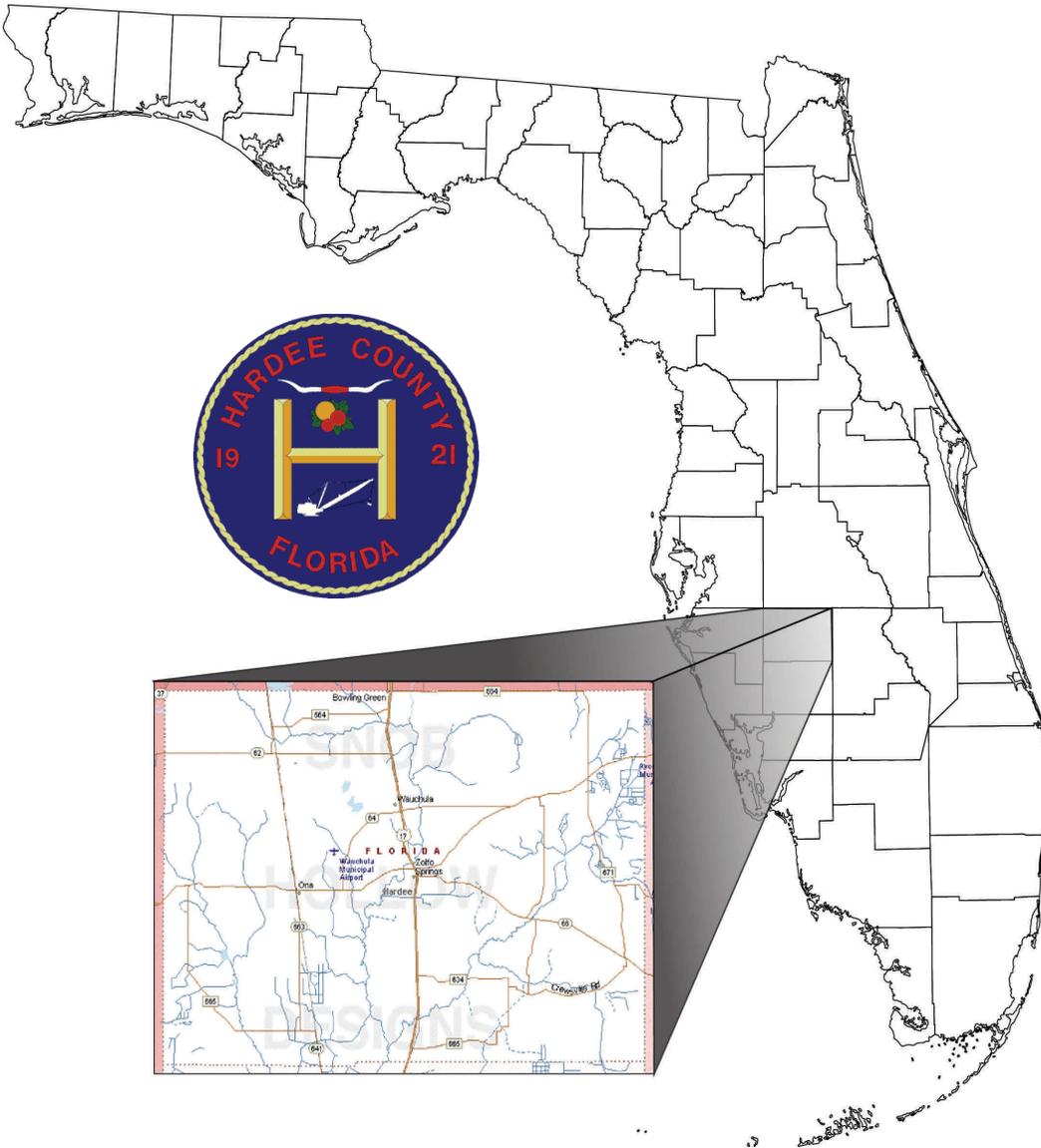


# Hardee County

## 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT



### BOARD MEMBERS:

**Minor Bryant**  
District I

**Sue Birge**  
District II

**Rick Knight**  
District III

**Grady Johnson**  
District IV

**Dale Johnson**  
District V

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CIVIC CENTER 773-6698	HEALTH DEPARTMENT 773-4161	TRANSPORTATION 773-3272
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COUNTY ATTORNEY 773-5600	LANDFILL 773-5089	STATE ATTORNEY 773-6613
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## Minor L. Bryant, District I



**Sue Birge,  
District II**

Fortunately we have resources available to us for economic development that other counties do not have and the opportunities for positive growth continues to surface. We have great teams and leaders that are passionate and committed, continually researching and expanding on those opportunities. It takes this type of positive leadership to continue moving us forward. I will continue to listen to your concerns and support positive leadership within our community.

It is an honor to serve you, the citizens of a community where I have lived my entire life, the community where I have raised my children the community I love, support and defend. Thank you for the opportunity you have extended me to try and make a difference in our County.”

Sue Birge  
County Commissioner  
District 2

“Thank you, to the citizens of this great county that continue to think positive about Hardee County. In the past year elected officials as well as volunteer public servants, have been attacked as we continue to search for smart growth and employment opportunities for this county. When I took office, JOBS were one of my top priorities. It still remains so today. We as leaders must continue to diligently search for opportunities not only to promote smart growth but also provide jobs and equality of life. The citizens of this county deserve to live and raise their families in a rural environment that is safe as well as a county that continues to provide a positive future for their children.

With an ever declining economy the challenges and responsibilities are great but I believe we continue to move in the right direction one step at a time as we look for improvements and new developments for our county.

**Here is how to  
contact a  
commissioner:**

Visit the County’s web site  
at

[www.hardecountry.net](http://www.hardecountry.net)

Call their office at

863-773-9430

Attend a BOCC meeting

The schedule is listed on  
page 38

### DID YOU KNOW?

Florida means “Feast of  
Flowers” in Spanish!!

## Rick Knight, District III



### DID YOU KNOW?

**Peace River is 106 miles long!!**

**Beginning in Bartow and flowing through Polk, Hardee, DeSoto and Charlotte Counties before depositing into the Gulf of Mexico.**



## Grady Johnson, District IV



## Dale Johnson, District V

Dear Citizens:

Hardee county has always been a great place to live. The last eight years for me have been fun, as well as a challenge. I leave the commissioner job with a sense of satisfaction that I have made Hardee County an even better place to live.

Thanks to the staff who have really helped me do my job. As I have gotten to know some of you personally I have really learned to appreciate the job you do. I plan to be here in Hardee county for the rest of my life, doing what I can to improve Hardee County. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Sincerely,

Dale Johnson



## Ken Evers, PA, County Attorney

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# County Manager's Message

Dear Fellow Citizens:

We are pleased to present the 2012 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.

Even though there are some signs of improvement in the economic conditions in Florida and the nation there has been little improvement in our local economy. Florida's chief economist Amy Baker said it won't be until at least 2017 that the hang-over from the foreclosure crisis should wear off. That means flat to steady growth in collections of property taxes in Florida's 67 counties. As evidenced by the proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot in the most recent election, the state will continue to pursue reductions in property tax at the local level to spur economic development. Under the current administration I do not see this changing. This is not necessarily a bad thing as a policy but due to over fifty percent of Hardee County's tax base being comprised of tangible assets the "one size fits all" concept can be disastrous for us. To protect our revenues, our Commissioners will remain vigilant in working with our local legislative delegation to offset future losses with other "hold harmless" revenues. Through such efforts I am confident that we can maintain acceptable levels of ser-



**Lex Albritton**

vice to our residents.

Throughout the departmental pages of this report you will find descriptions of the many tasks the staff performed diligently day in day out. Please, however, review pages thirty two through thirty five to see the many capital projects that were also accomplished during this reporting period. You will note in these projects significant work on road improvements and several more miles are also scheduled to be resurfaced in the coming reporting period. Also Facilities was able to make substantial improvements to the Rest Haven facility. In Utilities, the department was able to complete most of the scheduled improvements in the Wauchula Hills subdivision that funding had been granted to complete. Unfortunately we have many more homes that need to be connected to public utilities but at this time we have no more grant funds to continue the

conversions. Hopefully as the state economy improves we will be able to access additional funds through state appropriated funds.

In addition to reading this Annual Report I encourage you to visit the Hardee County web site: [www.hardeecounty.net](http://www.hardeecounty.net) where you can find additional information on the county. For financial information, please review the Financial Report on pages ten and eleven. You will note that we dipped into our reserves approximately 1.8 million yet we still remain healthy financially. Exact information can not be determined until the completion of our financial audit which will be finalized around February 2013. Over the years your commissioners have strived to maintain a conservative position when adopting the annual budgets. I encourage you to take the time to review the Budget Document which can be found under the Events/Info section of the Home Page.

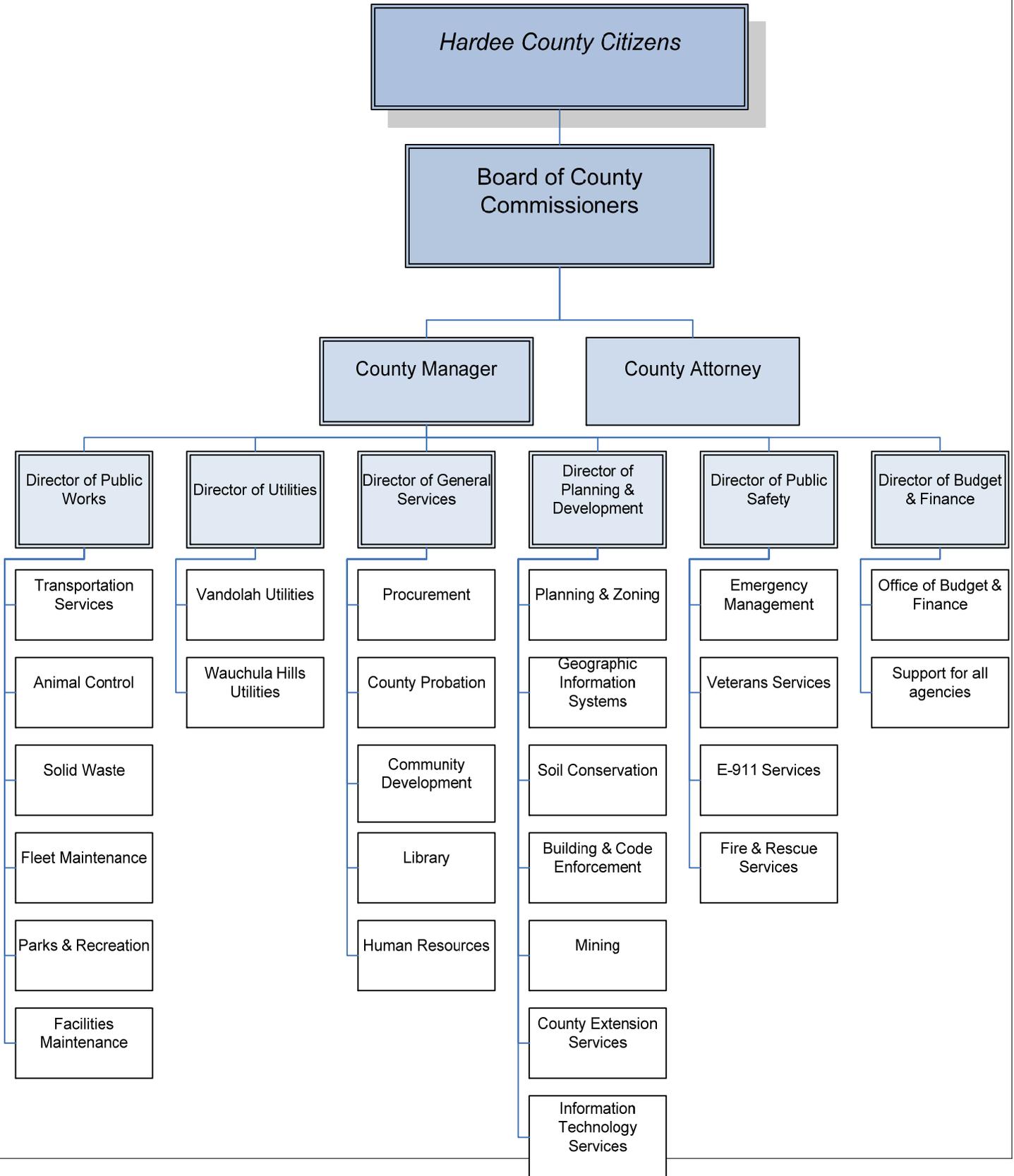
As you read this report, I hope you will be pleased by all your county staff has accomplished over the past year. By working together and staying focused, we will continue to ensure that that the needs of the community are being met while maintaining the values that make Hardee County a great place to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

Sincerely,

Lex 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

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

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 payment 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 Management & Budget**

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

**Inteltran**

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

**ASAPP—Alliance for Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Prevention**

**CULTURE & RECREATIONAL**

**Library**

Circulation Services, Citizen Action Center

Information & Reference Services

**Parks & Recreation**

County Park Maintenance & Grounds Keeping

Operate & Maintain the Wildlife Refuge

# 2011-12 End of Year Financial Report

By the end of fiscal year 2011-12, the County's budget had been increased \$5.4 million most of which was due to a \$3.8 million dollar loan for solid waste expansion and \$2.5



million for a new transportation grant. The County's final budget was expected to generate \$32.9 million in revenues. Actual revenues received at the end of the year was \$29.6 million which was approximately 90%.

**Revenues** not received are contributed to grants and those revenues will be budgeted forward to continue the projects in fiscal year 2012-13.

Ad Valorem collections were at 97% which is approximately \$368 thousand lower than budgeted. However, the average rate of collection is 95% so the Budget Office views this as an unexpected achievement.

Federal, State and Local Grants were all lower than budgeted by \$4.2 million, but will balance out upon completion of each grant project. Those balances are budgeted forward each year for continuation of the projects.

Fines and Forfeiture revenues are just slightly below budget with a 96% collection rate. The \$11 thousand short fall is due to lower collections in the traffic surcharge and county probation fees.

Rounding out the overall revenue shortfalls were the increases in General Government Taxes, State Shared

Revenues, Special Assessments and Miscellaneous. These revenue sources combined took in \$1.2 million more than expected. The increase in the

taxes and shared revenues are a good indication of an improving economy. Special Assessments yielded an unexpected increase and OMB has evaluated the method used to project or budget for this revenue and found it to be unreliable. A more reliable method has been put in place. Miscellaneous revenues collected more than budgeted in several areas but the most contributing factors were DPL paybacks in grants, EDA reimbursements in general fund and sheriff's collections.

**Expenditures** for the County were 72% of what was budgeted to be spent. This was approximately \$12 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 52% expensed due to \$4.3 million in capital projects going forward. There was also a significant amount in operating of around \$517 thousand that was unspent. These are all restricted dollars and will be budgeted forward for future transportation

needs.

Equally contributing to the expenditures are the Enterprise Funds listed under the Physical Environment category. Combined these funds expensed only 46% of their budgets. Most of that is due to the Solid Waste Expansion project which carried forward more than \$3.3 million and Utilities Expansion projects that carried forward more than \$497 thousand.

Other factors contributing to lower expenses were the carry forward of the Courthouse storage facility in the Courts category. In the General Government category the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector requested less than the budgeted amounts by approximately \$204 thousand and

ITS, Miscellaneous and Facilities all spent less than budgeted by \$191 thousand.

Most of the expenses unspent under the Public Safety category are from the Fire and EMS budgets. Although this report does not reflect those unspent monies from the Sheriff that must be returned in FY 2012-13.

Unspent budgets under Economic Environment and Culture and Recreation are all due to carry forward of grant projects.

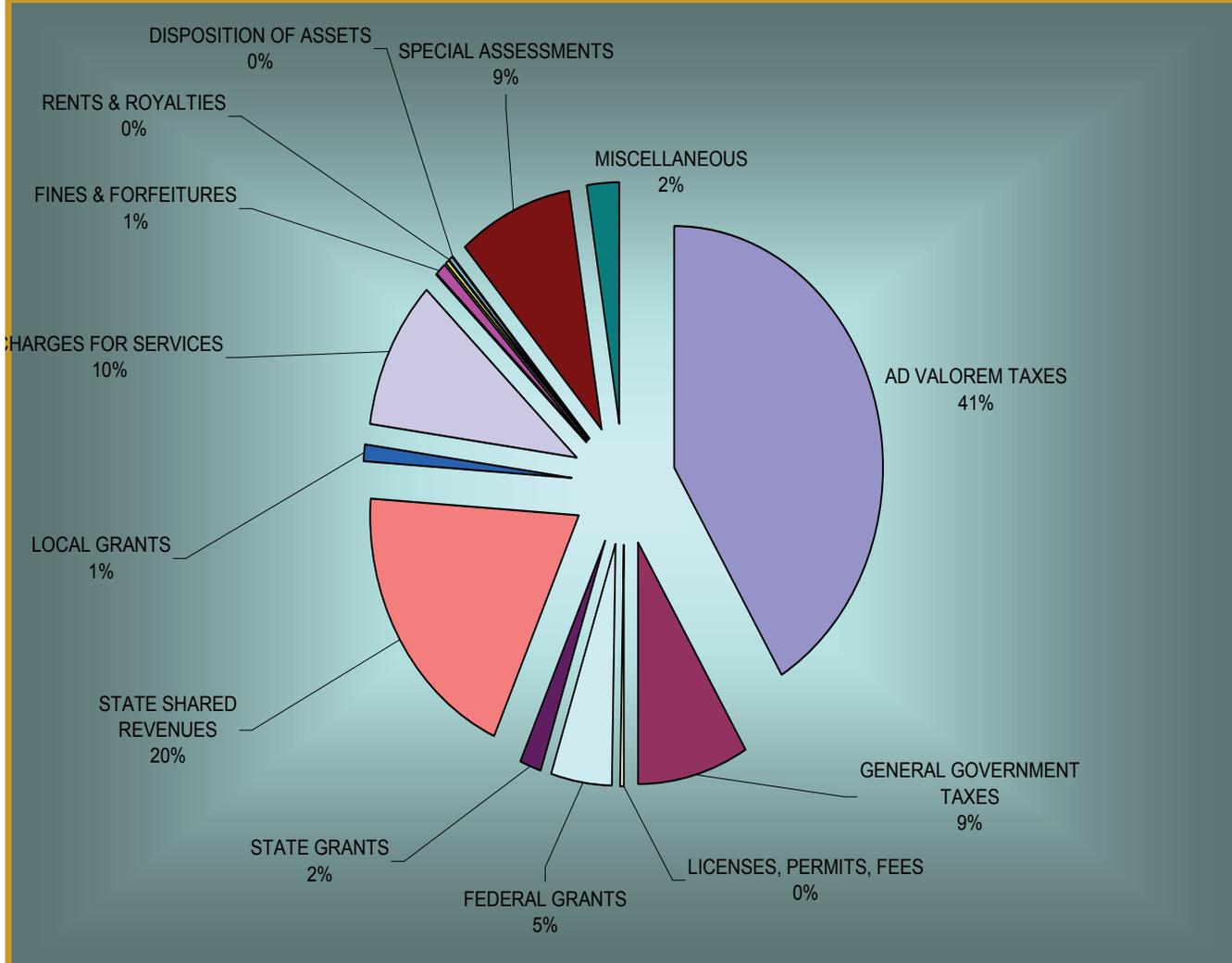
For additional information regarding past or current budgets please feel free to contact the Hardee County Office of Budget & Finance.

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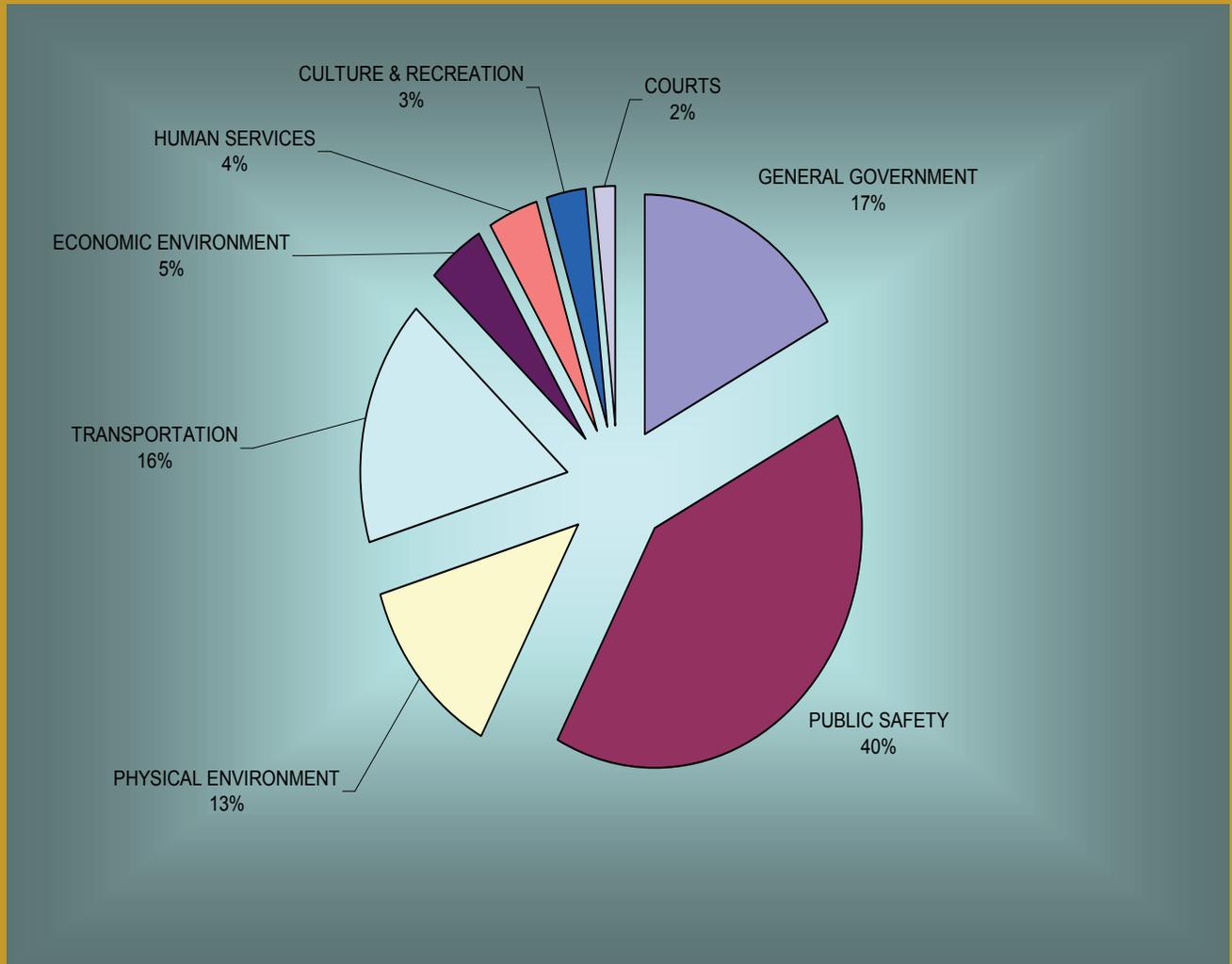
**It's impossible to hum while plugging your nose!!**

**Try it!**

TOTAL COUNTY REVENUES BY CATEGORY					
REVENUES	ORIGINAL			YTD REVENUES	% OF BUDGET
	BUDGET	AMENDMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET		RECEIVED
AD VALOREM TAXES	12,627,985		12,627,985.00	12,259,963.65	97%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAXES	2,362,123		2,362,123.00	2,527,669.48	107%
LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	97,700		97,700.00	110,160.12	113%
FEDERAL GRANTS	1,495,630	195,509.00	1,691,139.00	1,352,018.11	80%
STATE GRANTS	3,000,224	1,230,498.00	4,230,722.00	530,617.84	13%
STATE SHARED REVENUES	5,395,151	23,384.94	5,418,535.94	5,784,818.27	107%
LOCAL GRANTS	405,705	58,083.00	463,788.00	281,981.98	61%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,909,994	-	2,909,994.00	2,975,314.24	102%
COURT RELATED REVENUES	1,000		1,000.00	1,180.00	118%
FINES & FORFEITURES	282,300	6,111.00	288,411.00	277,108.14	96%
INTEREST	17,929	-	17,929.00	59,168.47	330%
RENTS & ROYALTIES	90,208		90,208.00	98,473.12	109%
DISPOSITION OF ASSETS	-	-	-	2,862.50	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	2,150,071		2,150,071.00	2,644,949.75	123%
MISCELLANEOUS	536,610	25,665.00	562,275.00	712,806.04	127%
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>31,372,630</b>	<b>1,539,250.94</b>	<b>32,911,880.94</b>	<b>29,619,091.71</b>	<b>90%</b>
LESS 5%	(1,221,430)		(1,221,430.00)		
LOAN PROCEEDS	-	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	
TRANSFERS IN	2,484,200	103,449.08	2,587,649.08	1,751,695.74	
CASH FORWARD	15,382,744	-	15,382,744.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES GENERATED</b>	<b>48,018,144</b>	<b>5,442,700.02</b>	<b>53,460,844.02</b>	<b>35,170,787.45</b>	<b>66%</b>
TOTAL COUNTY EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY					
EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	ORIGINAL			YTD EXPENSES	% OF BUDGET
	BUDGET	AMENDMENTS	AMENDED BUDGET		EXPENSED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,448,777	439,731.00	5,888,508.00	5,373,656.10	91%
PUBLIC SAFETY	13,097,136	176,254.94	13,273,390.94	12,766,768.99	96%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	4,589,432	3,988,332.00	8,577,764.00	3,933,882.98	46%
TRANSPORTATION	7,504,856	2,472,501.00	9,977,357.00	5,175,314.90	52%
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	1,609,119	152,138.00	1,761,257.00	1,439,120.93	82%
HUMAN SERVICES	1,097,510	284,261.00	1,381,771.00	1,250,525.11	91%
CULTURE & RECREATION	1,250,944	10,624.00	1,261,568.00	938,946.22	74%
COURTS	1,355,844	6,111.00	1,361,955.00	505,593.72	37%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>35,953,618</b>	<b>7,529,952.94</b>	<b>43,483,570.94</b>	<b>31,383,808.95</b>	<b>72%</b>
TRANSFERS OUT	2,484,200	82,595.08	2,566,795.08	1,751,695.74	
CONTINGENCIES	1,594,951	(575,053.00)	1,019,898.00		
RESTRICTED RESERVES	4,763,151	(1,526,795.00)	3,236,356.00		
FUND BALANCE	3,222,224		3,222,224.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>48,018,144</b>	<b>5,510,700.02</b>	<b>53,528,844.02</b>	<b>33,135,504.69</b>	<b>62%</b>



**REVENUES GENERATED IN  
FISCAL YEAR 2011-12:  
\$29,619,092**



**EXPENDITURES MADE IN  
FISCAL YEAR 2011-12:  
\$31,383,809**

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

## Purchasing

To keep Hardee County running smoothly requires an enormous amount of funding. **The Purchasing Department** handles the central procurement and contract administration and is responsible for ensuring that our purchasing practices support the long-term interest of the County and its residents. Purchasing is committed to an open, fair and competitive purchasing process. We must continually seek efficient methods and practices to achieve maximum value for County expenditures.

The Purchasing staff manages the County processes for purchase orders, invitations to bid and requests for proposals. Over the past year staff processed almost 2600 requisitions, up 4% over the previous year and 2125 purchase orders, a de-

crease of 3% from the prior year. Over the last year, Purchasing was instrumental in the following areas:

- Awarded a bid for a \$1,000,000 paving project on County Line Road East
- Awarded a bid for more than \$400,000 for paving materials for road enhancements on 18 different County roads
- Issued a Request for Proposal leading to a contract for debris monitoring in the event of a natural disaster
- Added 54 new vendors, including 6 new local vendors, in an ongoing effort to obtain maximum value for goods and services utilizing local vendors whenever possible to improve

Hardee County's economic recovery

- Continuing the search for more efficient ways to reduce fuel and maintenance costs
- Complied with all rules and regulations of the Auditor General's office
- Implemented improved procedures to coordinate tire inventory with fleet management
- Managed a stockroom inventory of approximately \$175,000

The three-person staff of Hardee County's Purchasing Department boasts a combined total of more than 60 years of government service. Our goal is to support county operations with an uninterrupted flow of materials and services.

## 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 activi-



ties and accomplishments of this department include:

- Advertised 23 job openings for employment
- Received 389 applications for employment. Decreased from 494 for 10/11 budget year
- Conducted 63 interviews for employment
- Successfully hired 18 new employees

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lightening strikes the Earth 6,000 times every minute!!

- Prepared 26 payrolls for the Board of County Commissioners staff
- Investigated and filed 23 worker's compensation claims
- Investigated and filed 13 liability claims
- Investigated and filed 4 auto accident claims

- Investigated and filed 6 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.

## Office of Management & Budget

The Office of Management and Budget assists departments, county management and the Board of Commissioners in the preparation and management of a balanced budget. The annual budget is prepared and maintained in an effective and efficient manner that is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Board and in accordance with State rules and regulations. This office coordinates the development of the budget process, reviews and evaluates departmental plans and monitors expenditures to ensure adherence to county policies and procedures or revenue source restrictions. Management and Budget assist all county departments with reviews of budgets including forecasting future revenues or evaluating new revenue sources, analyzing

legislation, rates, fees and other financial related matters.

With more than forty years collective services to Hardee County this staff is dedicated to presenting the County's financial information in an understandable manner that demonstrates accountability, integrity and prudent spending of public funds.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar!!**

In keeping with the goals and objectives listed in the beginning of the fiscal year in the 2011-12 public budget document, Management and

Budget has achieved or made progress in the following areas:

- Prepared a balance budget for FY12-13 in accordance with Truth in Millage Statutes
- Improved the budget process for all departments by preparing

department specific workbooks and utilizing a shared portal with all Directors.

- Developed documents that reduced the time spent to produce a balanced budget and to generate monthly analysis and revenue forecasting
- Improved the timing of first and second quarter financial presentations
- Prepared and managed the budget and meetings for the Independent Indigent Health Care Board
- Effectively maintained the tax roll for Solid Waste and Fire Control Special Assessments
- Effectively managed the County's debt schedule and payments
- Effectively managed the accounting and inventory of the County's fixed assets
- Evaluated the Medicaid back billing issues and worked with the agency to resolve the issue
- Evaluated the FEMA payments from 2004-10 and worked with agency to resolve the issues
- Provided all documentation requested for 10-11 annual audit resulting in a final audit with only one significant findings related directly to this departments operation



## 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

- The wireless link to the jail for first appearance videos was replaced with new radios after the old ones began failing. The new radios are providing a solid, higher speed connection.
- A lightning strike near the EOC in July damaged the phone system, 24 phones and the wireless link to Fire Station I and replaced the phones and replaced the obsolete radios which doubled the connection speed.
- Completed the board room video system to allow the audience to view presentations and for overflow crowds to view the

proceedings on the external screen.

- In most cases, ITS was able to replace batteries instead of complete backup units, when we had failures, for a significant cost savings.
- Installed a fiber optic link from the Pioneer Park Residence to the Recreation Building for use during Pioneer Park Days as well as providing options for future connections. This will save the \$300 annual cost for a dedicated firewall appliance that was only used for the event.
- Upgraded the remaining firewall appliances in the county to the latest versions to enhance network security.
- Worked with both the Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue when problems arose with the new CAD system.

### Geographic Information Services

- Developed and released Redistricting of commission/school board districts, and voting precincts for the 2010 census.
- Aided in developing the new Hardee County website.
- Aided in developing the new Hardee County employee access portal.
- Developing an asset/maintenance list of County

Maintained roads for the Road & Bridge department.

- Processed, configured, and released the 2011 aerial pictography for the website.



- Developed new building wind load maps for the Building & Permitting department.
- Aided Hardee Alliance for Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Prevention blog internet links.
- Completed the Census Boundary Annex Survey for 2012.
- Assisted the Hardee Fire Rescue for the 2012 open house for fire education and awareness materials.
- Aided the E-911/Addressing with the US Hwy 17 Shift in Zolfo Springs.
- Responsible for updating & maintaining the E-911 Dispatch system for emergency services.
- Assisted Economic Development/USF partnership for economic development feasibility study.

# 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 five public education seminars providing education on natural and man-made disasters
- Prepared cold-weather and hurricane shelters
- Participated in the State annual hurricane exercise
- Developed and revised the Continuity of Operations Plans for County Departments
- Reviewed 12 and approved

eight home-health and Assisted Living Facility (ALF) disaster plans

- Responded to 21 requests for assistance from other public safety agencies

### DID YOU KNOW?

Pearls melt in vinegar!!

Emergency Management also utilized over \$60,000 in state and federal grant funds to accomplish the following projects:

- Delivered numerous hours of All-Hazards training to first responders in Hardee County
- Hosted region-wide Chemical Suicide Class.
- Hosted region wide "HAZWOPER" hazardous materials refresher training

- Hosted Public Information Officer class

- Provided Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) to 25 volunteers

Emergency Management Department Staff had several significant accomplishments during FY 11-12, including:

- EM Director completed 2012 EM Academy training
- EM staff attended Current Issues seminar at the State EOC
- EM Director attended the Governor's Hurricane Conference and the Florida Emergency Management Preparedness Conference
- EM Program Manager attended Community Disaster Based Coalition Seminar



## 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 \$160,013.69 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 County. In addition to this, we

## Enhanced 9-1-1

- received special disbursements of \$10,465.95 from State E911.
- Hardee County E911 applied for and received \$23,384.97 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.
- Received over 10,000 911 calls into our primary public safety answering point.
- Eight 911 telecommunicators 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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill!!**



## Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services

**Hardee County Fire Rescue** responds to all emergency and non-emergency calls for EMS and fire services within Hardee County's boundaries. In 2011, this equated to 4016 calls for our service.

Hardee County Fire Rescue has three stations staffed 24 hours a day with Firefighter/Paramedics and Firefighter/EMT's. Station 1 located in Wauchula also serves as our administrative headquarters. Station 2 is located in Zolfo Springs and Station 3 is in Bowling Green. Overall, HCFR employs 6 Lieutenants (all Paramedics), 20 Firefighter/Paramedics and 13 Firefighter/EMT's.

Station 1 in Wauchula and Station 2 in Zolfo Springs are each staffed with five personnel. Station III in

Bowling Green is staffed with two personnel every day. These 12 firefighters provide fire and EMS protection to our citizens and visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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. Our motto is "Our Sacrifice, Your Safety".

Hardee County Fire Rescue's mission statement is:

***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 2011 breaks down into the following:

Fire Calls	205
Rescue/EMS	2,762
Hazardous Condition	79
Service Call	91
Good Intent	726
False Alarm	147
<u>Special</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4016 Calls</b>

Hardee County Fire Rescue upgraded our Zolfo Springs Fire Tanker in 2011. The 21 year-old E-One tanker is being replaced with a

new Pierce 3000 gallon Freightliner DX Tanker with a 1000 GPM pump. Replacing the old tanker will greatly enhance our capabilities to provide fire protection to our citizens. Additionally, improvements to the Zolfo Springs station will allow for the new tanker to be parked under cover.

Fire Prevention year in review:

The Prevention Division of Hardee County Fire Rescue continues to ensure that commercial structures are inspected and/or constructed according to the adopted codes that are designed to protect the life, safety and welfare of citizens of Hardee County. This division also maintains a good working relationship with other agencies such as the Florida Forestry Service to help promote the Firewise Program and

Wauchula Police Department to promote the Vial of Life program. The Fire Prevention Lieutenant also works closely with the Hardee County Building and Code Enforcement Divisions.

Along with fire inspections and construction plans review and site development plans review, the prevention division has reorganized the filing system to be more efficient and organized. Our prevention officer also helped coordinate information packets that our fire fighters handed out for Fire Prevention Week at the schools. This year, Public Information Officer, (PIO) has been added to the prevention officer's duties and she has gone through the proper training to acquire this added title. She has also participated in training throughout the year to maintain her license with

## Animal Control



During this fiscal year **Animal Control** provided countywide enforcement

and assistance to citizens with animal related problems. Animal Control received approximately 1,000 complaints which resulted in 34 citations, six correction notices, and 129 written warnings being issued. Animal Control impounded a total of 842 dogs and cats, of which, 132 were owner surrenders.

Animal Control continues to work in collaboration with the Hardee County Health Department, at no charge, to provide services for 35 bite cases. Services included response, investigation and quarantine of the bite cases. There were also six animal-on-

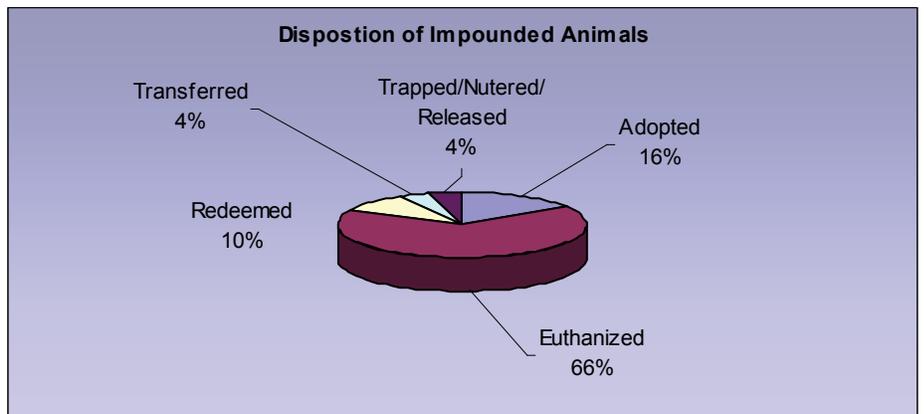
animal attacks processed.

Animal Control continues to participate in the following programs:

- Spay Day USA
- Bi-Weekly Live Radio Spot on the Bull
- Peace River Electric Cooperative

Annual Membership Meeting

- Iams Home 4 the Holidays Campaign
- Ag Fest
- Take Your Dog To Work Day
- Pet of the Week in Herald-Advocate



# 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 325.66 miles of paved roads and 199.58 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

2011/2012 include:

- Issued 38 utility permits and 18 culvert/driveway connection permits
- Submitted 347 utility locate requests
- For the FDOT funded Sweetwater Road Project, Aim Engineering & Surveying, Inc. completed the design phase. The construction phase of the project was advertised on September 27<sup>th</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Porsche also builds tractors!

- The timber bridges had routine maintenance throughout the year
- Reviewed several site development plans in conjunction with the Hardee County Planning Department
- The Hardee County Annex I parking lot was cleaned and patched by staff, and received a complementary demonstration asphalt seal coat from Avery Asphalt, Inc., of Denver CO. Staff then applied new pavement markings
- 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 50.7 tons of bulk waste throughout the County
- Supervised weekly trash pickup by community service workers.
- Provided three safety training classes with a PRM trainer for all departmental staff under DPW
- Staff installed pavement markings on many miles of paved roads where the centerlines and the edge lines were worn away
- Several unpaved roads were improved with 45,000+/- tons of shell aggregate being placed on the driving surface
- Numerous drainage culverts were replaced throughout the county including those along 17 miles that was prepared for the surface treatment program and the six mile east-west portion of Ten Mile Grade where eight 48", two 42" and one 36" cross culverts were replaced
- Staff reconstructed a 0.6 mile section of Bostick Road from US 17 west. The shoulders and road bed were widened from the 17' +/- pavement width to a 21' pavement placed by a joint effort with Tucker Paving, LLC

## 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 new tire balancer was purchased for big truck tires. This will save money in the long run and save down time.

- Activities and accomplishments of the Maintenance Shop for 2011/2012 include:
- 497 road calls
- Nine overtime service calls

- 2,257 work orders
- Two road graders were repowered with new diesel engines using a 75% clean diesel grant
- Staff mounted a walk-behind parking lot paint sprayer on a flat bed truck that was used to paint pavement marking on many miles of paved roads
- Staff repaired a damaged ambulance chassis for mounting a water tank to provide a water truck for the landfill

the Facilities Management Department include:

- Major & Minor Repairs at all buildings for the County
- Renovation of four restrooms at Rest haven with new showers
- Completed an electrical rewire at Rest Haven replacing all out dated wire, changing all panels and installing an automatic transfer switch for the Generator
- Gave the Civic Center a new coat of paint inside and outside
- Replaced most of the A/C thermostats in the County with the new digital ones that we can control from Facilities office
- Fixed the water infiltration at the Court House between the first and second floor all the way around the building
- Replaced a damaged septic tank at Rest Haven caused by a tree falling

## 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

## 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.

### 2011-12 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 notable HCUD events during the past year include:

- Relocated Utility offices to the new Hardee County Utilities Operations Headquarters Thanksgiving week 2011—a culmination to the utility's essential past six year capital improvement expansion planning for centralized County utility operations, management and control;

- Completed both Wauchula Hills S/D Phase 2.0 & 2.5 service connections providing an additional 116 facilities with central potable water & sewer system service as well as the decommission of their failing septic tanks;
- Solicited and ultimately received additional CDBG enhancement funding to continue extension of infrastructure and service connections to Wauchula Hills S/D Phase 2.75 (Cactus Road) ten residences to be completed early FY12/13;
- To meet increasing regulatory mandates and to improve operating efficiencies toward public safety, three exceptional management initiatives continued implementation from last FY, to include: Operation & Man-



agement database software for all utility facilities component tracking; automatic meter reading system designed, acquired and installation in-progress; and, facilities Supervisory Con-

trol & Automated Data Acquisition (SCADA) system acquired and initial phase of installation/testing near completion;

- Completed the first year of our own potable water production from the Wauchula Hills Water

Treatment Plant (Ph 2 Exp) having closed the consecutive system water main interconnect with the City of Wauchula in September 2011;

- Submitted application packets and received Vandolah WWTF 5-year operating re-permit in June and FDEP receipt notice of packet completion for Wauchula Hills WWTF with re-permit expected by end-2012;
- Connected Crystal Lake Village, with their estimated 408 Mobile Homes & RVs to HCUD's potable water system (Note: sewer system previously connected FY04/05);
- Connected newly constructed KeyPlex in the HCCP to HCUD services;
- Began Bostick Road wastewater force main extension project as partner with Torrey Oaks RV & Golf Resort for ultimate connection to the Wauchula Hills system

## 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 Facil-

ity and sites for processing scrap metal, waste tires, wood & yard trash, electronics and other recyclables.

Disposal quantities for this department include the following:

### Disposal in Tons

Trash	16,170
Wood & Yard Trash	927

Construction Debris	261
Waste Tires	2 23
Household Hazardous Waste	21
Electronics	165

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

- Completed Permit Application

- for the next 5-Acre expansion
- Purchased a new loader from Nortrax in amount of \$123,800
- Household hazardous waste was collected once each quarter resulting in the proper disposal of 21 tons of hazardous waste at a cost of \$23,342
- Continued with the household sharps collection program 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 two 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 landfill
- 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 customers, monthly invoicing of deposit account customers and collections. The total tipping fees collected for the fiscal year were \$506,561

## 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 ser-

vice 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 \$17,995.83 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 contracts 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 service contract that provides an officer and five inmates that provide labor for daily operations of the recycling and landfill maintenance. There are also service contracts for processing and recycling of electronics, and the processing and recycling of waste tires.

<b>Recycling Activity for FY11-12</b>	
<b>Scrap Metal</b>	<b>63.30 Tons</b>
<b>Lead Acid Batteries</b>	<b>.19 Tons</b>
<b>Cardboard</b>	<b>44.00 Tons</b>
<b>New Print</b>	<b>22.44 Tons</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>165.40 Tons</b>



# GROWTH MANAGEMENT

## Planning and Development

For the fiscal year 2011-2012, the **Planning/Development Department** processed requests for Site Development/Site Construction Plan approval, Exceptions to Policy L1.22 of the Hardee County Comprehensive Plan and to the Minimum Lot Size for A-1-Zoned Districts, Amendments to the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code, and Amendments to the Hardee County 'Comp Plan' and Amendments to the 'Comp Plan' Future Land Use Map. The department held conferences with developers and property owners for potential projects requiring Site Development Plan approval and coordinated and held Development Review Committee meetings.



- Several ordinances were ap-

proved updating the County's Unified Land Development Code

- A SDP/SCP was approved for the Hardee County Sheriff's Command Center in the Hardee County Commerce Park
- A Major Special Exception was approved for a liquefied natural gas facility on CR663 N, south of the Hardee-Polk County line. A Special Exception with conditions was granted for the Sherry White Ministries project on Alton Carlton Rd, and a SE w/conditions for Temporary Outdoor Commercial Recreation was approved for Lexan Investments/Erica Scheipsmeier

-Sharon Mytyk parcels on corner of Torrey Rd. and U.S. Hwy. 17 North

- One of the major services the Planning/Development Department provides at no cost to the general public 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 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 identified wetlands areas provided to the County from the National Inventory of Wetlands.

### Summary of Zoning and ULDC Activities

Ext. of SE/MSE/Variance	004	Exceptions to Policy/L1.22 of Comp Plan	004
Special Exceptions	003	Rezoning	001
Alcohol Beverages Licenses Review	002	Modification to approved SDP	000
Variances	001	Large Scale FLUA	001
Renew Temporary Special Use Permits	002	Amendments to Comp Plan	002
Site Development Plans	002	Amendments to ULDC	007
Zoning Land Use Info Sheets	386	DRI	001
Minor Subdivisions	000		

## Building Inspections & Code Enforcement

This department has the responsibility of issuing permits for buildings and completing inspections to verify compliance with the adopted Florida Building Code and National Electrical Code.

- Issued 867 permits for construction and/or demolition. Our inspector completed 3814 inspections this year
- Currently staffed with four full time employees all certified in our field of work and cross trained to assist in other work loads

Code enforcement is responsible for responding to each and every complaint that is registered in our office. We work with citizens to achieve compliance in Land Development Code violations and Building Code violations. We are also responsible in assisting the Contractors Licensing Board in the investigation and prosecution of unlicensed, unpermitted work being completed in our community. We have completed 434 responses/site visits this year. 29 violations resulting in court cases. We currently have open 192 code cases actively working.

- Our office has assisted on 1382 customers who visited us, and answered 4520 phone calls
- There were 16 new single family residence permits issued and 12 commercial new builds
- We work towards uniformity and easy access to our information keeping system

Our permit technician monitors permits to notify builders prior to allowing their permits to expire. The back log of old expired permits has been reduced from over 2000 to 665.

## Mining

**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 completed the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) process for an Application for Development Approval for a 7,513 acre phosphate mine from CF Industries, Inc.
- Staff completed the County's Unified Land Development Code requirements for a proposed Master Mining and Reclamation Plan for a 7,513 acre phosphate mine from CF Industries, Inc.

- 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> annual Regional Phosphate Conference

- Staff has conducted monthly water quality sampling at each designated sampling location and reviewed each monthly water quality monitoring report 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
- Due to the DRI process being eliminated from phosphate mining projects, staff has completed a final draft of the new Mining Major Special Exception Use permit. This will combine our Major Special Exception Use process with the former DRI process
- Staff is coordinating meetings with the FDEP to discuss the proposed Ona Mine

# 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:

- Enhanced a public-private partnership 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 CDBG-Disaster Recovery grant to expand water and sewer infrastructure in Phase 2.5 of the Wauchula Hills Subdivision
- Successfully applied for and awarded a \$239,277 CDBG-Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund grant to expand water and sewer infrastructure in Phase 2.75 of the Wauchula Hills Subdivision
- Community Development continues to write and administer Sheriff's Office grants where the BoCC is the named recipient
- Administering a Hardee County IDA Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to provide RV campsites at Hardee Lakes Park
- Successfully applied for and awarded \$68,000 grant from Mosaic for infrastructure expansion at Hardee Lakes Park
- Successfully received and acted as Fiscal Agent on a mosquito control program in the amount of \$18,333 in partnership with the Health Department. Additionally, successful in seeking an additional \$18,333 to continue mosquito control for 12/13
- Successfully completed the Energy Efficiency grant program in which funds were used 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 \$20,325 in revenue to County for services provided
- Administered and successfully received the Residential Construction Mitigation Program (RCMP) grant in the amount of \$150,000, which will aid homeowner's in reducing their homeowner insurance premiums
- Administered a CDBG-Housing grant in the amount of \$750,000 to provide renovations to homes or replacement homes to low income clients
- Administered the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) award for 2011-12 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$350,000
- Assisted six local families in fulfilling the American dream of becoming first-time homeowners
- Partnered with the Home Consortia program to provide local families with down payment and closing cost assistance for first time home purchases
- Successfully administered Legislative Appropriation grants for improvements to the Courthouse as well as infrastructure expansion in the Wauchula Hills area
- Continued collection on de-

- faulted liens to ensure continuity of the housing assistance programs, collecting over \$37,569.19 to assist other income eligible families
- Service nearly 450 deferred payment loan agreement liens until satisfaction
  - 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 Hardee County residents in the areas of Homebuyer Preparation, Foreclosure Prevention and Financial Budgeting/Credit
  - Provide office space for Manatee County Action Agency to expand their self-sufficiency programs to assist Hardee County residents with rental assistance and budget counseling services for working college students

## 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 2011-12 year, the extension office performed the following services:

- Helped facilitate annual Citrus Production School
- Conducted multiple classes in pesticide certification, equipment safety and worker protection standards
- Host site for IFAS CEU polycom training for licensed pesticide applicators
- Administered numerous pesticide license exams in multiple categories
- 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
- Three articles published on health and nutrition in The Herald-Advocate
- Taught ten nutrition and health classes to youth and adults in Hardee County
- Conducted annual six week Back to Basics summer day camp for children and youth in Hardee County
- Taught nutrition and 4-H curriculum to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Hardee County at annual Ag-Fest sponsored by Farm Bureau
- Monthly 4-H leader trainings were held to keep volunteers current with state 4-H program development
- Staff recruited and trained three volunteer leaders, two of whom are Hispanic, for one new community 4-H club in predominantly Hispanic area of county
- Annual 4-H Open House was held to re-enroll and enroll 4-H members from across the county
- One graduating senior 4-H youth attended annual 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Conference in July 2012
- Twenty-nine 4-H youth and adult volunteers attended annual 4-H Day at the Capitol in Tallahassee in February 2012
- Six 4-H youth attended 4-H State Mock Legislature in Tallahassee in June 2012
- Five 4-H youth and one adult volunteer chaperone attended annual 4-H State Congress in Gainesville in July 2012

## 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 \$52,290 for FY11-12
- 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 1,813 children participated in some type of programming during the summer of 2012!
- During last fiscal year there were 54,595 visitors that used the library.
- 48,455 materials were circulated from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012

restroom renovations. This included tiling the floors and walls and making the restrooms easier to clean and more appealing for the campers.

### 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 that is unique and informative. 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



## 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.

Improvement for the park this past year included the completion of

from Hardee, Polk, Highlands and Desoto Counties visited the Refuge this past year

- Presented a recreational and educational experience to more than 15,000 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 sustenance for injured and non-releasable wildlife
- Presented outreach programs to various head start and preschool organizations
- Participated as an active partner in Pioneer Park Days
- Partnered with local business such as Hardee Ranch Supply, Sweetbay and Wal-Mart to accept donations of bagged feed and produce
- Utilized volunteers to assist with public relations 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 Con-

servation Commission Standards

- Provided newspaper interviews

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Wildlife Refuge**

**Hours 10am-4pm**

**Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun**

**Closed Mon & Wed**

promoting the Refuge

- Hosted several summer day camps from Hardee and surrounding counties
- Provided a venue for community groups, Boy and Girl Scouts troops and others to volunteer their services
- Provided a stimulating outlet for individuals with special needs
- Initiated the “Fall Back to Nature” event

**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 44th event and claimed the following accomplish-



ments:

- Total revenues for admission sales were \$30,045.25
- Total revenues for camping fees collected were \$16,794.87
- Total revenues collected for flea market/concessions and special children events were \$36,900.00
- Total revenues miscellaneous (children’s area) \$1,285.05
- Mosiac 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, bungee jumping and a bucking bull. More events to be added at the 2013 show

**Hardee Lakes Park**

This is the largest park Hardee County has to offer and it encompasses 1,200 acres including four 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.

tion practices. This is achieved by providing technical and administrative assistance, to develop and implement a plan to address resource concerns. Through a locally led consensus process, priorities are determined for conservation programs. The partners then work to implement programs that provide assistance to landowners, agricultural producers, and local residents.

The Soil and Conservation Office provides assistance to citizens in preparing grant applications for wetland reserve programs, conservation stewardship programs and wildlife habitat incentive programs.

Assistance was also provided to individuals in obtaining permits from the Southwest Florida Water Management district.

## Soil & Water Conservation District

Hardee County provides the administrative services for the Soil & Water Conservation District.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services admin-

isters the Soil and Water Conservation Law (FSS Chapter 582). Together this partnerships goal is to protect and restore the soil and water resources, and to assist private landowners in using best conserva-

### DID YOU KNOW?

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th"

## 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:

- 332 Walk-ins
- 85 Appointments
- 43 Health Enrollments
- 44 Death Notification Letters
- Maintained 486 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 imposing extra burdens on the jail and welfare system.

- 237 New probation cases were taken in, including, 32 community service only cases
- 108 warrants were issued on non-compliers for failure to

cooperate and abide by instructions

- 65 warrant cases were apprehended and probation status revoked. Offenders were usually given appropriate jail sentences
- 3,452 hours of community service were accomplished by probationers at the Hardee County Road Department and Pioneer Park
- \$26,372.61 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

- \$72,226.00 in probation fees were collected during this time
- \$84,171.46 is the amount that we helped collect for the Clerk’s Office in court ordered obligations, mostly fines
- \$1,551.25 is the amount that we collected and forwarded to victims of crimes for restitution
- \$182,770.07 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

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 80% of burglaries are committed by people age 13—21.



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## Transportation Element

**Moffitt Road** – The initial ½ mile project was advanced through the final design stage with a consultant. The project primarily involves one curve realignment and a cross culvert replacement between Sasser Road, and Dallas McClellan Road plus hard surfacing this portion of unpaved road. Affected property owners were approached for additional ROW. Construction is scheduled for fiscal year 2012-13 and has been expanded to include repairs and surface treatment from west of Sasser road to US-17. County forces will prepare the road for a contractor to place a new wearing surface at an estimated cost of \$231,000.

**Sweetwater Road** – This project was advanced through final design, permitting and ROW acquisition. The project was formally advertised on September 27<sup>th</sup> and construction bids will be open in late October, 2012. The project is funded by an FDOT SCOP grant in the amount of \$2,552,471.00. The scope of work includes widening the pavement to 20 feet, replacing storm drainage structures, and replacing two one-lane timber bridges with concrete structures with all work completed by contract.

**Walker Avenue Extension** – This



project was not completed during FY11-12 and is being carried over into fiscal year 2012-13. The project involves the design, permitting and construction of approximately 400 feet of roadway to extend Walker Avenue to Murphy Road in Limestone and will provide a second entrance to the subdivision. The initial alignment was surveyed with ROW descriptions completed, however the property owner reassessed the situation and identified adjacent property under the high-voltage power lines adjacent to the railroad ROW and being where ROW would be donated. Once ROW is secured, this small project will be completed with county staff at an estimated cost \$25,000.

**Scarborough Road** - \$152,800 was allocated for restoring the shell aggregate surface on this road but was not completed and not carried for-

ward. Staff is pursuing FEMA funding for this purpose including Ten Mile Grade as both roads suffered similar damage from Tropical Storm Fay. A new project will be established upon award of the FEMA funding for both roads that is estimated at \$768,621.

**Replace Closed Drainage - Knollwood Subdivision** – The original CMP (Corrugated Metal Pipe) used in the closed drainage system for this subdivision had badly deteriorated to the point where the lower half of the pipes were rusted away. All pipes were replaced with CPP (Corrugated Plastic Pipe) that has a FDOT life expectancy rating of 100-year, and surface restoration was completed by contractor with a consultant inspection at a cost of \$70,296.35.

**CR664 – East County Line Road** - This is an FDOT SCRAP funded project that involves resurfacing 4.22 miles easterly from US-17. A consultant was assigned the project, designs and permitting were completed and construction bids were opened in September and awarded in October. Construction should be completed in 120 days at an estimated cost of \$1,105,684.

**Surface Treatment Program** – This project included roads with

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very poor pavement conditions. Staff prepared the roads by replacing deteriorated drainage culverts and removed high shoulders as a maintenance activity. As part of the project, staff then leveled the surface with hot-mix asphalt and a road grader. Specifications and bidding was completed using two methods, one with the contractor supplying and installing materials and the other method was with the county purchasing materials for the contractor to apply. Based on bidding analysis, approximately 13% was saved by the county purchasing the

Road Name	From - To	Length mi
Stansfield Rd.	Rainey North	0.23
Knollwood Circle	All	0.36
Vandolah Road	All	4.00
Rodeo Dr.	All	0.52
Johns Road	All	0.61
Schontag Road	N-S Portion	0.85
Ollie Roberts Road	All	1.42
Metheny Road	All	1.16
Whipporwill Lane	All	0.50
Airport & Landfill Road	All	1.13
Landfill	All	0.20
Shackelford Road	All	0.61
Maude Road	All	3.22
South Hollandtown Rd.	All	0.79
Nursery Road	All	0.75
Fishbranch Road	Bridge west	0.42

materials directly. A contractor then applied a double surface treatment with asphalt emulsion and stone during a four day period. Subsequently, it was determined that a supplier had provided sub-standard stone that caused loose and lost stone. The project cost \$572,292.77 for materials and contract services plus \$97,190 in staff labor and equipment for a total cost of \$669,482. The average cost was \$39,921 per mile. The 16.77 miles of roads are identified in the chart.

## Parks & Recreation Element

In December of 2011 the Board approved the Facilities Department recommendation to replace all sub-standard wiring at the Rest Haven facility. This consisted of a new 400 amp service and new transfer switches and required hiring two temporary full time electricians.

This allowed staff to conduct the repairs without having to relocate residents or interrupt daily operations of the facility. The total man hours to complete the projects were 1,600 and the total cost was \$49,555, including labor. In addition, there were four restrooms

renovated at the facility. This included expanding the size of the restrooms, tiling and adding new fixtures and accessible showers. The total man hours to complete the project were 1,300 and the total cost was \$34,050, including labor.

## Utilities Element

On-going Wauchula Hills Subdivision 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. Service connection and septic decommissioning for Phases 2.0 & 2.5 (all parcels along & north of Rainey Blvd east of Stansfield, as well as

those parcels south of Rainey along Stansfield or Rigdon) were completed by April 2012. Additional CDBG enhancement funds were applied for and awarded to add a phase 2.75 (Cactus Rd) expansion of infrastructure and service connections for which construction

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should be completed by end-2012.

Completed 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, had three principal integrated components:

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) con-

sumptive 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. The funding source

for the two potable wells construction was through a 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 substantial completion of the planned million gallon per day capacity WTP achieved by end CY2011, although significant testing and modification to plant controls continues to this day for confirmation of system reliability; the inter-connection with City of

Wauchula water main was closed by mid-September 2011 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. HCUD has throughout FY11/12 successfully produced in its first year since the WTP construction effort all potable water provided to the customer base. 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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros!!

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mod and related construction was reimbursed under State Legislature appropriated grant.

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 2011 with some component changes within continued punch list efforts by the contractor continuing through end of FY and ultimate HCUD relocation into the Opns HQ occurring Thanksgiving week 2011. 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 initiated during the previous FY and with continued implementation efforts, 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, continued populating of a software database which tracks utility facility components for operation & maintenance required activities; second, installation continues of an

acquired automatic meter reading system which not only tracks usage but also alarms for such events as leak detection; and third, the installed SCADA system

with telemetry currently monitoring Vandolah and Wauchula Hills treatment plants, as well as off-site County lift stations for historical and operator alarm and automatic notifying activities continues toward initial phase ‘completion’ and is routinely evaluated to design improvements.

Bostick Road Force Main extension from US17 west to ultimately tie in the Torrey Oaks RV & Golf Resort facilities, among others began this year with expected completion by early FY12/13. This line extension project was planned and budgeted for many times over the years but had not until this FY seen progress due to developer financing constraints—the County in cost-share partnership with the Resort pays for the over-sizing portion of the line for future capacity availability while the Resort performs and pays for the actual approved infrastructure installation of the force main and appurtenances which meet the engineered capacity need of the Resort. The Resort has previously designed, permitted and installed their own on-site force main to the point of connection with the new force main and is expected in FY13/14 to retrofit their existing lift station to HCUD standards and complete connection to the County’s waste water system prior to decommissioning their existing package plant.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Americans spend \$10 million per day on potato chips!!**



# 2011-12 RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 12-01**

BOCC INSTRUCTING THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE NOT TO MAIL TAX NOTICES \$5.00 OR LESS OR MAKE EXTENSION ON TAX ROLL OF ANY PARCEL OF AD VALOREM \$5.00 OR LESS

**RESOLUTION 12-02**

REQUEST EXTENSION OF 2011 ASSESSMENT ROLLS PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD IF CAUSE DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTICES BEYOND NOV 1

**RESOLUTION 12-03**

APPROVAL OF SEMI-ANNUAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**RESOLUTION 12-04**

APPROVING ANNUAL UNIT REVIEW FOR 2011-2012 CF INDUSTRIES, INC.

**RESOLUTION 12-05**

REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED LOCAL CONTROL OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS IN STATE OF FLORIDA

**RESOLUTION 12-06**

TO ENTER AGREEMENTS WITH STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCRAP)

**RESOLUTION 12-07**

NEW POOLED COMMERCIAL PAPER LOAN PROGRAM OF FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMISSION FOR SOLID WASTE LANDFILL

**RESOLUTION 12-08**

URGING LOCAL TOBACCO RETAILERS TO STOP SALE AND MARKETING OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS INFLUENCING UNDERAGE YOUTH CONSUMPTION

**RESOLUTION 12-09**

CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF HAMMOND ROAD

**RESOLUTION 12-10**

APPROVING LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN – SHIP

**RESOLUTION 12-11**

NOT ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 12-13**

CLOSE AND ABANDON ANNETT ROAD, DR. BANKS ROAD, GIBBS ROAD, MCCARDLE ROAD, PARKER ROAD, TROY SMITH ROAD, AND WARD ROAD

**RESOLUTION 12-14**

METHOD OF ASSESSING FIRE RESCUE COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED HARDEE COUNTY PROPERTY, DETERMINE FIRE RESCUE SERVICES COSTS FOR FY 2012-2013

# 2011-12 RESOLUTIONS

## **RESOLUTION 12-15**

METHOD OF ASSESSING SOLID WASTE COSTS AGAINST ASSESSED HARDEE COUNTY PROPERTY, DETERMINE SOLID WASTE SERVICES COSTS FOR FY 2012-2013

## **RESOLUTION 12-16**

EXTEND CURRENT CONTINUING CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS WITH AIM ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING AGREEMENTS WITH CHASTAIN SKILLMAN, INC., HUNTER ENGINEERING, INC., KIMLY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

## **RESOLUTION 12-17**

CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF CLYDE ROAD

## **RESOLUTION 12-18**

AMENDING/INCREASING NUMBER OF MEMEBERS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO NO MORE THAN NINE, NOT TO EXCEED THIRTEEN

## **RESOLUTION 12-19**

ESTABLISH FEE SCHEDULE FOR HARDEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## **RESOLUTION 12-20**

ADOPT STATE APPROVED COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HARDEE COUNTY

## **RESOLUTION 12-21**

GRANT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL SOUTH PASTURE MINE EXTENSION, CF INDUSTRIES

## **RESOLUTION 12-22**

ADOPT TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

## **RESOLUTION 12-23**

ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

## **RESOLUTION 12-24**

ADOPT FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

## **RESOLUTION 12-25**

ADOPT FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

## **RESOLUTION 12-26**

INSTRUCTING TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE NOT TO MAIL TAX NOTICES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS \$5.00 OR LESS

## **RESOLUTION 12-27**

EXTENSION OF 2012 ASSESSMENT ROLL PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD HEARINGS CAUSING DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTICES BEYOND NOVEMBER 1

# 2011-12 ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE 12-01**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR RECREATIONAL RESORT IN A-1 ZONING DISTRICT IN AGRICULTURAL FUTURE LAND USE DISTRICT

**ORDINANCE 12-02**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR SALES/REPAIR OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT

**ORDINANCE 12-03**

RESTRICTING OF HARDEE COUNTY INTO FIVE DISTRICTS WITH ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER RESIDING IN EACH DISTRICT ELECTED AS PROVIDED BY LAW

**ORDINANCE 12-04**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHANGING ROOF PITCH ON MOBILE HOMES AND SINGLE FAMILY MANUFACTURED UNITS

**ORDINANCE 12-05**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT

CODE FOR ARTICLES 02, 03, 07 TO CREATE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**ORDINANCE 12-06**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND

DEVELOPMENT CODE CHANGING NINE SECTION TABLES

**ORDINANCE 12-07** NOT ADOPTED

**ORDINANCE 12-08**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ALLOWING APPEALS OF DETERMINATIONS, DECISIONS, AND INTERPRETATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

**ORDINANCE 12-09** NOT ADOPTED

**ORDINANCE 12-10** NOT ADOPTED

**ORDINANCE 12-11**

AMEND ORDINANCE 07-11 OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TEMPORARY OFF-PREMISES SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND VESSELS

**ORDINANCE 12-12**

AMEND ORDINANCE 12-04 OF THE OF THE HARDEE COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR CLARIFICATION OF MINIMUM ROOF PITCH ON MOBILE HOMES AND SINGLE FAMILY MANUFACTURED UNITS

**ORDINANCE 12-13**

ESTABLISH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR STEVE ROBERTS SPECIAL AND POLK ROAD OF 60MPH

**ORDINANCE 12-14**

AMEND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT, AMEND THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

**ORDINANCE 12-15**

TEMPORARY 180 DAY MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROCESSING OF AND ISSUANCE OR APPROVAL OF ANY DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INTERNET CAFES OR SWEEPSTAKES CAFES

# 2013 BOCC MEETING SCHEDULE

## 2013 COMMISSION MEETINGS

**First Quarter**

January 03<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
February 07<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
March 07<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**Second Quarter**

April 04<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
May 02<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
June 06<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

**Third Quarter**

July 04<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
August 01<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 05<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**Fourth Quarter**

October 03<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
November 07<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 05<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

First meeting of each month is at 8:30 am and the second meeting of each month is at 6:00 pm

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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