion of the 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.

Solid Waste Landfill

Hardee County **Solid Waste Department** strives to provide a safe and sanitary way for the County to dispose of all types of waste generated from both the commercial and the residential sectors.

This facility operates a sophisticated Class I Sanitary Landfill, a Material Recovery Facility, a Household Hazardous Waste Facility and sites for processing scrap metal, waste tires, wood & yard trash, electronics and other recyclables.

Some accomplishments for this department include the fol-

lowing:

	Disposal in Tons
Trash	16,897
Wood & Yard Trash	821
Construction Debris	282
Waste Tires	160
Household Hazardous Waste	26
Electronics	115

Some of the activities conducted over the past fiscal year in this department include:

- Completion of construction of a partial closure

of the Class I Landfill. The Closure included 13.5 acres at a cost of \$2,493,609. Funding for the closure has been escrowed since the opening of the landfill in 1990.

- The truck scales were updated by Mettler Toledo. This included new load cell conversions, replacement of the scale indicators, sand blasting and painting at a total cost of \$32,307.
- Household hazardous waste was collected once each quarter resulting in the proper disposal of 26 tons of hazardous waste at a cost of \$13,307.
- Continued with the household sharps collection program

DID YOU KNOW?

No one produces more trash than the US... where 5% of the world’s people generate 40% of the world’s trash!!

which provides a safe method for residents to dispose of their used needles.

- Staff continued to successfully maintain various contractual service agreements to protect the surrounding environment. These services include the treatment of more than five million gallons of leachate (waste water from the landfill). They also tested and monitored groundwater and surface water and levels of methane gas that is naturally produced by the land-

fill.

- Staff successfully managed the unincorporated residential collection contract and effectively resolved complaint issues from residents receiving this service. In addition, staff produced and distributed private road identification cards to qualifying residents.
- This department is responsible for the collection of tipping fees, daily accounting of cash cus-

tomers, monthly invoicing of deposit account customers and collections. The total tipping fees collected for the fiscal year were \$537,671.



Solid Waste Recycling

The Solid Waste Staff is responsible for finding markets for recyclables. 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 \$24,363.78 was received in recycling revenues.

Because markets demand quantity for economical collections, the County continued to partner with Desoto County by accepting their

recyclables and combining it with ours for larger quantities.

This department also managed several service contacts including the processing of wood and yard waste with Consolidated Resource Recovery who processed more than 1,289 tons of waste that was sent to South Bay Power and used as fuel. Hardee Correctional Institute has a services contract that provides an officer and 8 inmates that provide labor for daily operations of the recycling and landfill maintenance. There are also service contacts for processing and recycling of electronics, and the processing and recycling of waste tires.

Recycling Activity for FY10-11

Scrap Metal	61.44 Tons
Lead Acid Batteries	.06 Tons
Cardboard	62.77 Tons
New Print	30.43 Tons
Electronics	115.17 Tons



GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Planning and Zoning

For the fiscal year 2010-2011, the **Planning and Zoning Department** conducted both short-term development review activities and Long-Term Planning oriented tasks. The department held conferences with developers and property owners, met with numerous agencies, prepared studies and reports and conducted numerous public hearings.

Zoning and ULDC Activities

- Ordinance No. 2012-01 was approved to amend the County's Unified Land Development Code to establish Recreational Resort in A-1-zoning/ Agriculture Future Land Use.
- Ordinance No. 2012-02 was approved to amend the County's Unified Land Development Code to establish Sales/ Repair of Heavy Equipment in A-1-zoning/Agriculture FLU with Mining Overlay.
- Ordinance No. 2011-03 was approved to amend Table 2.29.02(C) of the County's Unified Land Development Code providing for the increase of maximum lot coverage from 50% to 80%.
- A SDP/SCP was approved for Alpha-Omega Freedom Ministries to build a 17-apartment complex to be known as **Hannah House** on South Florida Avenue.

- Site Development Plans were approved for used automotive sales on Highway 17 North, and for a project in the County's Commerce Park.
- A Rezoning from Agriculture to Farm-Residential was approved for a parcel on Edison St., South of Monroe St.
- Clean Energy/CF Industries requested an extension of an approved MSE/Variance, and F.L. Revell/Sunshine Towers requested an extension of a SE for a communication tower.
- 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 accurately answers specific questions and cites regula-

tions from the Unified Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan to help inquirers with development plans. The 'ZI' Sheets also provide information about flood-plain areas, and identified wetlands areas provided to the County from the National Inventory of Wetlands.

Long-Range Planning

- The Sustainable Hardee project was initiated during FY 10-11. Staff conducted 36 public hearings including a kickoff meeting held at the Agriculture Center.
- Staff started an end to end review of the Unified Land Development Code, focusing on inconsistencies, errors, outdated materials and a goal to simplify language where possible.
- Coordinated with FDOT on a Long-Range Transportation Plan

Summary of Zoning and ULDC Activities

Ext. of SE/MSE/Variance	002	Exceptions to Policy	
Special Exceptions	000	L115 of Comp Plan	004
Alcohol Beverages Licenses Review	002	Rezoning(s)	001
Variances	000	Modification to approved SDP	000
Renew Temporary Special Use		FLUMA	000
Permits	005	Amendments to Comp Plan	000
Site Development Plans	003	Amendments to ULDC	003
Zoning/Land Use Info Sheets	308	DRI	000
Minor Subdivisions	005		

Building Inspections & Code Enforcement

The **Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Department** ensures that all structures within the County are constructed according to the adopted codes and ordinances that are designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of all County citizens.

The main accomplishment of this department included vigorous train-

ing resulting in a fully certified staff. The Permit Technician has received training and certification from the International Code Council. The Code Enforcement Officer has received a level II certification from the state of Florida and the Building Inspector is now currently certified and licensed at a level of Building Official.

The past year activities for this department include the following:

- 772 permits issued.
- 1840 people signed in the log.
- 435 permits closed out.
- 15 single family residence permits issued.
- 3,862 inspections completed.

Mining

DID YOU KNOW?

Phosphate is added to many products you use daily including soft drinks, toothpaste, gum, bone china, film, light bulbs, vitamins, flame-resistant fabrics, optical glass, shaving cream and detergents.

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 an Application for Development Approval for a 7,513 acre phosphate mine from CF Industries, Inc.
- Staff has conducted monthly water quality sampling at each des-

ignated 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 monitoring 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 26th 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 in 2010. 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 SERVICES

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 SWFWMD Community Education Grant regarding water conservation and the importance thereof..
- Enhanced a public-private part-

CDBG-Disaster Recovery grant to expand water and sewer infrastructure in Phase 2.5 of the Wauchula Hills Subdivision.

- Community Development continues to write and administer all Sheriff's Office grants where the BoCC is the named recipient.
- Successfully received a Hardee County IDA Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to provide RV campsites at Hardee Lakes Park.

Mitigation Program (RCMP) grant in the amount of \$150,000, which will aid homeowner's in reducing their homeowner insurance premiums.

- Successfully received a CDBG-



Housing grant in the amount of \$750,000 to provide renovations to homes or replacement homes to low income clients.

- Successfully received a mosquito control program in the amount of \$18,396 that will be administered in partnership with the Health Department.
- Successfully received the Energy Efficiency grant in the amount of \$250,000 to upgrade lighting and air conditioning thermostats in county owned facilities to make it more energy efficient.
- Provided Mortgage assistance through Florida's Hardest Hit Help Fund Program (HHF), generating \$15,150 in fees for services provided.
- Successfully received the Residential Construction

- Successfully received the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) award for 2011-12 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$350,000.
- Expended \$60,000 assisting local families in fulfilling the American dream of becoming first-time homeowners.
- Generated \$2,000 income through the development and instruction of Homebuyer Education Workshops to educate 53 participants about the steps involved in purchasing a

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 85% of all housing grant funds spent contribute to the construction industry and over 60% of all funding assists families who earn less than 80% of the area median income.

nership with the Hardee County Alliance for Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Prevention (ASAPP) in conjunction with an award of a five-year Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant in the amount of \$125,000 per year. The primary goal is to reduce substance abuse among youth and over time among adults.

- Administering a \$633,220



house and possibly fulfilling the American Dream of becoming homeowners.

- Collected reimbursements for most of the expended \$41,300 Florida Home Opportunity Program which was provided as a cash advance against the First-Time Homebuyer Credit allowing clients to use the credit as part of their down payment. These reimbursements will provide Purchase Assistance in the form of down payment / closing cost assistance for other income-eligible families.
- Expended approximately \$200,000 for repair and altera-

tions 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.

- Successfully administered Legislative Appropriation grants for improvements to the Courthouse as well as infrastructure expansion in the Wauchula Hills area..
- Continued collection on defaulted liens to ensure continuity of the housing assistance programs, collecting over \$47,000 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, through partnership with Manatee Community Action Agency, free counseling services for 63 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 the 2010-11 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 Hardee County Alliance for Substance Abuse & Pregnancy Prevention (ASAPP) Coalition educational

meetings and events in an effort to reduce risky behaviors in Hardee County's youth in the areas of teen pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse.

DID YOU KNOW?

4-H is the largest out of school youth program in the U.S., with over 7 million members and 500K teen and adult volunteers!

- Six 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.
- 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 Educa-

tional 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 \$42,289 for FY10-11.

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 935 children participated in some type of programming during the summer of 2011!

DID YOU KNOW?
The Library has 64,775 items in its collection!

room renovation and electrical upgrades and added camping sites.

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 experience about native Florida Wildlife like no other. Presentations and accomplishments for this department include the following:

- 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



Parks and Recreation

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

Pioneer Park

This is a County owned and operated historical park with loads to offer residents and visitors. Nestled

along the banks of the Peace River this Park offers a boat ramp, camping, picnic and event rentals, the Cracker Trail Museum, the Heart Cabin and Blacksmith's Shop, hiking trails, playgrounds and much more.

There were a couple of improvements to this park including a bath-

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 Walmart 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.



DID YOU KNOW?
It is common for a bobcat to walk 4 miles in a day!

the 43rd event and claimed the following accomplishments:

- Total revenues for admission sales were \$35,639.46
 - Total revenues for camping fees collected were \$17,395.27.
 - Total revenues collected for flea market/concessions and special children events were \$35,441.26.
 - Mosaic sponsored the entertainment during the week of the show.
 - Florida Frontiersmen demonstrated frontier and pioneer living which each day drew a large crowd. Some demonstrators camped in teepees while attending the show.
 - A Civil war reenactment was conducted this year.
 - The museum was surrounded with vendors conducting County craft demonstration.
 - A new children's area was initiated with pony rides, Sancho the longhorn steer and bungee jumping. More events to be added at the 2012 show.

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



Hardee Lakes Park

This is the largest park Hardee County has to offer and it encompasses 1,200 acres including 4 fishing lakes, fishing docks, horseback riding trails, hiking trails, handicap accessible hiking trails, bike trails, picnic areas, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, boardwalks, and camping.

Carlton Complex

This is a sports recreational complex that includes an Olympic size swimming pool, softball and base-



ball fields and racquetball courts. Most of the facility is shared with the School and used for physical education programs. The School also helps to coordinate and manage league programs for softball and Pop Warner baseball.

This past year the County completed a new baseball complex and soccer field.

This facility also includes the County's Civic Center. This facility is available for rent and is widely utilized by the public and many organizations for both private and County wide events. The facility includes a kitchen and stage and will accommodate between 350 and 1,000 people depending on the set up.

practices on existing contracts in 2011 for a total of 8,618 acres in Hardee County.

Hardee SWCD assisted with applications in 2011 for the (WRP) Wetland Reserve Program, (GRP) Grazing Land Program. We also have (CSP) Conservation Stewardship Program for intensive prescribed grazing, and (WHIP) Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program for longleaf pine planting.

The Field Office provided support to the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) in 2011, 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) South West Florida Water Management District permits.

Soil & Water Conservation District

In 2011 the Hardee SWCD assisted in the processing of 47 EQIP applications of which 10 were obligated and became contracts. The breakdown is 5 grazing land contracts, 3 specialty crop contracts , 1 nursery

contract, and 1 forestry contract for a total of \$567,367.00 on approximately 2,207.5 acres.

The Hardee SWCD also assisted with certification of conservation

DID YOU KNOW?

Topsoil is alive with roots, tiny micro-materials like bacteria and fungi, and all kinds of bugs.

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 Veter-



ans and/or their families with Service Connected Compensations, Non-Service Connected Compensations, Health Care, Education, Home Loan Guarantees, Burial Benefits, Dependent/Survivor Benefits, Lost Military Records, and Property Ex-

emptions.

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

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

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 provide many needed elderly services as well as promoting the economic strength and community environment that is necessary for a healthy community.



The following organizations received funding from the County:

- Hardee County Health Department
- Peace River Center

- Hope of Hardee
- Rest Haven Assisted Living Facility
- Hardee Association for Retarded Citizens
- Tri-County Addictions
- ATC Intelitran—Transportation Services.

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

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.

- 286 New probation cases were taken in, including, 32 community service only cases.
- 71 warrants were issued on non-compliers for failure to cooperate and abide by in-

DID YOU KNOW?
The Probation Department has been in existence since August of 1977!

structions.

- 57 warrant cases were apprehended and probation status revoked. Offenders were usually given appropriate jail sentences.
- 3,051 hours of community service were accomplished by probationers at the Hardee County Road Department and Pioneer Park.
- \$22,169.32 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.

- \$75,154.67 in probation fees were collected during this time.
- \$90,106.51 is the amount that we helped collect for the Clerk's Office in court ordered obligations, mostly fines.
- \$5,391.44 is the amount that we collected and forwarded to victims of crimes for restitution.
- \$187,430.49 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

Transportation Element

Moffitt Road – This project was not advanced during FY10-11 and was rescheduled for fiscal year 2011-12.

Florida Avenue – L. Cobb Construction, Inc., completed resurfacing work for this project that included adding two northbound turn lanes into the North Wauchula Elementary School, replacing all of the existing curbing, and replacing additional drainage structures. Total project cost was \$1,710,578.90

Steve Roberts Special – Most of this project was completed during FY09-10. Punch list items and demobilization were completed in October. Final payment was made in November and the last reimbursement was received in Decem-



ber. Final project cost was \$1,313,333.73.

Sweetwater Road – This project was not advanced during FY10-11 and was rescheduled for fiscal year 2011-12. As previously reported, 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. The scope of work will include widening the road to 20 feet, replacing storm drainage structures, and replacing two single-lane timber bridges with concrete structures.

Walker Avenue Extension – This project was not advanced during FY10-11 and was rescheduled for fiscal year 2011-12. The project involves the design, permitting and construction of approximately 400 feet of roadway to extend Walker Avenue to Murphy Road in Limestone. This project will provide a second entrance to the community that is away from the train tracks that potentially could block access for the residents and emergency services.

Parks & Recreation Element



CAPITAL PROJECTS

At the beginning of the fiscal year the Board had given direction to County staff to make the completion of the four ball fields and concession stand/restrooms a priority project at the Mildred & Doyle Carlton Complex. The staff was able to complete this goal by the end of the fiscal year.

Other capital projects for outdoor spaces included the completion of installing 20 new fifty-amp camping sites and 20 upgrades, from thirty-amp to fifty-amp, to existing camping sites in Pioneer Park. There were also three restroom renovations and upgrades within Pioneer Park.

With funding from the Energy Efficiency Grant, county staff was able to upgrade the lighting in the Nickerson/ Ulrich building and in the Museum. This will be a cost savings on energy well into the future.



Utilities Element

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 & interconnecting of waste water collection & transmission systems, and a possible reuse water system future creation. Modification of the award scope was shortly thereafter approved 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. Scope of work for this State Legislature appropriated reimbursable grant project was successfully completed by September 2011.

Wauchula Hills Sub-division Water & Sewer Phase 2+ expansion & improvements – Continuing past years highly successful infrastructure installation within the high nitrate contaminated subdivision using combinations of State Legislature appropriated reimbursable grant funds, CDBG-DRI awarded funds and State shared revenue for Fiscally

Constrained (FISCON) counties work continued in providing safe potable water and sewer services to the residents. The backbone Right of Way work through Phase 2.5 was completed by mid-February 2011 under budget. Service connection and septic decommissioning for all WH S/D phases (all parcels along & north of Rainey Blvd east of Stansfield, as well as those parcels south of Rainey along Stansfield or Rigdon) began by July with work expected to continue through January 2012. Additional CDBG enhancement funds were applied for and awarded to add a phase 2.75 (Cactus Rd) project expansion of infrastructure and



CAPITAL PROJECTS

service connection. Engineering design for the proposed phase 2.75 was completed and application for permits submitted to the State.

Wauchula Hills Water Treatment Plant (WTP) & 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 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) con-

sumptive use and well construction permits were completed; County Road & Bridge resources con-



structed 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

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 substantial completion of the planned million gallon per day capacity WTP achieved by end FY2011, although significant testing and modification to plant controls continued for confirmation of system reliability; the interconnection with City

of Wauchula water main was closed by mid-September as the County’s new plant began production of water from its own sources; and, additional engineering work effort mandated by FDEP and SWFWMD included within the construction bid encompassed modification to the site storm water system & Environmental Resource Permit. Fund sources for the WTP expansion

were primarily through a Hardee County Economic Development Authority awarded reimbursable infrastructure grant and from previously received IMC trust restricted cash funds while the ERP permit mod and related construction was reimbursed under State Legislature appropriated grant.

DID YOU KNOW?

97% of the world’s water is salty or otherwise undrinkable, 2% is stored in glaciers and the ice caps, the remaining 1% is left for humanity’s needs.

source for the two potable wells construction was through a Hardee County Economic Development Authority awarded reimbursable infrastructure grant.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Parallel architect, engineer and planner efforts in development of the 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 notice to proceed was 01Oct10, substantial completion determined by staff and Certificate of Completion issued by the Building Department in June with some component changes with continued punch list efforts by the contractor continuing through end of FY.

Fund sources for the project were primarily through a Hardee County Economic Development Authority awarded reimbursable infrastructure grant and from remaining budgeted local Dependent District Board grant and IMC trust restricted funds

Three capital project management initiatives of great significance were initiated during the FY each of which not only address increasing regulatory mandates of State and

Federal agencies but also improve



operating efficiencies toward public safety within the limited manned Utility Department: first, completed within the FY was acquisition and initial populating of a software database which tracks utility facility components for operation & maintenance required activities;

second, an automatic meter reading system which not only tracks usage but also alarms for such events as leak detection, was acquired for installation in conjunction with

water connection activities during the WH S/D phase 2+ project, as well as during upcoming required meter change outs for the previous phase 1 construction; and third, a SCADA system with telemetry was acquired and is currently under

installation for monitoring Vandolah and Wauchula Hills treatment plants, as well as off-site County lift stations for historical and operator alarm and automatic notifying activities.

Miscellaneous Capital Projects – Necessary efforts budgeted, but without required precursor progress during 2011 include:

Force main over-sizing cost-share contribution for extension from US17 west along Bostick Road to tie in the Torrey Oaks RV & Golf Resort facilities. This line extension project is budgeted into next year during planned County improvements to Bostick Road, however, pending developer actions including service conveyance agreement, and limited HCUD funding, and contingent on potential easement or right of way availability the project may be further delayed.

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 subdivision (North) development. This infrastructure extension project is pending developer actions, including service conveyance agreement.



DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated 25% or more of bottled water is really just tap water in a bottle!

2010-11 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-01

NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02

ESTABLISHING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR HARDEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 11-03

AMENDING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF CASEN DRIVE TO LITTLE CASEN COURT AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ROAD MAP TO BE AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04

CF INDUSTRIES APPLIED FOR APPROVAL OF RECLAMATION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3.14.02.06.C.17 OF THE HCULDC IN AREAS OF CFI-SP-BC-1, CFI-SP-ST-1, CFM-HCI-R8, CFM-HCI-R10 AND CFM-HCI-R12

RESOLUTION NO. 11-05

TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION NO. 11-06

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-07

APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2009 AND 2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORTS FOR MOSAIC FERTILIZER, LLC, FORT GREEN SOUTH-

ERN RESERVES, FORT GREEN/PAYNE CREEK EXTENSION, SOUTH ROCKLAND AND NORTH PASUTURE MINES

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-08

APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2009 AND 2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORTS FOR MOSAIC FERTILIZER, LLC., SOUTH FORT MEADE MINE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-09

RELATES TO THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE PACKET IDENTIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10

2009/2010 SEMI-ANNUAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11

APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION REPLAT ENTITLED WAUCHULA SQUARE SUBDIVISION REPLAT

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12

AMENDING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF WILLIAMS ROAD TO HEARTLAND WAY AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAP TO BE AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MARSHA F. RAU FOR THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HARDEE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-14

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO CRE-

ATE A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IN THE HEARTLAND OF FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-15

EXPRESSING SUPPORT THAT THE DESIGNATION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL AREA OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN CONTINUE TO APPLY TO DESOTO, HIGHLANDS, GLADES, OKEECHOBEE, HENDRY, AND HARDEE COUNTIES, AND THE CITIES OF BELLE GLADE, PAHOKEE, SOUTH BAY AND THE COMMUNITY OF IMMOKALEE, AND THAT ALL ENTERPRISE ZONES IN THESE COUNTIES CONTINUE TO EXIST AND THE CONTINUATION OF ALL STAFF GRANT FUNDING FOR FLORIDA'S HEARTLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (REDI), INC., THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-16

APPROVING THE 2010-2011 ANNUAL UNIT REVIEW FOR CF INDUSTRIES, INC., HARDEE PHOSPHATE COMPLEX MINE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17

MOSAIC FERTILIZER, LLC., APPLIED FOR APPROVAL OF RECLAMATION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3.14.02.06.C.17 OF THE HCULDC IN AREAS FM-LP5, FM-LP6, FM-LP8, FM-LP9, FM-PC1 AND FM-PC2

RESOLUTION NO. 11-18

AMENDING PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED REDUCED CAPACITY FEE RATES FOR POTABLE WATER AND WASTEWATER FA-

2010-11 RESOLUTIONS

CILITIES AS RELATE TO PLANNED UTILITIES SERVICE EXPANSION POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING QUALIFICATION SPECIFICITY AS RELATES TO "CAPACITY FEE GRACE PERIOD" AND REPLACEMENT OF EXHIBIT "G" TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-19

TO CLOSE AND ABANDON BRYANT ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 11-20

NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21

2010/2011 SEMI-ANNUAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-22

TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF FUSSELL ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 11-23

AMENDING THE INITIAL UNIT PLAN TO PROVIDE (1) REVISION OF PIPELINE CROSSING POINTS TO INCLUDE DRAGLINE CROSSINGS (2) MODIFICATION OF THE INITIAL MINING UNIT BOUNDARY AND SEQUENCING (3) APPROVAL OF NOISE AND RIGHT OF WAY SETBACK WAIVERS; AND (4) MODIFICATION OF THE 60 DAY CONSTRUCTION PLAN SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE SOUTH FORT MEADE MINE – HARDEE COUNTY MINE AS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 08-19.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-24

NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT OF FLORIDA GROUP HEALTH TRUST INSURANCE POOL

RESOLUTION NO. 11-25

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE HEARTLAND RURAL HOME CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN DESOTO, GLADES, HARDEE, HENDRY, HIGHLANDS AND OKEECHOBEE COUNTIES, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, CONCERNING THE HUD HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME)

RESOLUTION NO. 11-26

RELATING TO 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 2011-2012; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

RESOLUTION NO. 11-27

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 2011-2012; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO UPDATE THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

RESOLUTION NO. 11-28

RELATING TO THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE A LEGISLATIVE PACKET; IDENTIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

RESOLUTION NO. 11-29

ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR HARDEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 11-30

ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 11-31

ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR HARDEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 11-32

ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

2010-11 ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01

AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1990-01 CREATING THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY MANAGER, AMENDING SECTION 6, COUNTY MANAGER POWERS AND DUTIES

MENT DIRECTOR FROM THE HIRING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY MANAGER AND BY DELETING ALL REFERENCES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR THEREIN

AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.29.00 SPECIFICALLY TABLE 2.29.02©, ULDC TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE PERCENTAGE FROM 50% TO 75% IN C/IBC (COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS CENTER)-REZONED DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02

AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2001-05 BY DELETING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOP-

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03

AMENDING THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11), AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR

2012 BOCC MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 COMMISSION MEETINGS

First Quarter

January 05th and 19th
February 02rd and 16th
March 01st and 15th

Second Quarter

April 05th and 19th
May 03rd and 17th
June 07th and 21st

Third Quarter

July 05th & 19th
August 02nd and 16th
September 06th and 20th

Fourth Quarter

October 04th and 18th
November 01st and 15th
December 06th and 20th

2012 PLANNING SESSIONS

January 13th
February 10th
March 09th
April – 13th
May 11th
June – 15th

July 13th
August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
November – 09th
December – 14th

PLEASE NOTE THESE MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE; HOWEVER, ANY CHANGES WILL BE ADVERTISED.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE VISIONING PROCESS FOR HARDEE COUNTY!

Sustainable Hardee Visioning for the Future



10/29/2010



Hardee County has embarked on a community-wide visioning effort to help develop a framework for balanced future growth and development while retaining the County's quality of life assets. The visioning is also aimed at identifying community goals and a means to achieve those goals, both short and long-term.

The Visioning process is intended to utilize a broad range of community comments, issues and opportunities, and develop a framework within which to proactively plan, develop milestones and identify potential community champions for the recommendations. With each successive meeting, the community has refined the broader comments into more focused, action oriented recommendations that will be used to develop the overall final vision.

The County and its consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, have prepared a series of summary reports and updates for the community's targeted focus groups consisting of:

- Economic Development
- Land Use/ Recreation/ Open Space/ Environment
- Quality of Life
- Education/ Workforce
- Infrastructure

Since the community-wide kick-off meeting in January, County staff and the consulting team have met with residents, business and community leaders through the focus groups and the appointed Steering Committee. The results of each community meeting have been summarized and can be found on the County's Visioning website.

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