

2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

COLON LAMBERT DISTRICT I
RICK KNIGHT DISTRICT III
MIKE THOMPSON DISTRICT V

SUE BIRGE DISTRICT II
GRADY JOHNSON DISTRICT IV



COUNTY DIRECTORY

ANIMAL CONTROL

773-2320

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

773-9430

BUDGET & FINANCE

773-3199

BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

773-3236

CENTRAL DISPATCH

773-4144

CIVIC CENTER

773-6698

CLERK OF COURTS

773-4174

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

773-6349

COUNTY ATTORNEY

773-5600

COUNTY EXTENSION

773-2164

COUNTY MANAGER

773-9430

COUNTY PROBATION

773-9323

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

773-0385

CRACKER TRAIL MUSEUM

735-0119

E-911

773-0222

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

773-6373

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

773-3419

FIRE RESCUE & EMS

773-4362

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

773-2505

HARDEE LAKES PARK

781-2594

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

773-4161

HUMAN RESOURCES

773-2161

ITS & GIS

767-9655

LANDFILL

773-5089

LIBRARY

773-6438

MAINTENANCE SHOP

773-6430

MINING

773-0136

PARKS & RECREATION

773-3419

PIONEER PARK

735-0330

PLANNING & ZONING

767-1964

PROPERTY APPRAISER

773-2196

PUBLIC DEFENDER

773-6758

PURCHASING

773-5014

TAX COLLECTOR

773-9144

TRANSPORTATION

773-3272

SHERIFF

773-0304

SOIL CONSERVATION

773-9644

STATE ATTORNEY

773-6613

STATE PROBATION

773-4777

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

773-6061

UTILITIES

773-3465

VETERANS SERVICES

773-9853

WILDLIFE REFUGE

735-9531



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GENERAL INFORMATION

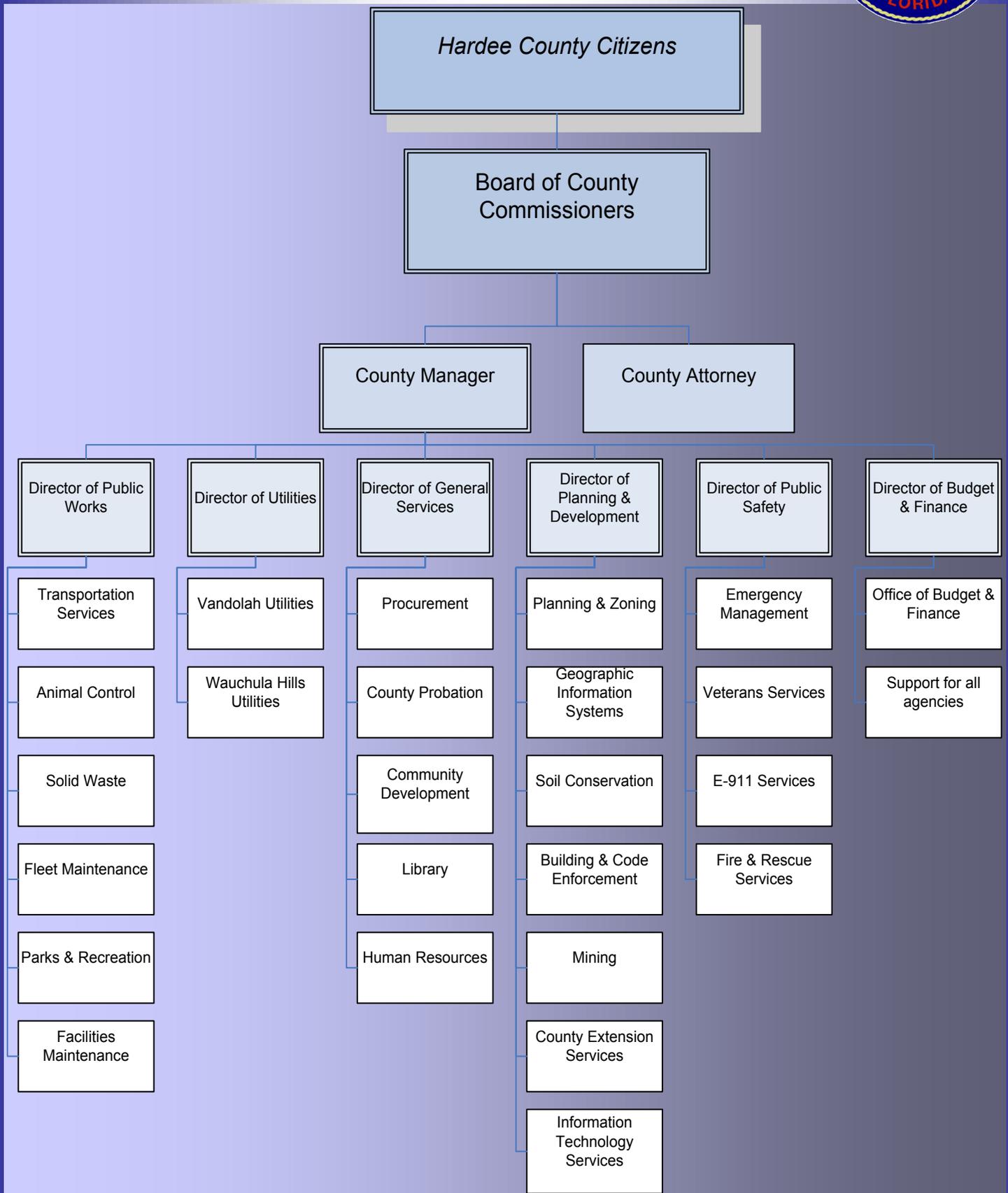
Hardee County is geographically located in the West Central Florida region with the County's boundaries encompassing some 637 square miles. The County's predominate economic base is contributed to agriculture businesses and flanked by the phosphate mining industry. The 2013 population estimate, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, was 27,519.



An elected five-member Commission guides Hardee County as a political subdivision of the State of Florida. The Commissioners are elected in non-partisan election to represent the entire County. The Commission is the principle legislative and governing body of the County. The powers and duties of the Board are those prescribed by the State Constitution or by the Florida Legislator. The County Manager, a professional appointed by the Commission, is responsible to the Board for the execution of all Board policies and the preparation of the annual budget. The County contracts out of Attorney services. See the next page for the County Organizational Chart

Hardee County Board of County Commissioners

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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HARDEE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Colon Lambert

District I

Current Term: 2012—2016



Sue Birge

District II

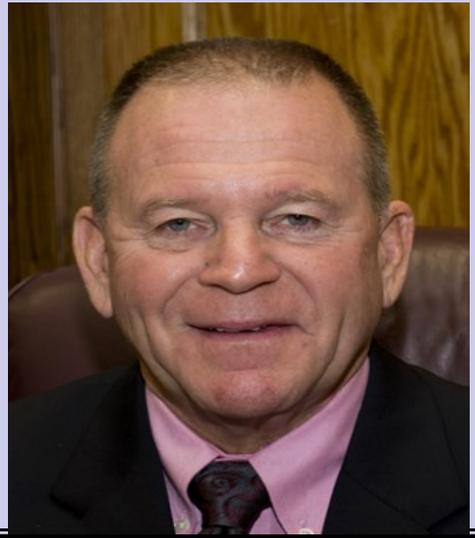
Current Term: 2010—2014

Rick Knight

District III

Current Term: 2012—2016

FY14 Chairperson



Grady Johnson

District IV

Current Term: 2010—2014

Mike Thompson

District V

Current Term: 2012—2016

FY14 Vice Chairperson





COUNTY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Citizens:

We are pleased to present the 2014 Hardee County Annual Report. It is the goal of this document to inform the citizens of Hardee County of the accomplishments of county the government over the past year. In this Annual Report, you will see what your government is doing for you and your neighbors.

Each year as I prepare to write this message I sit back and think of the projects we have completed in the previous year and those that we have started and continue to work on. I know citizens working on their own projects are frustrated by all the bureaucracy and red tape such as site plans, construction plans, building permits, DEP permits and SWFWMD permits, but the government also has to go through the same procedures for our projects.

Sometimes, we all just get the feeling we aren't getting anywhere fast. However, as all the departments submit their data for this report I'm reminded of how much we really have accomplished with the resources available, often needing to develop in phases over several years, as funds can be appropriated for the projects.

In the area of water and wastewater we have been working on the Wauchula Hills project for over 10 years. With road projects the time to identify needs, secure funding, obtain permits, engineer and design, bid award, scheduling and complete construction generally always takes several years. I call your attention to pages 52 through 58 where capital projects are listed. You will notice we did accomplish a lot in this fiscal year.

Throughout the departmental pages of this report you will find descriptions and statistical data of the many tasks the staff performed diligently day in and day out. As we continue to experience reductions in our revenues we have been able to maintain our current staffing levels allowing us to maintain a consistent level of service. I am proud



Lex Albritton

to be able to work with such dedicated staff and committed Commissioners that always put forth the extra effort to get the job done.

Each year at this time I would like to be able to say we are well into the recovery phase from the Great Recession and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel but unfortunately that is not so for Hardee County, as is true for most of the interior counties. However, we do see some improvements in growth as evidenced by an increase in building permits issued this year over previous years. As noted in last year's report, there have been some very positive results in the Hardee County Commerce Park (HCCP) as a result of the efforts of the staff and Board of the Economic Development/Industrial Development Authority (EDC/IDA). During this reporting period they were successful in attracting a company called Florikan to the park. With the EDC/IDA's great efforts, Florikan is moving their production facilities from Sarasota to Hardee County and will be employing around 70 people. They expect to begin operations around the end of summer 2015.

Also, from discussions with some of our local real estate agents, there is some increase in residential home sales and some appreciation in sales prices. All of these activities factor into a beginning of the recovery process. With increased sales comes increase in property values, a boost to our tax base and an increase in our sales and gas tax revenues.

I hope you take the time to read this

report, if not, I do encourage you to read the Financial Report Section on pages 12 through 15. As noted we have been fiscally conservative in our expenditures but we did utilize reserve funds to cover our expenses for this fiscal year. By no means are we in any immediate financial disaster, but we do need to continue to be very prudent in our budgetary decisions. We will adjust as necessary and hopefully without any real noticeable difference in our level of service and increase tax burden to our citizens. We will monitor continuously and closely throughout the current fiscal year.

Over the years your Commissioners have strived to maintain a conservative position when adopting the annual budgets. I hope you will take the time to review the current Budget Document which can be found under the Home Page of the County Website by selecting from the Main Menu, County Departments H-W, Management/Budget. It is listed as "2014-2015 Adopted Budget.pdf". If you have any questions you can speak to the staff in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and they will be happy to assist you. The OMB Staff has a voluminous amount of data to back up the document which they can share and if you desire an outline of all the steps of the budget creation and adoption process. The document is a summary of the budget and hopefully user friendly. Please provide feedback if you have difficulty with the document.

As you read this report, I hope you will be pleased by the accomplishments of your county staff over the past year. By working together and staying focused, we will continue to ensure 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

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EMPLOYEES
OF THE YEAR JOE FILICE (LEFT) AND
BRYAN MCCALL (RIGHT)**



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HARDEE COUNTY SERVICE MATRIX

This Service Matrix was 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.

<p><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></p> <p>Clerk of Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Recorder Internal Auditing Recordkeeping for BOCC Recordkeeping for Courts <p>County Attorney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eminent Domain General Legal Services & Counsel Litigation <p>County Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Auditors Set Policy & Directive Implementation of Comp Plan <p>County Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Support to BOCC County Intergovernmental Representation County Legislative Representation Development of Legislative Programs Development of County Policies Targeted Process Improvements Provides Access to Legal Research Materials <p>Human Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant Recruiting & Screening Employee Record Maintenance Hearings of Discipline Appeals & Grievances Job Classification & Compensation 	<p>Payroll Processing</p> <p>Information Technology Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Solutions/Services Communications Services Desktop Services Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Information Distribution & Data Management Services <p>Office of Budget & Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Preparation & Management Audit Management Special Assessment Interim Collections Annual Reporting Budget Analysis & Reporting <p>/Planning & Zoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Planning Land Development Review & Inspection Land Use Counseling Zoning Administration (ULDC) <p>Property Appraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemptions Administration Real & Tangible Property Assessment TRIM Notice Administration <p>Purchasing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder Registration & Management Centralized Procurement Purchasing Card Program 	<p>Inventory Management</p> <p>Fuel System Administration</p> <p>Supervisor of Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer Elections Voter Registration <p>Tax Collector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill & Collect Property Taxes & Assessments Licenses Issuance (Hunting/Fishing/Driving) Motor Vehicle Registration/Title <p><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></p> <p>Building & Code Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building & Code Inspections Condemnation & Removal of Dangerous Structures Building & Zoning Code Enforcement Building Plan Review Administration of Licensed Contractors <p>E-911</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countywide 9-1-1 Database & Street Address Management Countywide 9-1-1 Network Administration <p>Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Population/Special Needs Shelter Management ALF / Home Health Plan Review Hazard Analysis Site Visits NIMS Compliance Disaster Response & Recovery All Hazards Planning
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Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Paramedic Services (Advanced Life Support)

Facilities Management

Maintenance & Upkeep of all County Property (Land & Buildings)

Custodial & Grounds Services

Maintains Indoor Air Quality, (Heating, Ventilation, AC)

Fire Control

Training Services

Fire Inspections & Prevention

Fire Suppression

Plans Review

Sheriff

Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigation

Detention, Special Operations

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

County Extension

4-H & Youth Programs

Family & Consumer Science Program

Agricultural Programs & Safety Training

Restricted Use Pesticide Licenses Training

Commercial & 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 & 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) Mortgage foreclosure prevention, Legislative Appropriation Administration

Grant Writing & Administration for BOCC and Sheriff's Office & ASAPP

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

Intelitran

Transportation for Disadvantaged

Medical Examiner

Cause of Death Determination & Disposition of Bodies

Nu Hope

Aging Services, In-Home Care, Nutrition

Peace River Center

Mental Health & Drug Addiction

Resthaven

Assisted Living Facility

Tri—County Addictions

Drug Addiction

ASAPP—Alliance for Substance Abuse and Pregnancy Prevention Education and Awareness

CULTURE & RECREATIONAL

Library Circulation Services, Citizen Action Center

Information & Reference Services

Parks & Recreation

County Park Maintenance & Grounds Keeping

Operate & Maintain the Wildlife Refuge

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2013-14 End of Year Financial Report

Fiscal year 2013-14 closed with the budget \$2.076 million greater than adopted at the beginning of the year. The most part of this increase can be attributed to an increase of grant dollars totaling \$1.647 million. The County continues to adopt budgets that draw from the reserves and fund balances by budgeting expenditures more than revenues. This is not unusual when Cash Forwards are ample. The County's final amended budget was expected to generate \$34.597 million in new revenues and actually generated approximately 2% more or \$35.122 million. Expenditures were expected to be around \$42.820 million but were actually \$38.123 million. This is a net decrease in the County's budget of approximately (\$3.001) million. In turn we see a decrease from fiscal year 13-14's cash forwards of \$19.336 million compared to current fiscal year

14-15's cash forwards of \$16.546 million. This is not a trend that can maintain stability in the County's finances. At some point in the near future, revenues must be generated equal to or slightly exceeding expenditures. It is also very important to maintain cash flow of at least 20% in order to support operations in the first quarter and to fund reimbursement type grants and to show that the County's finances are healthy, self-sustaining and credit worthy when financing is needed for large projects.

A closer look at revenues has indicated that we have been cautious and conservative while budgeting our revenues. Only one area stands out at this point and begs for evaluation and better projections. That area is the

licenses, permits and fees that collected 202% of the budgeted amount. This equates to only 167,080 in total revenues and does not have an overall effect on the total budget but receiving double what was budgeted is not good management of the revenue source. We will work to get this percentage much closer to budgeting 100% of the source.



TOTAL COUNTY REVENUES BY CATEGORY					
REVENUES	ORIGINAL BUDGET	9/30/2014 AMENDMENTS	9/30/2014 AMENDED BUDGET	9/30/2014 YTD REVENUES	% OF BUDGET RECEIVED
AD VALOREM TAXES	12,757,828.00	-	12,757,828.00	12,464,345.16	98%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAXES	2,390,602.00		2,390,602.00	2,712,852.57	113%
LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	82,900.00		82,900.00	167,080.78	202%
FEDERAL GRANTS	125,000.00	232,534.00	357,534.00	224,165.26	63%
STATE GRANTS	4,242,466.00	1,414,091.00	5,656,557.00	5,237,568.71	93%
STATE SHARED REVENUES	6,122,768.00	588,338.00	6,711,106.00	7,416,515.29	111%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,885,699.00	26,600.00	2,912,299.00	3,028,507.14	104%
COURT RELATED REVENUES	300.00		300.00	-	0%
FINES & FORFEITURES	233,050.00	6,255.00	239,305.00	263,666.46	110%
INTEREST	44,750.00		44,750.00	49,056.04	110%
RENTS & ROYALTIES	98,108.00	24,000.00	122,108.00	119,894.00	98%
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	2,652,490.00		2,652,490.00	2,646,992.28	100%
MISCELLANEOUS/DONATIONS	632,810.00	36,906.00	669,716.00	791,528.47	118%
TOTAL SOURCES	32,268,771.00	2,328,724.00	34,597,495.00	35,122,172.16	102%
LESS 5%	(1,350,232.00)	-	(1,350,232.00)	-	0%
TRANSFERS IN	1,578,676.00	12,078.00	1,590,754.00	1,653,459.11	104%
CASH FORWARD	19,336,052.00	(264,223.00)	19,071,829.00	-	0%
TOTAL REVENUES GENERATED	51,833,267.00	2,076,579.00	53,909,846.00	36,775,631.27	

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While looking over historical expenditures, it appears that all areas are where we would expect them to be at the end of a typical year. We tend to budget tightly those departments that are dependent upon ad valorem and unrestricted dollars as their funding sources. This includes departments under the general fund at 91% expensed; those under public safety at 95% expensed and those under Culture and Recreation that are at 90% expensed. Also, we have those outside agencies that request funding and mandated health care cost under Human Services that are at 95% expensed.

Other areas that are much further away from their budgeted expenses are physical environment at 82% expensed, transportation trust at 86% expensed and economic environment at 66% expensed. The explanation for this is simply that these areas work mostly if not completely from grants or restricted dollars. When expenses are not made in one particular year they can and will be moved into the following year. For example; a major grant to improve a specific road may be around \$4 million dollars, so we may budget that \$4 million but at the end of October they may only be half way through the project so we will budget the additional \$2 million forward to complete the project. So we essentially did expense only 50% of the budget but the restricted dollars do carry forward into the next fiscal year.



TOTAL COUNTY EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

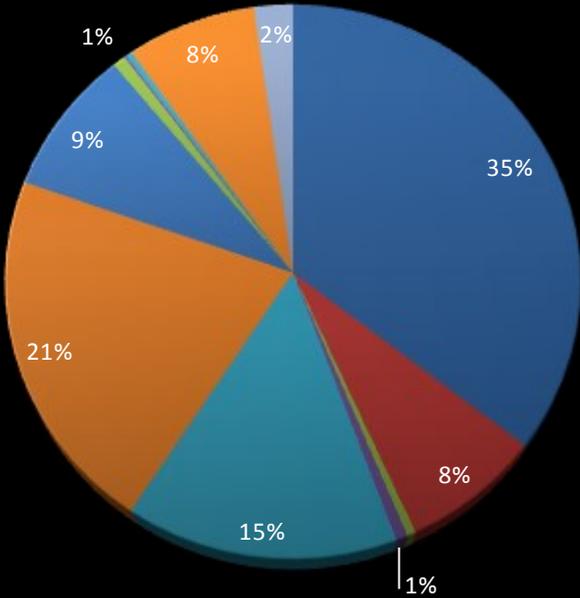
EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	9/30/2014 AMENDMENTS	9/30/2014 AMENDED BUDGET	9/30/2014 YTD EXPENSES	% OF BUDGET EXPENSED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,957,716.00	212,800.00	6,170,516.00	5,586,829.64	91%
PUBLIC SAFETY	13,982,040.00	399,108.00	14,381,148.00	13,719,645.26	95%
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	6,279,437.00	431,270.00	6,710,707.00	5,532,370.02	82%
TRANSPORTATION	9,252,954.00	1,570,956.00	10,823,910.00	9,361,636.60	86%
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	635,043.00	160,897.00	795,940.00	528,683.32	66%
HUMAN SERVICES	1,290,577.00	130,946.00	1,421,523.00	1,352,076.59	95%
CULTURE & RECREATION	1,132,331.00	9,840.00	1,142,171.00	1,025,706.70	90%
COURTS	1,367,323.00	7,355.00	1,374,678.00	1,016,083.09	74%
TOTAL EXPENSES	39,897,421.00	2,923,172.00	42,820,593.00	38,123,031.23	89%
TRANSFERS OUT	1,578,676.00	194,479.00	1,773,155.00	1,653,459.11	93%
CONTINGENCIES	1,552,743.00	1,219.00	1,553,962.00	-	0%
RESTRICTED RESERVES	3,338,349.00	(660,167.00)	2,678,182.00	-	0%
FUND BALANCE	5,466,078.00	(382,124.00)	5,083,954.00	-	0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	51,833,267.00	2,076,579.00	53,909,846.00	39,776,490.34	74%

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- AD VALOREM TAXES
- FEDERAL GRANTS
- CHARGES FOR SERVICES
- INTEREST
- MISCELLANEOUS/DONATIONS
- GENERAL GOVERNMENT TAXES
- STATE GRANTS
- COURT RELATED REVENUES
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- STATE SHARED REVENUES
- FINES & FORFEITURES
- SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS



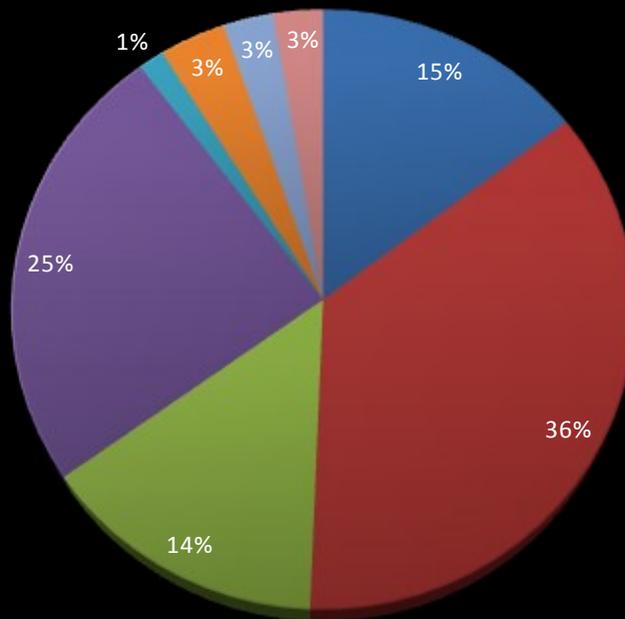
**REVENUES GENERATED IN
FISCAL YEAR 2013-14:
\$35,122,172.16**

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- GENERAL GOVERNMENT
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT
- TRANSPORTATION
- ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT
- HUMAN SERVICES
- CULTURE & RECREATION
- COURTS



**EXPENDITURES MADE IN
FISCAL YEAR 2013-14:
\$38,123,031.23**



Procurement

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Jack Logan
Purchasing Director
Office: (863) 773-5014

Purchasing provides procurement services to Hardee County government agencies, securing goods and services that meet performance and delivery requirements at the most cost effective price, while adhering to appropriate laws, regulations and procedures.

- In 2014 Requisitions were DOWN 5.6% from 2,311 to 2,188
- Credit card tickets UP 10.5% from 4,253 to 4,700
- PO's Issued were DOWN 0.8% from 1,989 to 1,974
- Invoices received UP 11.1% from 2,738 to 3,041
- Vendors added remained virtually the same from 55 to 56
- Diesel fuel purchased UP 4.9% from \$527,725 to \$553,522
- Gasoline purchased UP 5.0% from \$380,398 to \$399,408
- During 2014 five Invitations to bid were issued for services totaling over \$3,400,000
- Purchasing maintained the fuel system, charging the various departments fairly for fuel consumed
- Prepared the monthly fuel report for Department of Revenue to obtain refund for taxes paid



Melody Fields
Purchasing Specialist

- Purchasing maintained the stockroom to provide parts as necessary with minimal delays and downtime
- Administered Bank of America credit card program for small dollar purchases

Looking Forward:

Purchasing is "looking forward" to replacing our computer hardware which has been outdated for several years. This should enable us to interface more rapidly with our user departments. Also we are working with the Public Works Director on major improvements to our fueling station at Hanchey Road. While this system has served us well for many years, parts are now obsolete or very difficult to locate creating the necessity for an upgrade.



Human Resources

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Jane Long
Human Resources
Director
Office: (863) 773-2161

The Human Resources Departments mission statement is to provide support to all County Departments, to ensure the Board of County Commissioners' employment practices and benefits are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Hardee County Board of Commissioners.

- Advertised 52 job openings for employment
- Received 532 applications for employment.
- Conducted 84 interviews for employment.
- Successfully hired 29 new employees
- Prepared 26 payrolls for the Board of County Commissioners staff
- Investigated and filed 22 worker's compensation claims
- Investigated and filed 10 liability claims
- Investigated and filed 10 auto accident claims
- Investigated and filed 1 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.





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Office of Management & Budget



Janice M. Williamson
Budget & Finance Director
412 W Orange St., Rm 204
Wauchula FL, 33873
Office: (863) 773-3199

“The Management and Budget staff is dedicated to presenting the County’s financial information in an understandable manner that demonstrates accountability, integrity and prudent spending of public funds.”

The Office of Management & Budget’s predominant purpose is to assist the County Manager in overseeing the preparation of a balanced County budget and to supervise its administration in the departments and agencies that are funded. In helping to formulate the County’s spending plans, OMB must evaluate the effectiveness of department programs, policies and procedures, assessing and documenting competing funding demands among the departments and agencies to allow for management decisions on funding priorities.

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 assists 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.

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While budget development and execution is the prominent process managed by this department they are also responsible for many other functions. Those functions are typically listed in the goals and objectives of the budget documents. In keeping with the goals and objectives listed in the 2013-14 public budget document, Management and Budget has maintained, achieved or made progress in the following areas:



- Beginning in early March of 2013: Management and Budget coordinated the budget process and worked with each county department to prepare a balanced budget for FY14-15. The process ended in early September of 2014 with an adopted, balanced budget certified in the Truth in Millage process and in accordance with all state laws and requirements
- 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. Coordinated with the accounting department of the Clerk of Courts to assist them in taking over the fixed asset responsibilities.
- Assisted the County Manager and the Board of County

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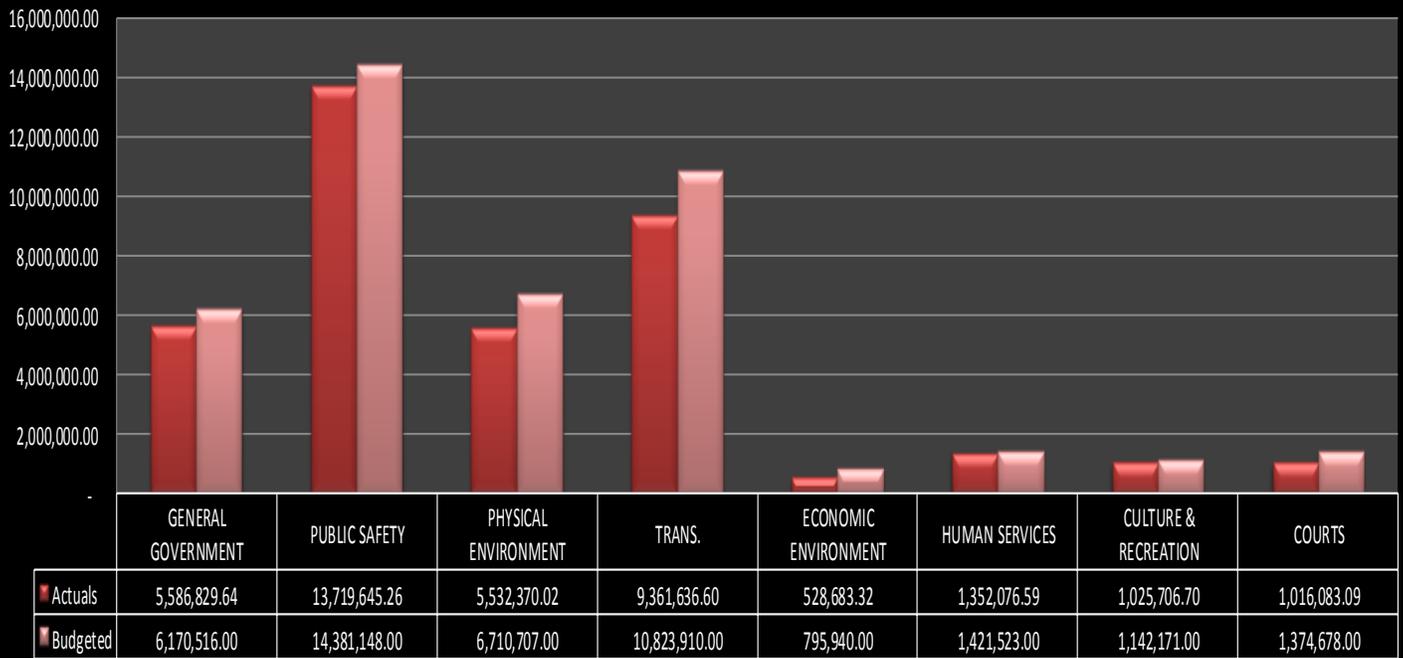


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Commissioners in establishing written policies for the annual budget process.

- Provided all documentation requested for, 12-13 annual audit resulting in a final audit with no significant findings related directly to this departments operation
- Continued with the new responsibilities for the indigent verifications under the Health Care Responsibility Act (HCRA) formerly conducted by the County Health Department

2013-14 Budgeted to Actual Expenditures



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The purpose of the ITS/GIS Department is to provide client access to network and internet resources as well as GIS Mapping Data to the community at large. Through research and a continuing education, we gain knowledge of new products and procedures that enable our Department to support the end users more completely.

The Information and Technology Services:

This year's accomplishments include:

Upgrades: Several of our servers were running software versions that were no longer supported on obsolete hardware. Most of the servers have been upgraded with new software and are running on new hardware that is still under warranty. In the process, we moved more servers from physical to virtual hardware to make more efficient use of our IT resources and to reduce power consumption. The most challenging part of the upgrade was replacing the obsolete Storage Area Network (SAN) and the Exchange server.

Ordered, configured and installed 18 new PCs for various departments. ITS also purchased 28 additional Office 2010 licenses to upgrade critical PCs to be compatible with the new Exchange server.

Reloaded and redeployed 8 PCs to replace older models including a machine at the County Extension Service that allows them to connect to the county network for entering time cards as well as requisitions.

Configured public WiFi access at the EOC and the Annex utilizing existing equipment.

Worked with the Clerk's office to share the cost of a Comcast internet connection. The shared connection gave the Clerk's office a redundant internet connection that also let us replace the DSL connection and the fax line in the Guardian Ad Litem office. This solution saves the BoCC \$56.13 per month over the cost of the fax line and the DSL service.

Lightening didn't wreak too much havoc this year. It fried the paging system at Fire Station 1 and knocked out the phones at Road and Bridge but didn't cause permanent damage. A surge sup-

pressor was added to the paging system in the hope that it will avoid future damage.

Wireless links had problems again this year. The Utilities building was taken off-line for a couple of days when Rapid Systems disconnected one of our cables that was unlabeled and cross connected through their box. During the tower climb to investigate the problem a camera that had been repaired from an earlier lightning strike was replaced. The cable is now running directly to our equipment box. The link to the Vandolah WWTP was also having problems and would need occasional, on-site reboots. The "on-site" problem was solved with a web power switch that would automatically reboot the equipment if it lost touch with the network. The Vandolah battery backups were replaced with a single system that protected all of the network equipment in the shed.

A wayward mower sliced through the fiber optic cable connecting the Utilities building to the radio tower. With

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a temporary wireless link, we were able to get them back on-line until permanent repairs were made. We had the line repaired and also had the secondary run from the utilities building to the Master Control Center (MCC) replaced. This now gives the Utilities building some alternate paths to both the radio tower and the MCC that can be used in the future.

The PubWorks program at Road and Bridge had outgrown its access database and had developed performance problems that were greatly impacting data entry. Public Works took advantage of a discounted price on the SQL upgrade. We installed the new version which eliminated the performance problems and will be able to handle the volume of data for the foreseeable future.

Several of our copier leases expired this year. Instead of replacing the copiers, we were able to extend the leases at a lower cost.

Looking forward:

The jump from Exchange 2007 to Exchange 2013 was a major change. The major hurdles are behind us but there are still issues to iron out.

With the groundwork laid with the recent upgrades, we will be refining our shared folder structure to help departments share information more efficiently.

In the coming year, we will be upgrading our firewalls as the existing machines are reaching end-of-support.

We will be finishing our backup and off site replication install for disaster recovery.

With the PC purchases planned for this year, we should end up with most of our PCs running Windows 7 and a current version of Office.



SERVER

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**EOC
TOWER**



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GIS analysis support for Hardee County Planning & Development for county-wide housing study.

GIS analysis support for Hardee County Planning & Development for comprehensive plan 2030.

Supported Hardee County Planning & development with Liquefied Natural Gas, (LNG) site location and development.

Updated Hardee County road classification system.

E-911 addressing support documentation for Bowling Green street renaming projects.

Reconfigured Hardee County employee database design and deployment.

Created an updated 2014 aerials catalog for use with web maps.

Supported the City of Bowling Green with Utility maps and location of utility lines.

Supported Hardee County mining Department with Mining Overlay map amendments.

Supported Hardee County Planning & development with Little Charlie Creek data collection projects.

Supported City of Wauchula GIS/IT outreach.

GIS:

Maintained and updated Hardee County employee portal.

Maintained and updated Hardee County Sheriff's office dispatch GIS system.

Maintained and updated Hardee County E-911/Addressing.

Maintained and updated Hardee County's Land Resource data web map application.

Updated Hardee County Emergency Management website.

Located and compiled a database of county-wide fire hydrants.

Collected and mapped county-wide road sign inventory.

Created & configured a new GIS data/web server for new consumable web map applications.

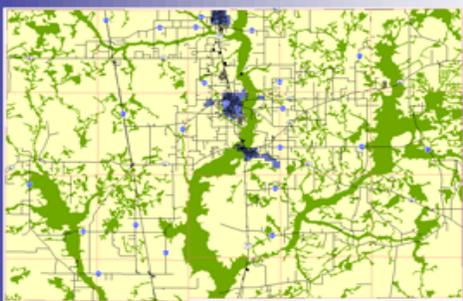
Created & configured a new Emergency Management server for WebEOC.

Identified and mapped Temporary Debris Management Sites, (TDS), for Emergency Management.

Identified and mapped county-wide populated places & points of interest.

Aided in the development of regional maps for Hardee County Chamber of Commerce.

Supported Hardee County Industrial Development Authority with business incubator plans.



*Welcome to Hardee County
Geographic Information Systems*



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Emergency Management



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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.

Meetings attended:

- Current Issues in Emergency Management
- Regional Domestic Security Task Force
- Emergency Management Area 4 & 6 Meetings (quarterly)
- Florida Emergency Preparedness Association annual and midterm meetings.
- Local Emergency Planning Counsel (quarterly)
- Local Mitigation Strategies
- Conference Calls with FDEM (various issues)
- Regional Director's meeting (quarterly)
- Urban Area Security Initiative (quarterly)
- Homeless Coalition
- Weather Webinars (weekly)
- State Agriculture Response Team
- MYTEP (Multi-year training/exercise planning)

-Special Needs

- THIRA Symposium (Threats & Hazards Identification Risk Assessment)

Seminars Attended:

- Governors Hurricane Conference
- Rural County Summit

Exercises:

- Statewide Hurricane exercise
- Weekly state-wide communications tests
- Hired a consultant to design and conduct a full scale exercise involving active shooter at school (This was grant funded)
- DeSoto County's full scale exercise on active shooter in school
- Mass Evacuation tabletop exercise in Lee County
- Region 4 Interoperable Communication Exercise.

- Quarterly regional communication tests.

Planning:

- Reviewed six (6) health care facilities emergency plans
- Updating Debris Management Plan

Response:

- Emergency Management responded to the following type incidents:
 - Structure Fires
 - Hazardous Material Spills
 - Hazmat - Tanker Explosion
 - Propane Gas Leak
 - Large Brush Fire

Public Outreach:

- Annual Hurricane Expo in Wauchula



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Emergency Management



-Gave presentation at PRECO staff meeting on Emergency Management

-Provided newspaper interviews regarding current weather related events

-Issued weather related and other community information by internet and social media. This was our second year of using social media for this purpose, and the followers have increased drastically

-Participated in PRECO's annual member meeting

-Participated in Hometown Heroes event on Main Street Wauchula

-Participated in Nu-Hope Family Day at Pioneer Park

-Attended open house at Department of Health in Wauchula

-Issued public notices and recommendations during Severe Weather Awareness Week

-Participated in the County's Health Care Benefit

Training:

-WebEOC Admin Training

-Mitigation for Emergency Managers

-Active Shooter class

-Incident Command System 400 class

-FEMA class "Public Assistance Grant Program"

Preparedness:

-Upgraded versions of WebEOC incident management software

-Upgraded EOC's furniture

-Upgraded the EOC security system

-National Incident Management System rollup to FDEM for compliance

Funding:

Emergency management also utilized \$195,032.28 in State and Federal Grant funds to accomplish several of our projects.

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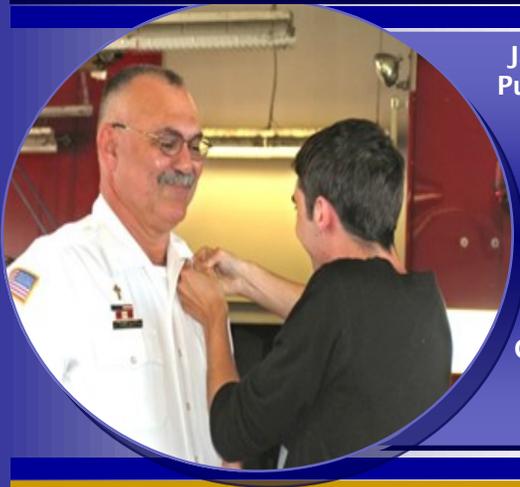
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Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services



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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.

The Department:

Hardee County Fire Rescue is a Fire and EMS service providing fire prevention/suppression as well as medical response and transport. We have three fire/rescue stations, one in Bowling Green, one in Wauchula, and one in Zolfo Springs. The department is staffed by 44 personnel, 39 are firefighter/EMT/Paramedics and 6 are administrative staff. The 39 personnel are divided into three 24 hour shifts, "A", "B" and "C" totaling 13 personnel that are on duty 24/7/365. They are all Firefighter and EMT/Paramedic trained.

Apparatus are as follows:

- 3-Fire Engines. 1-New engine purchased in 2014 and delivered 01/29/2015
- 1-Ladder truck. Added to the fleet in 2014
- 2-Water Tankers
- 3-Ambulances. 1-refurbished ambulance in 2014.
- 4-Brush trucks. 1-Military 6X added to the fleet in 2014.
- 3-Staff vehicles



ADMINISTRATION

The Administration serves on the South Florida State College Advisory Council in Avon Park attending annual meetings or as needed. The council is chaired by our Deputy Chief of Operations and he is involved with Fire Science Curriculum design, as well as reviewing the fire academy operations as a whole. We have worked with area Fire Chief's from surrounding Counties to improve mutual aid agreements, through review as well as improving our communications with each other by improving our own radio communications equipment.

The Department continuously seeks grant opportunities in an effort to reduce the economic impact on the residents of Hardee County.

- Applied for a communications grant that will provide for replacement of our portable radios that are being phased-out from the manufacturer.
- Received 150 smoke detectors via a grant from the Florida State Fire Marshal's office. Installation is upon request from economically challenged residents and to this date we have installed 46 of those detectors with more being scheduled. All three fire stations are creating points of contact with the residents for installation by the personnel.



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Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services



We have been very proactive in establishing Ebola protocols, updating of infectious disease procedures and are moving forward with Train-the-Trainer classes for personnel to train in house.

We have also received a grant for \$10,000.00 that purchased 4 new Panasonic Tough Book lap-top computers we will utilize to complete the patient care reports electronically. This is projected to increase revenue and decrease cost.

We have created a new inventory and accountability system for the narcotics/medications we carry to better comply with State and Federal regulations.

We have implemented a National Accountability System for use on emergency scenes to keep track of personnel and their assignments. This is a new system to H.C.F.R and has improved the Incident Command Structure as a whole within the department.

We have streamlined the uniform ordering system by administration regaining direct oversight of the uniform inventory which is more efficient by decreasing the cost of uniform items.

We have refined the replacement procedures for the Personal Protective Equipment through streamlined accountability and inventory procedures controlled by one individual and ensuring compliance with NFPA 10 year life of the PPE.

FIRE PREVENTION

Our Fire Prevention Division has had a total of 658 points of contact which 331 are listed as follows:

Inspections: 168

Plan Reviews: 41

Consultations: 35

DRC Plans and Meetings: 4

EM Safety Plans: 8

Articles for the paper: 7

Reports/ PR to the media: 12

Public Education Materials/events/coordination: 22

Meetings: 10

Insurance Inquiry: 14

Environmental Inquiry: 4

Training events: 3

Fire Wise consults: 3

EMERGENCY ACTIVITY

Since 2010 Hardee County Fire Rescue has had a 14% increase in calls for service with the greatest increases occurring from 2012 to 2013. We responded to **4,696** incidents in 2014. These incidents include the extinguishment of fires, treatment and extrication at vehicular accidents, hazardous materials responses, fire alarms, weather-related incidents and providing Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) techniques and hospital transport for medical emergencies.

We have listed four categories for fire response and one for our medical response.

- All Types of Fires: 178.
- All Medical Related Incidents: 3, 598

- All other Types of Incidents 920

TRAINING

Personnel are required to train at least 2hrs per shift on scheduled topics which are instrumental in maintaining their required certifications in various disciplines.

We have moved from a non-scheduled training to a more regimented weekly fire and EMS schedule which include the mitigation of CNG emergencies that could occur at the County facilities, Incident Command and the related aspects, EMS protocol, and public relations to name a few.

We have been able to send two department instructors to Aerial Operations class to be able to come back and train our personnel in-house to be certified to operate the 75' ladder truck which increases safety and effectiveness of the operation.

Lieutenants are initiating physical training that is job-performance-specific with fully bunkered out search and rescue drills in the station, and the personnel have built door and window props for training on how to self-rescue and rescue trapped individuals as well as the various methods of forcible entry.

HONOR the fallen

COURAGE in adversity

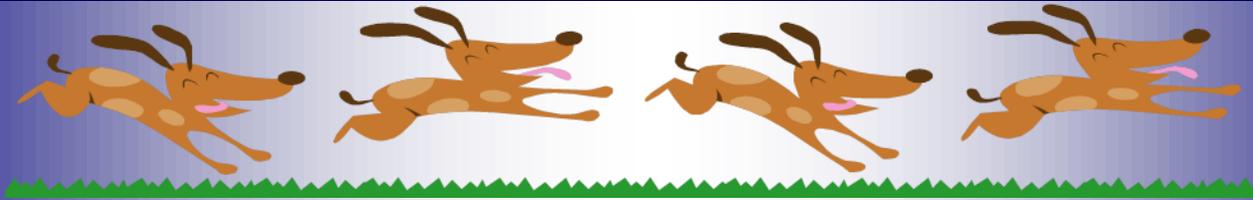
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RESPECT those we serve

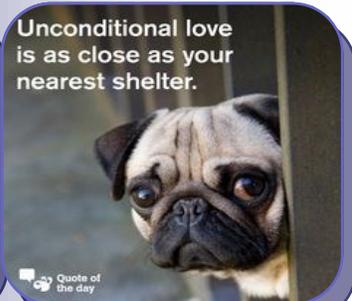


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Animal Control



The Animal Control Department keeps busy with a variety of complaints and problems regarding animal issues in the county. The department encourages the adoption of most animals; however some animals have traits that hinder adoption so other actions must be taken due to time and cost constraints.



Hardee County Animal Control operates a shelter and adoption program to protect and find homes for unwanted animals; enforces ordinances, such as leash laws, laws governing vaccinations and humane treatment; and also educates the public, to make citizens aware of animal control problems and ways to solve them.

Revenue Retained by AC:	\$600.00
Amount paid to Vets:	\$880.00
Citation Filing Fees:	\$510.00

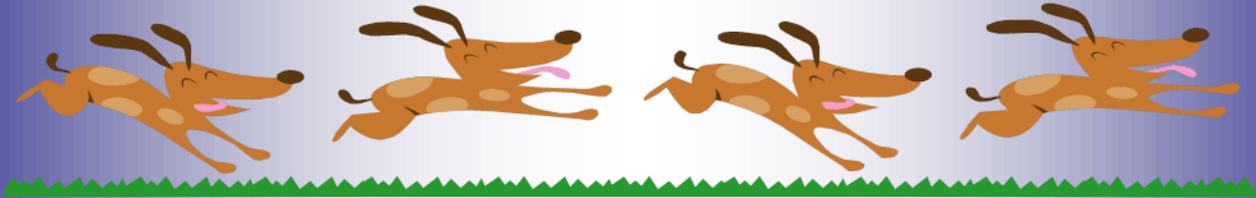
Revenue for 2013 – 2014

Adoptions (dogs & cats):	\$2,745.00
Adoptions (chickens):	\$0.00
Boarding:	\$310.00
Dangerous Dog Registrations:	\$0.00
Donations:	\$1,004.50
Impoundments:	\$175.00
Reimbursements:	\$3,168.40
Quarantines:	300.00
Citation Filing Fee Reimbursement:	\$0.00
Total:	\$7,702.90





Animal Control



Bite Cases:	38			Cat on Person	0		
Call-Outs:	1			Dog on Person	35	Animal on Animal	3
Complaints:	908						
Citations Issued:	52						
Court Summons	2						
Correction Notices Issued:	8						
Warnings Issued:	123						

69	Adopted		Dogs:	68	Cats:	1	
0	Dead on Arrival		Dogs:	0	Cats:	0	
2	Died in the Kennel		Dogs:	2	Cats:	0	
3	Escaped		Dogs:	2	Cats:	1	
498	Euthanized		Dogs:	270	Cats:	228	
801	Impounded		Dogs:	475	Cats:	326	
45	Redeemed		Dogs:	42	Cats:	3	
203	Surrendered		Dogs:	115	Cats:	88	
123	Transferred		Dogs:	111	Cats:	12	
83	Trap-Neuter-Release				Cats:	83	
Number of spay/neuter vouchers issued:					64		
Number of spay/neuter vouchers returned:					52		

MORE ABOUT ADOPTION: VISIT WWW.PETFINDER.COM



How do I find out what an adoption group's policies are?

If you're interested in a specific pet, please reach out to the adoption group that has that pet. (You can contact the group using the contact information below the pet's photo or by filling out our adoption questionnaire by clicking "Adopt Me" on the pet's profile.)

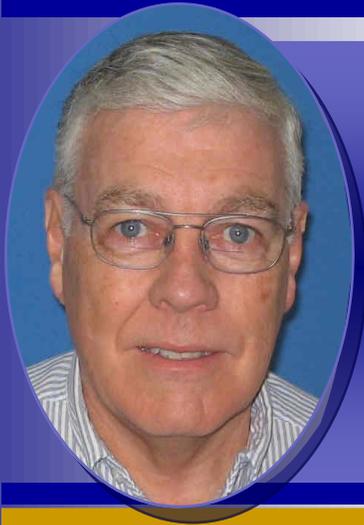
Remember, even if your heart is set on that "one special pet" you saw with a specific group on Petfinder, check the pet lists of other groups, stop in at your local shelter, and check out our [Event Calendar](#) to meet with other rescue organizations. Bring a friend who might also be interested in adopting.

You'll become a more informed adopter and your adoption experience will be richer. Should you miss out on your "chosen one" because you don't meet the shelter or rescue group's adoption criteria, you are still moving forward toward finding that special forever friend.

[Checklist for Adopters](#) [6 Pet-Adoption Myths](#) [Adopter Bill of Rights](#) [Pet-Adoption FAQs](#) [Read Our Blog](#)



PUBLIC WORKS



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“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.”

The Road and Bridge

Department: is the largest department within the County and is responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, drainage and right-of-ways in the County’s road system. Within the County, there are 350.97 miles of paved roads and 148.15 miles of unpaved roads, as well as 69 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 2013/2014 include:

- Issued 51 utility permits and 25 culvert/driveway connection permits.
- Submitted 134 utility locate requests.
- The FDOT funded Sweetwater Road. The Project was awarded but construction included replacement of two bridges and completion was delayed due to an extended period of high water caused by runoff due to the unusually wet summer weather
- The timber bridges had routine maintenance throughout the year.
- Reviewed several site development plans in conjunction with the Hardee County Planning Department.
- Coordinated the preparation





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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 89 tons of bulk waste throughout the County.
- Due to no one showing up, staff stopped supervising weekly trash pickup by community service workers.
- Provided one safety training classes with a PRM trainer for all departmental staff under DPW
- Staff installed pavement mark-

ings on many miles of paved roads where the centerline and the edge lines were worn away and for pavement that was re-surfaced or surface treated.

- Several unpaved roads were improved with 41,285 +/-tons of shell aggregate being placed on the driving surface.
- Numerous drainage culverts were replaced throughout the county.
- Staff prepared 19.05 miles of unpaved roadway for pavement with culvert replacements, drainage improvements and additional shell base.

- Staff prepared 9.37 miles of paved roads for surface treatment with culvert replacements, drainage improvements and leveling with hot-mix asphalt.
- Many outfall ditches were cleaned to restore drainage away from roadways. This practice is beneficial to the County and property owners.

Fleet Maintenance

The Maintenance Shop is responsible for providing and maintaining safe and dependable equipment to all County departments. The department is funded under Transportation Trust and is reimbursed all parts and labor costs for work performed on vehicles and equipment from other departments. Service priority is given to emergency vehicles operated by Fire/ Rescue and the Sheriff's Department.

No new large equipment was purchased for the shop during the fiscal year. Several small equipment items were replaced because they were worn out and posed as safety concerns. This included an 8" bench vise, a bench grinder and some other similar hand tool items. A porta-power hydraulic press was also obtained that pri-



marily is needed for re-bushing truck suspensions, but also has other beneficial and time saving applications in a shop.

Activities and accomplishments of the Maintenance Shop for 2013/2014 include:

- 401 road calls, which are down from 537 last year.

- 10 overtime service calls, which are down from 15 last year.
- 2,176 work orders, which are down from 2,844 last year.
- A larger used asphalt paver was purchased and no repairs were needed before putting into service.
- Staff continued to retrofit an asphalt distributor truck that had little use and which had been used as a water truck at the landfill. The retrofit is 90% complete.





Facilities Management



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Facilities Management is responsible for providing a clean, safe and comfortable work environment for all county and public facilities owned by the county. This includes performing all maintenance of the facilities and adjusting accommodations to meet the needs of the occupants. This department also constructs new facilities as needed or oversees the contracted resources used for new construction.

The Facilities Department is responsible for the maintenance of all County owned buildings and their surrounding areas. The department also constructs new buildings and renovates old buildings as needed to accommodate the ever changing needs of the various departments and 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 by keeping cost lower. Some major accomplishments of the Facilities Management Department include:

- Hardee Lakes Rv camping area was completed this year with electric and water to each of the sixty new sites, also a water system was constructed, a new bathroom and office/store were constructed also.
- The Board Room was remodeled to make the dais larger to accommodate the IDA Board.
- The records storage building was started and completed this year.
- Resthaven - all of the floors in the bedrooms, the vct was replaced with sheet vinyl also the brick was re-pointed to make it water proof.
- Drainage at the Annex II was installed making the standing water on the south end drain into the

storm drainage system.

- Added a public restroom in Annex II at the entrance to the Property Appraisers and Tax Collectors Office.
- The 2 new soccer fields at Hardee Park were made longer to meet the High School guide line standards for the Soccer team.
- A new well was installed at the Court House this year so we can start working on the Landscaping around the Court House.

DID YOU KNOW?

INNOVATION OVERUSED In 2011 the SEC shows companies mentioned some form of the word "innovation" 33,528 in annual reports, which was a 64% increase from five years before that. @RichieEtwaru 6 7 WORST INNOVATIONS TIME's 50 worst innovations listed in 2010 include Foursquare, Farmville and the Segway.

Go figure.



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Utilities



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Hardee County Utilities Department's (HCUD) main objective is to improve county resident's quality of life by ensuring health and safety of provided water & wastewater treatment as well as encouraging economic development through the on-going expansion of water and wastewater infrastructures. This department includes the Vandolah Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Wauchula Hills Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

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.

FY13/14 Accomplishments

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

Although past utility reports revolved primarily around capital expansion projects, over the past couple years the ability to leverage local dollars

with outside funding sources has dried up. Therefore, most of the FY13/14 HCUD focus was toward the less publicly visible, yet fundamentally critical expansion of operational documentation and catch-up on facilities maintenance. Regardless of focus some noteworthy HCUD milestones during the past year include:

- Received Legislative Appropriation to proceed with Wauchula Hills S/D Phase 3 infrastructure expansion. Engineering design/permitting/observation secured with planned construction during 2015



for connecting 70+/- additional central potable water & sewer system services, as well as the decommission of failing septic tanks;

- Received

managing State Agency approval to consolidate past year's remaining CDBG enhancement funding to install backbone Water Main connecting 'loop' between Cactus Road and US17 along Old Bradenton Road. Engineering design/permitting completed and bid awarded for construction completion early 2015;

- To meet increasing regulatory mandates and to improve operating efficiencies toward public safety, three exceptional management initiatives continued from past, to include: Operation & Management database software for all utility facilities component tracking updated and expanding; automatic meter reading system installation completed for over 75% of services; and, facilities Supervisory Control & Automated Data Acquisition (SCADA) system improvements & other facility security expansion continues;



Utilities

- Received SWFWMD Consumption Use Permit for the Wauchula Hills WTP to Dec 2033--Although involved far greater documentation, correspondence and analysis, this achievement is considered a fantastic improvement over past five-year operating permits;
- Connected Vandolah Power's newly installed waste water lift station to Vandolah WWTF. Began infrastructure connection plan review process for Florikan, a proposed new HCCP business. HC IDA staff planning occurred in design coordination with their development & ultimate construction of a WWTP Pre-Treatment Facility to treat industrial flow streams from the park;
- Installation, acceptance and connection of the Bostick Road wastewater oversized force main extension project by Torrey Oaks RV & Golf Resort to the Wauchula Hills system was completed. The partnership contribution in aid of construction documentation for capital transfer of infrastructure to the County is expected for filing within months.



FY13/14 Water Customer type and percent of Potable Water production:

Public/Instit.,	7%	(e.g., SFSC, K-8 schools)
Commercial,	42%	(e.g., Businesses, Hotel, 3 apartment & Mobile Home/RV Parks)
Residential,	29%	
Irrigation,	8%	
Misc.,	14%	(i.e., Construction, fire, treatment losses, line flushing)

Note: Two businesses and one residence with water service Only. And, additional three commercial (Mobile Home/RV Parks) Waste water service Only.

FY13/14 Utility Customer Usage:

Wauchula Hills:

Source Water, Annual Average Daily Flow (AADF): 111,430 gallons per day (GPD)

Potable Water produced, AADF: 105,626 GPD

Waste water treatment, AADF: 91,000 GPD

Vandolah:

Waste water treatment, AADF: 8,000 GPD (e.g., FINR, CoW Airport)





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Solid Waste Department



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The Solid Waste Department provides for the proper management and disposal of all solid waste generated within the borders of Hardee County using practices that ensure the sanctity of the county's environment and are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Board of County Commissioners.

2013-2014 Landfill Activities

2014 was a very busy year at the County's Solid Waste Department. A major landfill expansion of the Class 1 cell area was permitted, bid and constructed during 2014. The additional 5-acre landfill cell expansion was constructed by a contractor along the west side of the existing cell and will provide 25-30 years of future disposal capacity. Professional solid waste engineering services were provided by SCS Engineers for the Phase II Section II that included design, bidding and construction inspection/oversight at a cost of \$142,662.29. COMANCO was the successful bidder for construction work at a price of \$2.6 million dollars

Capital cost for 13-14 included the purchase of a John Deere 624 Loader at a price of \$126,000. The loader is a key piece of equipment for the landfill operations and this one should provide several years of service. Two tarp machines were also put into service. The tarps are used as temporary covers and are removed daily. This avoids the placement of soil cover that uses expensive space needed for waste disposal.

The landfill continues to provide multiple programs available to Hardee County residents. One program is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. These collections were held quarterly and allowed the residents to bring in household hazardous waste to the landfill so that it could be properly diverted and recycled. The collections resulted in 21.36 tons of hazardous materials being disposed of at a cost of \$31,495.26. In addition, the Hardee County Solid Waste Department entered into an inter local agreement with Glades County to participate in a yearly household hazardous waste collection that is funded through the Department of Environmental Protection.





Solid Waste

Staff continued providing a safe method for residents to dispose of their unwanted needles through the Sharps Program. This program greatly reduces the risk of accidental exposure of infectious diseases to sanitation workers and solid waste staff.

The landfill is open 6-days per week plus on most holidays to coincide with the commercial waste haulers operations. The small operations staff stayed busy processing the waste listed below in the following categories:

Residential-	8,427.32
Commercial-	8,726.45
Construction & Demolition-	320.92
Wood and Yard Trash-	<u>843.84</u>
Total	18,472.51

The Solid Waste office staff is also responsible for the collection of tipping fees, daily accounting of cash customers, monthly invoicing of deposit account customers and collections along with other record keeping responsibilities. The total tipping fees collected for the fiscal year totaled \$578,205.43 The Solid Waste staff also applies and manages the Small County Consolidated Grant. The state awarded grant for 2014 was for \$90,909.00, which can vary from year to year.

The solid Waste staff maintains various contractual service agreements that include the treatment of leachate, groundwater and surface water monitoring, leachate and methane gas testing, household hazardous waste collection and disposal, and classification/verification inspections and training.

The County has a good working relationship with the City of Wauchula and includes an arrangement for leachate treatment. Leachate is rainwater that has flowed down through the solid waste and is collected for treatment by the City. The total amount of leachate hauled for treatment during 2014 was 2,754,000 gallons. The cost of treatment was \$14,069.98

The Solid Waste staff receives and effectively resolves complaints from unincorporated Hardee County residents who receive garbage pickup. Special pick up requests for bulky waste from unincorporated residents are also taken by solid waste staff and forwarded to Public Works. The solid waste staff is also responsible for the production and proper distribution of private road identification cards.

2013-2014 Recycling Activities

During this fiscal year Crigler Enterprises came in and relined the baler at a cost of \$53,714.00. The Recycling department also took the concrete on site that had been separated and had it crushed at a cost of \$4.50 per ton that totaled \$55,000 for 2014. This crushed material is used to fix the service roads on the landfill site and saves money when compared to the cost of shell at \$13-14/ton.

Over the past fiscal year the Recycling section of the Solid Waste Department was responsible for recycling the following:

Recycling Activity for FY 13 - 14	
Scrap Metal	35.31 Tons
Cardboard	90.12 Tons
New Print	0.00 Tons
Lead Acid Batteries	1.04 Tons
E-Scrape	38.50 Tons



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Solid Waste

Below is a photo of electronic waste that was separated and sits ready for shipment to the recycling market.



The Solid Waste Staff is responsible for finding markets for recyclables. In this past fiscal year the Department worked closely with Hardee Disposal Inc. (HDI) to set up a recycling drop-off center at their facility located on Townsend Street. A recycling drop off center at the business site provides service to residents who do not want to drive to the landfill drop off center. HDI is able to monitor the waste being placed in the containers. The Department continued taking Desoto County recyclables and processing as agreed in 2008 but went a step further by addressing their needs for drop off areas that can be monitored. . A total of \$13,281.69 was received in recycling revenues.

The Recycling section manages a variety of Solid Waste contracts.

Consolidated Resource Recovery is used for the processing of wood and yard debris. They processed a total of 1,485.17 tons of wood and yard debris at a cost of \$10,529.86.

Hardee Correctional Institution provided a trained corrections officer and a five-inmate work squad to aid in resource recovery at a cost of \$57,497.00.

The Department of Environmental services mandates that there be no electronics disposed of in the landfill; therefore Intercom-Solutions picks up electronics at a freight charge of an average of \$850 per load at this time we must put them on pallets and shrink wrap once we get 26 pallets they provide a semi to pick up all electronics Hardee County Solid Waste Department collected a total of 38.50 tons.

The Department of Environmental Protection also states that you cannot put car or truck tires in a landfill, they must be recycled. Garden Street Recycling provides the Solid Waste/Recycling Department with a box trailer that is filled to capacity at that time the vendor is notified that we need to exchange boxes a total of 110.45 tons of tires at a cost of \$11,540.50 this includes the hauler fees for transportation were recovered and picked up for recycling.

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



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Planning and Zoning

Mission Statement

The Planning and Development Department will maintain the public health, safety and welfare by establishing appropriate land use categories, protection of natural resources and assuring financial feasibility of capital improvements through maintenance and amendment of the Hardee County Comprehensive Plan; implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and development of rules to assure a quality built environment through the Hardee County Unified Land Development Code; and enforcement of the Plan and Code through provisions in the Code and other applicable codes and ordinances.

For the fiscal year October, 2013-September, 2014, 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 Comprehensive Plan and Amendments to the "Comp" Plan Future Land Use Map. Further the department processed Special Exception and Rezoning applications. 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 approved updating the County's Unified Land Development Code, and the County's Comprehensive Plan.

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 per the adopted 2013 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), and possible wetlands areas information provided to the County from the National Inventory of Wetlands.

Zoning/Land Use Info Sheets	334+/-	Excepts to Pol L1.22 of "Comp" Plan Triangle K-Wiggins	001
Spec Exceptions	000	Alcohol Bev License Review Charlotte's Web fundraisers Family Dollar Store Torrey Oaks Golf Wal-Mart Nabhia (Ona)	005
Rezoning(s) IDA	001 85.60 frm F-R to C/IBC 18.54 frm R-3 to C/IBC (ORD. NO. 2014-05)	Temp Special Use Perms (Renew) Davis--Pringle Rd. Bolin--Louisiana St. Summers--Main St. E.	002
Variances	000	Modifica to aprvd SDP Wendy's Cntr. for Chimpanzees/Orangutans	002
Home Occupation	002		



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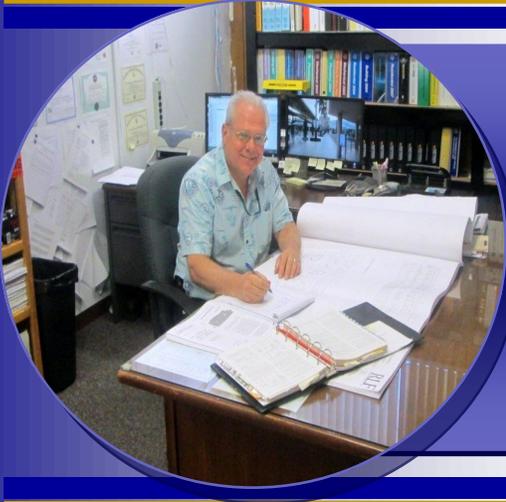
Tyson Nicholson		DRI	000
Major SE (MSE)	000	Minor Subdivisions	006
Modification to aprvd SE	000	<i>McClelland Ac</i>	
Wal-Mart Stores		<i>Hayman's S/D</i>	
(Walmart Liquor Box)		<i>Ramblin Ac</i>	
		<i>Ten Cow Pasture</i>	
		<i>IDA (Lot 13B)</i>	
		<i>Bookwalter S/D</i>	
		<i>Rafter C Ranch</i>	
Temporary Special Use Permits	002	Lrg-Scale FLU Map Amends	002
Tatum (SR 66)		Shadowlawn/Mooney	
Carrillo (Nursery Rd.)		Payne Crk CPA	
Site Development Plans	001	Ag to Rural Village	
Wal-Mart Store		and Conservation	
(Walmart Liquor Box)		1,204+/-ac	
		Mosaic Mining Overlay	
		253.79+/-ac	
		Pg. 02	
Site Development/ Site Construction Plan	003	Temp Off-Premises Vehicles Sales	001
Florikan, Hardee Co, Commerce Park		Wal-Mart (Dealer1 Stop)	
Lot 13B, Hardee Co, Commerce Park			
Gardner Bapt. Church			
Amends to ULDC	005	DRC Meetings	005
Section 7.03.02			
Section 7.03.08		"Comp" Plan Amendments	003
Section 8.06.00		Ten-Year Water Supply	
(ORD. NO. 2014-07)		(ORD. NO. 2014-03)	
Section 2.30.00		Transportation Element	
Swim pool cage setback		(ORD. NO. 2014-06)	
(ORD. NO. 2014-08)		Housing Element	
Section 7.05.07		(ORD. NO. 2014-12)	
Allowed uses in PUDs		Five-Year Capital Improvements	
(ORD. NO. 2014-09)		(ORD. NO. 2014-01)	
Section 3.09.00			
Access points onto Sts			
(ORD. NO. 2014-17)			
Resolutions	001		
Add 486 ac to			
Enterprise Zone			

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Building Inspections & Code Enforcement



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The Building and Code Enforcement Departments have five full time employees who are all licensed or certified in their respective fields as required by State Law.

The Building Department's primary job is to protect the life, health and safety of county residents and visitors while insuring that all construction and housing meets the minimum requirements of all applicable codes. The Building Department also serves as a resource for the education of contractors and owner-builders in the wide range of legal, zoning and building code requirements

In order to accomplish this, the Building Department oversees construction permitting, plan review, inspecting and management of related construction and insurance documentation. This is done for all work that requires a permit by state law including: new construction, additions, alterations, repairs and renovations of housing, commercial buildings and other structures. In addition we permit and inspect electrical,

mechanical and plumbing installations and repairs that require a permit. Our work is performed in accordance with the requirements of the Hardee County Land Development Regulations, the Florida Building Code, the Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Code,



John Johnson - Inspector 2

National Electric Code, National Fire Code, related underwriters and manufacturer's requirements.

As a result of the work done by the Building Department, Hardee County has been recognized by the Insurances Services Organization (ISO) as one of the highest ranking

counties in central Florida with a score of 2 for commercial construction and a score of 3 for residential construction. Scores are based on a 1 to 10 scale with 1 being the best. ISO ratings are one of the major factors used by insurance companies to determine residential and commercial insurance rates.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for investigating and responding to every complaint received for junk, trash, debris and other unsafe or hazardous conditions. In addition, we have added a new code enforcement officer who has been charged with pro-active code



Lisa Bolin - Permit Technician



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Building Inspections & Code Enforcement

enforcement in an effort to clean up neglected and dilapidated structures or properties.

Code Enforcement is also responsible for investigating unlicensed contractor activity, issuing stop work orders and enforcing minimum housing standards for rental properties. All of the investigations conducted are documented, photographed and maintained in a file for future references of litigation proceedings.

Our Permit Technician is responsible insuring all required paperwork is included in the permit application packages. This includes reviewing contractor licensing information, insurance information, plans, notices of acceptance, manufactures specifications, flood plain determinations, and Zoning Information letters. While completing these tasks she also is responsible for scheduling inspections, filing inspection results, responding to inquiries concerning inspections and keeping track of the status of all active and expired permits. In addition she is charged with the responsibility from greeting people at the front desk to answering phone calls to responding to emails, letters and public information requests.

This budget year the Building and Code Enforcement Departments had a marked increase in permitted activity, code enforcement cases and the



Construction of new homes.

This is reflected in the following statistics:

Building Department

Phone Calls Answered - 3,039

Permits Issued - 740

Permits Completed - 743

Single Family Residences Permitted - 28



LaDonna Perry -

Office Manager & Code Enforcement



Susan Chesser Stone -

Code Enforcement

Building Inspections Completed - 2,362

Code Enforcement

Code Cases Opened - 528

Site Visits Completed - 2,621

Code Cases - 381

Court Cases - 117

Phone Calls Answered - 2,023

Total Deposits Collected - \$127,971.99



Mining

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To protect the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Hardee County while safeguarding the quality of our land, water, air and help ensure long-term ecological, social and economic benefits; the Mining Department also promotes coordination with other State and Federal agencies to assure timely and quality reclamation through the regulation of the phosphate mining industry

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 and dam inspection. Below are some of the other activities and accomplishments for the past fiscal year:

- 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 re-

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

- 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 (MMSE) Use permit and completed the approval process. This will combine our Major Special Exception Use process with the former DRI process.
- Staff has coordinated several meetings with the Mosaic staff and others to discuss and begin planning the Ona Mine. The new MMSE process will be utilized for the new project.
- Staff has reviewed several reclamation approval applications and conducted several inspections to determine if the required criteria for each area have been met.



Fort Green Southern Reserves
Reclamation Area HC-17.
Approved by the

Looking Forward

The mining department will receive and application for the Ona Mine during the upcoming year. Ona Mine, if permitted, will be the largest phosphate mine in Hardee County.

Staff will continue to work on the wetland delineations and other application requirements for the North Hardee Area Extension as that application is also expected.



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Community Development & General Services



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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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Continued 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 (Grant program ends 9/30/15). The primary goal is to reduce substance abuse among youth and over time adults as well.

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

Administering a \$239,277 CDBG-Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund grant to expand water and sewer infrastructure in Phase 2.75 (Cactus Avenue) of the Wauchula Hills Subdivision



Community Development continues to write and administer Sheriff's Office grants where the BOCC is the named recipient. This includes but is not limited to Bulletproof Vest,

COPS, JAG, Drug Task Force, JAG-Taser Replacement Program, SCAAP-Small County Alien Assistance Program, and E-911

Administered a Hardee County IDA Grant in the

amount of \$250,000 to provide RV Campsites at Hardee Lakes Park

Administered a \$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 \$29,500 in partnership with the Health Department. Additionally, successful in seek-

ing an additional \$39,375.00 to continue mosquito control for 14/15 (including a county cash match of \$7,875)

Provided Mortgage assistance through Florida's Hardest Hit Help Fund Program (HHF), Received 65 applications and generated \$18,675 at fiscal year-end 13/14 in revenue to County for services provided

Provided Principal Reduction assistance through the Florida's Hardest Hit Help Fund Program that was launch by the State in the fall 2014. Received 98 applications and generated \$25,350 at fiscal year-end 13/14.

Administered the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) award for 2013-14 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$350,000 in addition to

the previous SHIP awarded funds

Successfully completed and closed the Legislative Appropriation grant for a combined



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amount of \$1,029,999 for improvements to the Courthouse.

Continued collection on defaulted liens to ensure continuity of the housing assistance programs, collecting over \$111,000 to assist other income eligible families.

Provided service for nearly 420 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 Community Action Agency to expand their self-sufficiency programs to assist Hardee County res-

idents with rental assistance and budget counseling services for working college students.

Support the Sustainable Communities Network by providing in-kind match reports and services.

Looking Forward Awarded the Residential Construction Mitigation Program (RCMP) grant in the amount of \$233,000 which will aid homeowner's in reducing their homeowner insurance premiums in the next two years.

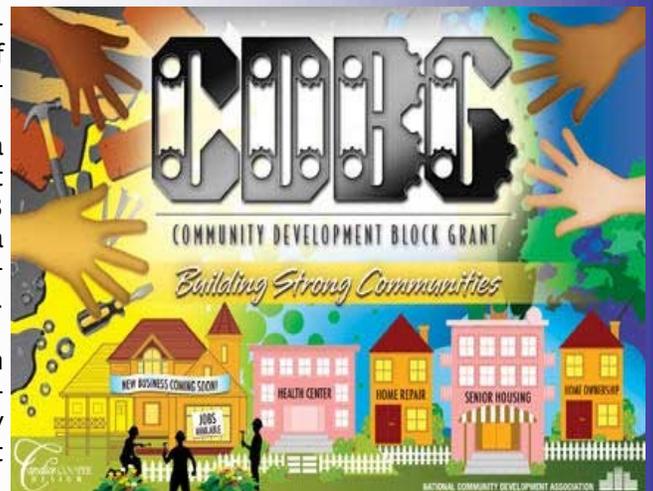
Awarded Legislative Appropriation

grants for the improvements at the Civic Center of \$500,000. Pursued and awarded improvements for the infrastructure expansion in the Wauchula Hills area of \$750,000 via Legislative Appropriation. The COPS grant is a newly awarded grant for \$125,000 for 3 years to provide a School Resource Officer to the Hardee Jr. High School.

Pursuing a Grant from Mosaic for construction of a Community Education Center at

Hardee Lakes in the amount of \$200,000.

Pursuing CDBG Housing Grant in the amount of \$750,000.



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Hardee County Public Library

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The mission of the Hardee County Public Library is to provide quality materials and services to fulfill educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the county residents.

Work is performed under the direction of the Director of Community Development and General Services.



Hardee County Public Library

The Hardee County Public Library is a partner with the Heartland Library Cooperative that includes four surrounding counties: DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee and Glades.

We offer a digital collection from e-books to online audio books to online genealogy search resources.

Even though traditional print books still comprise the bulk of what patrons borrow, the growth in tablets smartphone apps and e-readers has motivated the cooperative to keep adding new digital features.

The latest is Transparent Language Online, an online "language learning solution" that has 80 languages available, with 1,500 to 2,000 words and phrases for every tongue. There are also 24 ESL courses for those looking to learn English.

The link to the site is available from the Heartland Library Cooperative's website, myhlc.org. These services are all free to any cardholder.

White tablets and e-readers are a popular place to download digital media, some people may not realize they can be accessed on smartphones, too, by downloading the app.

Zino Magazine Collection is another item that has been added. Zino styles itself as the world's largest newsstand and provides

libraries with digital access to popular magazines from the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and Mexico.

Those who want to brush up on a hobby or learn something can also enroll in one of 500 online continuing education classes, offered through the library system's Universal Class. Patrons can enroll in up to five courses and have six months to finish the Course.

By far, the most popular materials in the library system are e-books. In October e-books were circulated

1,800 times in the library system, compared to 774 online audio materials.

Our web site also has a link to Axis 360, which has the current best-sellers, and OverDrive, which has



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Hardee County Public Library



many e-books, some older titles that were on bestseller list, and a digital audio book collection.

Patrons who download a digital book, for instance, get two weeks to read them. After the time elapses, they don't have access to it on their desktop.

Three of the library's cooperative digital resources may be overlooked but are useful for doing research.

Heritage Quest Online is a genealogy search database for those looking up family history. In October 714 library users went on Heritage Quest.

Florida Electronic Library is a good resource for those doing research, especially since it contains authoritative research that can be cited in papers.

Another resource is "AskALibrarian.Org," which is nestled in the bottom left side of the cooperative's web site and is manned seven days a week except on holidays.

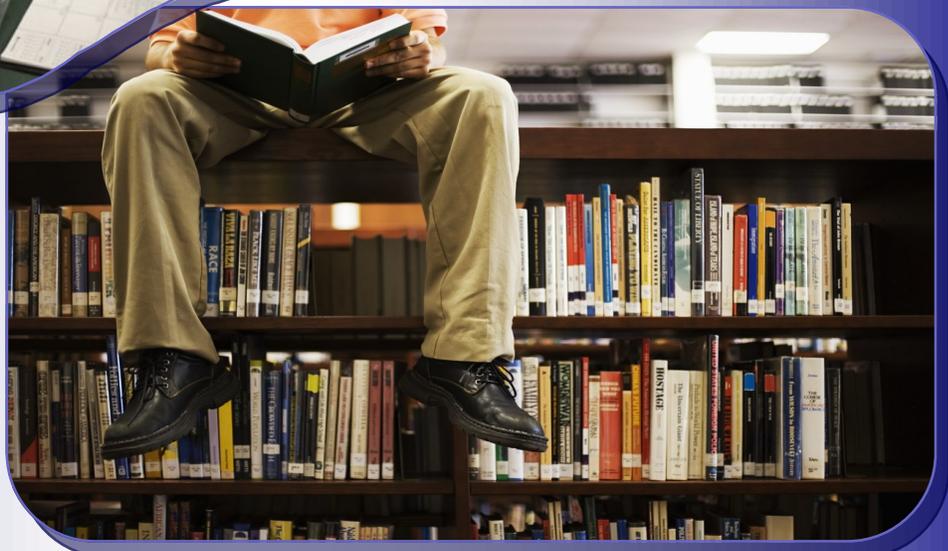
Circulated a total of 38,470 items

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from October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014.

51,118 visitors walked thru the library doors during the fiscal year.





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Pioneer Park Days

The Human Resources Department is also responsible for the planning, coordinating and directing of the annual Pioneer Park Days festival.

Our mission is to provide low cost family entertainment for the citizens of Hardee County and surrounding areas and to net revenue for Improvements within the Parks currently owned by the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners for the enjoyment of the public. Work is performed under the direction of the Director of Community Development and General Services.



The Hardee County Board of County Commissioners sponsored the 46th Annual Pioneer Park Days and is coordinated by Human Resources Director Jane Long and her staff.

Pioneer Park 2013 - 2014

- Total revenues for admission sales were \$31,764.50
- Total revenues for camping fees collected were \$12,468.63
- Total revenues collected for flea market/concessions and special children events were \$32,550.00
- Total revenues miscellaneous (children's area) \$2,557.00.
- Mosaic sponsored the entertainment during the week of the show.
- Florida Frontiersmen demonstrated frontier and pioneer living which each day drew a large crowd. Some demonstrators camped in teepees while attending the show
- A Civil war reenactment was conducted this year.
- The museum was surrounded with vendors conducting County craft demonstration. The children's area was consisted of several activities which included pony rides, hamster ball pool, barrel train rides, bounce houses etc.





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County Extension Office



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Hardee County provides research based educational information and services in areas of agriculture, family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth

The UF/IFAS Extension Service in Hardee County provides research based educational information and services in areas of agriculture, family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth. Over the course of the 2013-2014 year, the extension office performed the following services:

Provided information to local producers of agricultural products, ie., ornamental, vegetables, livestock and citrus by the way of Extension publications, educational classes, newsletters and personal consultations with Extension Specialists.

Maintained county Extension website, monthly Extension e-newsletter and 4-H Facebook page. These technologies have increased the visibility of the Extension office and advanced the programs offered here.

Due to the large volume of pesticide exams administered by this office for the Heartland area, we are a designated regional pesticide testing site complete with 4 state computers that streamline the testing process. Administrative Assistant, Mary Alderman, is a state certified pesticide exam administrator and is responsible for processing all exam results to the state pesticide office. An average of 25 exams were given each month during this reporting period.



FCS/4-H Agent, Carolyn Wyatt, taught multiple nutrition and health classes to youth and adults in Hardee County and also published articles on that subject for the local newspaper and monthly e-newsletter. Carolyn also partnered with Hardee Help Center to teach Budget Box money management classes to their clients on a monthly basis.

FCS/4-H Agent participated in Hardee County's Alliance for Substance Abuse & Pregnancy Prevention (ASAPP) Coalition educational meetings and events in an effort to reduce risky behavior in Hardee County's youth in the areas of teen pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse.



County Extension Office



A 4-H county youth council continues to involve youth from all 9 4-H clubs throughout the county.

A 4-H adult volunteer serves as an advisor to this council.

Maintained nine 4-H clubs in Hardee County with increased membership. The newest club serves the youth in the Bowling Green area that has not had a local club for several years.

Overall participation in 4-H local, district and State events and activities continues to show a marked increase. This includes participation in 4-H Day at the Capitol and 4-H Legislature which are held in Tallahassee and 4-H State Congress held in Gainesville.

The Extension Service provides office space to a Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS) Environmental Specialist who enrolls clients in the Cow/Calf BMP program for Water Quality. His extensive background and education in agriculture continues to be an asset to our office and clientele.





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.

Hardee Lakes Park:

This is Hardee County's largest park which includes 1,200 open and wooded acres with wildlife galore, four fishing lakes, fishing docks, horseback riding trails, hiking trails, handicap accessible hiking trails, bike trails, picnic areas, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, boardwalks, and camping.

A new RV camping area was recently completed and opened to the public. This improvement includes an initial 60 RV sites with power and water plus more sites are planned. Accommodations include a new bath house and new camp store (The Camp Store will be stocked soon to accommodate last minute or forgotten essential camping needs.) The Park staff is proud of this new facility and looks forward to making everyone's stay one to remember.



Carlton Complex:

This past year the County completed work to lengthen two soccer fields and bring them into compliance with High School standards. Work involved modifying drainage, earth filling to build grades up to field levels and placing new grass sod. The goals were relocated and the field was relined to current standards.

Soil & Water Conservation District:

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

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services administers 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 conservation 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 Water 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.



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

Nu-Hope Elder Services

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

Veterans Services:

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

The County's accredited Veterans Service Officer can assist county Veterans and/or their families with Service Connected Compensations, Non-Service Connected Compensations, Health Care, Education, Home Loan Guarantees, Burial Benefits, Dependent/Survivor Benefits, Lost Military Records, and Property Exemptions.





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County Probation



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Yolanda Villarreal
Probation Directors
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The 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 lifestyle, thereby enabling them to stay in society and contribute, without imposing extra burdens on the jail and welfare system.

174 New probation cases were taken in, including, 13 community service only cases.

48 warrants were issued on non-compliers for failure to cooperate and abide by instructions.

33 warrant cases were apprehended and probation status revoked. Offenders were usually given appropriate jail sentences.

1,133.15 hours of community service were accomplished by probationers at the Hardee County Road Department, Pioneer Park and other county and state departments.

\$11,331.50 is the benefit to Hardee County for the community service hours, figured at \$10.00 an hour.

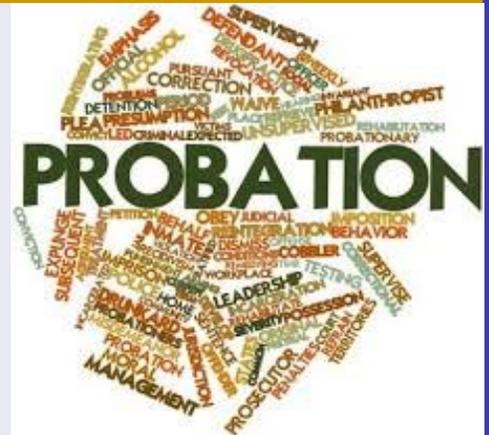
Additional community service hours were also accomplished at other non-profit organizations, for the benefit of others in the community.

\$49,251.00 in probation fees were

collected during this time. \$51,714.19 is the amount that we helped collect for the Clerk's Office in court ordered obligations, mostly fines.

\$7,930.25 is the amount that we collected for victims of crimes for restitution.

\$112,296.69 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.



Looking Forward:
After more than 37 years as the Probation Director, Pete Zelyk retired on October 31, 2014. He was replaced by Yolanda Villarreal who served in the Probation Department for more than 18 years, of which the last several years as Probation Assistant.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

FEMA WORK

Two incomplete FEMA road repair projects from Tropical Storm Fay were Scarborough Road and Ten Mile Grade N-S. The FEMA funded work primarily involved replacing shell aggregate following or exceeding work descriptions in the Project Worksheets. Prior to completing the FEMA work on both roads, staff replaced and/or upgraded culverts along with additional road base in areas that were prone to high water in the roadway.

On Scarborough Road the Project Worksheets called for varying thicknesses from 1-3 inches of shell aggregate to be placed at multiple locations with FEMA's 75% share or \$25,507 previously advanced for this purpose. These available funds were used to purchase shell aggregate and County funds paid for labor and equipment costs to place 3-4 inches of shell at 21 feet wide over the 3.9 mile length of this roadway.

For Ten Mile Grade N-S, 4 +/- inches of shell aggregate was placed over the 4.0 mile length of the roadway at a width of 21 feet. The cost for this shell work was \$143,375 with 75% or \$94,226 reimbursed from FEMA plus \$15,704 from State funds.

SCRAP PROJECTS:

Sweetwater Road Project: This project was awarded in FY 12-13 using a \$2,552,471 FDOT grant and completed in December 2013. From the intersection with Crewsville Road the project limits extended easterly for 1.8 miles. Work involved rebuilding the road base with the addition of 8" of limerock base, widening the pavement width from 16-feet to 20-feet and replacement of two one-lane timber bridges with cast-in-place concrete structures.

Parnell Road and North Hammock Road: A \$3,168,507 FDOT grant was used to resurface 2.2 miles of North Hammock Road from Parnell Road to the County Line and 6.69 miles of Parnell Road south from SR 64 to North Hammock Road. On North Hammock Road, three (Corrugated metal pipe) CMP cross drains were replaced with (reinforced concrete pipe) RCP before the road was leveled and resurfaced. Testing of Parnell Road confirmed it had a weak base and the pavement was removed; miscellaneous culvert work completed; and 8" of limerock base added before being resurfaced.

Center Hill Road: FDOT awarded a \$705,413 grant to resurface all 2.0 miles of this road. Due to limited funding, County forces completed the culvert and drainage work. Then the contractor installed new updated end sections on the bridge railing and widened from pavement to 20', which had

varied from 16'-18' in width.

East and West REA Road: FDOT awarded a \$206,320 grant to resurface both East 0.39 mile and West 0.08 mile REA Roads. The contractor widened the easterly truck entrance to Win-Dixie and milled the roads prior to resurfacing.

West Main Street: FDOT awarded a \$1,323,887 grant (later this grant was increased by \$91,848 and totaled \$846,259) was to resurface 3,400 feet of West Main Street from Ohio Av to US 17SB. Design work was completed during the fiscal year and actual construction will be completed during FY 14-15. The project will address drainage problems and other issues within the project limits.

Parnell Road: FDOT awarded \$2,061,002 for resurfacing 4.2 mi this project from SR 66 to North Hammock Road. Design and bidding of this work will be completed during FY14-15.

CR665: FDOT has awarded Hardee County a \$9,289,235 grant to widen and resurface CR665 in the State fiscal year 17/18. The project will extend from SR 64 south and east to CR663 a distance of 14.0 miles and provide for a uniform 20' riding surface, which presently varies from 18 -20'.

Griffin Road Bridge Replacement: During State FY 17/18, FDOT has identified \$330,000 for project design plans development for replacing this bridge over the Peace River.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

County Funded Road Work Program:

The Road Work Program involved multiple projects that were broke down into subcategories. During the operational year, auditors ruled that as a small county, we did not need to track all costs against the capital program. Thus some of the earlier projects had labor and equipment costs charged to the project while later in the year projects only had materials charged. Costs shown are those charged against the capital account only and are being shown by category.

Bridge & Box Culvert Work: During 2014, two one-lane timber bridges were replaced with multiple aluminum or plastic pipes that both have a 100-year life expectancy pursuant to FDOT and provide two-way unrestricted traffic flow, at a cost of \$35,427.85.

Below are as built photos of **Ander Marsh Road Bridge Replacement**, where county crews replaced an old one-lane timber bridge with two 8' diameter aluminum culverts.





CAPITAL PROJECTS

Below are as built photos of **Mel Smith Road Bridge Replacement**, where county crews replaced an old one-lane timber bridge with multiple corrugated plastic culverts.



Unpaved Roads: During 2014, 19.05 miles of unpaved roads were surfaced with asphalt at a cost of \$ 489,438.71, which was an average cost of \$25,692 per mile. The following provides a breakdown with details of this surfacing work.

Johnson Road - 0.35 mi surfaced from Crewsville Rd. north with 1.5" of millings an double surface treat

Scarborough Road - 3.9 mi. from Crewsville Rd. to County Line with 4" shell placed before 1.5" of millings and double surface treat

10-Mile Grade N-S - 4.0 mi. from Crewsville Rd. to County Line with 4" shell placed before 1.5" of millings and double surface treat

Pine Level Grade Road - 2.0 mi. from CR 665 to County Line with 1.5" of millings and double surface treat

Post Plant Road - 8.8 mi from CR 663 to CR 665 with 1.5" of millings and double surface treat



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Surface Treatment of Paved Roads: During 2014, 9.37 miles of existing pavement was surface treated or overlaid with plant mix. Prior to surface treating, the roads received drainage work, culvert replacement and leveling of the old pavement with plant hot-mix. The practice of paving with plant mix at intersections and 90-degree turns was also continued for roads with surface treatment. The following roads were completed using this process. This work was completed at a cost of \$ 227,812.24, which was an average of \$24,313 per mile.

The photos below are from Resthaven Road and are typical for this type road work. The first photo shows broken pavement and edges before and after repairs with a leveling course and the second photo is the finished work.



Cecil Durance Road- 1.6 miles from SR 636 to Leavy North Road plus the existing pavement at the east end of Leavy North Road

Merle Langford Road - 2.0 miles from Steve Roberts Special to Sasser Road

Rest Haven Road - 0.4 miles from SR 64 to Tom Bryan Road.

Kazen Road - 1.42 miles from Polk Road to Hampton Road

Alec Hendry Road - 0.62 miles from Florida Ave to Johns Road was also widened from 16' to 18'

Poole Road - 1.0 miles from Talley Road to CR 664 also had the pavement widened from 10' to 18'

Plant mix was generally used on short streets that were not practical to surface treat. The following 0.93 mile of roads was resurfaced with plant mix at a cost of \$35,998.88, which was an average cost of \$38,709 per mile.

Bear lane - 0.06 mile from SR64 to Fox Road

Paldo Acres - 0.08 mile from West Main Street to end

Pringle Road - 0.2 mile from Mine View Road to end

Mine View Road - 0.59 mile from SR 62 to Mosaic's entrance gate





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OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Wash Barn Project – Prior to this project, County staff had no approved facility for cleaning equipment and vehicles. Several years ago, FDEP had cited the County for washing activities at the Public Works yard where the wash water was allowed to runoff on the surface, which violated certain Federal and/or State regulations. The completed structure provides a center wash bay where wash water is pumped into the city sewer system for environmental compliance. The covered area on each side provides needed storage for pavement marking materials and equipment and was completed by staff for \$20,000.



Records Storage Building Project – After several years and many delays this State grant funded project was successfully bid and completed. The west half provides records storage area for the Clerk of Courts Office plus contains three special vaults for film based records. The east end was left unfinished due to the limited grant funding and can be finished when more office space is needed. The construction contract award was for the low bid of \$465,404 to L. Cobb Construction Co.



Capital Projects



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Hardee Lakes RV Campsite Project - A \$250,000 grant from Mosaic provided funding for developing campsites at Hardee Lakes Park. A water purification and distribution system was constructed by staff along with a new bath house, camp store, signing and other improvements.



Renovations to BCC Chambers - The Board of County Commissioners' Chambers were renovated to provide for a larger raised seating area that would accommodate the EDC/IDA Board meetings. New lighting, video/sound equipment and carpet provide an attractive modern looking meeting room.





CAPITAL PROJECTS

HCUD FY13/14 Capital Projects:

HCUD FY13/14 Capital Projects section:

As discussed elsewhere in this report, outside funding sources for planned Hardee County capital water & waste water infrastructure expansion essentially dried up for a couple of years until the most recent Legislative Appropriation succeeded signing in 2014. As consequence of earlier insufficient available funding toward new projects development only those previously funded capital projects of extended duration remained to engineer and/or complete. From the perspective of infrastructure construction, three projects substantially progressed during FY13/14.

Following on the heels of the highly successful first two and ongoing Wauchula Hills Subdivision Water & Sewer Phased expansions & improvements, two projects were initiated this year: first, the County finally received approval from DEO to use the remaining CDBG-DRI and -DREF funds toward a directly related water quality improvement project - a water main "loop" has been designed, permitted and bid awarded to interconnect the existing



end of service area's water main near Cactus Road to the primary transmission water main at US17; and second, with the State Legislature's appropriation this year of requested funding for the service area expansion, Phase 3 engineering mod and permitting has been initiated. For the "loop" project the now awarded contractor, under observation of HCUD staff is expected to complete installation, testing and receive approval

by FDEP to connect constructed lines for use by early 2015. For the Phase 3 project, construction award and completion are expected during 2015 in connecting 70+/- additional central potable water & sewer system services within the high nitrate contaminated subdivision area, as well as the decommission of failing septic tanks.

Carrying into FY13/14 included a Developer-funded Bostick Road Force Main extension from US17 westward to tie in the Torrey Oaks RV & Golf Resort facilities.

This partnership project with the County, who funded over-sizing of the force main for capacity availability of future connections was completed upon successful tie in to the Developer's retrofit lift station and acceptance of the off-site construction to required specifications. With an agreed two year warranty from the Developer for Right of Way components, the County

expects documents filed for capital assets transfer to the County of the extended force main by early 2015.

Previously planned Wauchula Hills WWTP headworks improvements were deferred until design completed in coming FY for the proposed IDA construction of an HCCP Pre-treatment Facility. Plant headworks modifications would likely occur concurrently with that construction effort.



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Advisory Board Members: 2013 - 14

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Clark Pearson	Retired
Debbie Romeo	
Patsy Bostick	HSH - Attendance Office
Rafael A. Arce, Jr.	Construction Industry
Thomas Lynn	Retired
Sheri Judah	Hardee County - Purchasing
Noey Flores	Realtor
Diana Youmans	Mosaic - Public Affairs Department
Cali Skipper	CF Industries

Construction Industry Licensing Board

Sam Albritton	Electrical Contractor
Calvin Roberts	Ace Hardware
Benjamin Hash	Building & Plumbing Contractor
Tommy Bostick	Building Contractor
Lavon Cobb	Building Contractor
Donald Gray	Electrical Contractor
Jimmy Jernigan	Building Contractor
Douglas Battey	Air Conditioning Contractor
Bud Heggie	Field Appraiser Property Appraiser's Office

Economic Development Council Board/ Industrial Development Authority

John H. O'Neal	Realtor
Donald Samuels	Retired
Lory Durrance	Wauchula State Bank
Monica Reas	Business Owner - FL Fuel
James V. See Jr.	Realtor
Vanessa Hernandez	Regional Manager - Mid Florida
Michael Prescott	Monsanto
Diana Youmans	Mosaic Community Relations Manager
Douglas Jensen	North Star Generation Plant Mgr.
Dorothy Conerly	Owner - Wauchula Abstract
Gene Davis	Auto Sales - Alan Jay
Horst Witschonke	Retired
Russell Melendy	Coker Fuel

Enterprise Zone Development Agency

Olivia Minshew	City of Wauchula
Frankie Vasquez	Business Owner - Realtor
Rick Justice	First National Bank
Dan Graham	Desoto Home Health Care
Bill Bursler	Business Owner
Chief Michael Choate	Hardee County Fire Chief
Linda Allen	Heartland Workforce - Investment Board
Marcus Shackelford	
Maria Quin	Wauchula Police Department
John Barlow	CF Industries
Rick Knight	Realtor
Vanessa Hernandez	Chamber of Commerce

Hardee County Library Advisory Board

Gary McWhorter	Ace Hardware
Kathy Gregg	Self Employed - Attorney/Photographer
Kay Crews	Teacher
Jan McKibben	Teacher
Melanie Bond	Retired Zoologist
Martina Zuniga	Deputy Clerk
Diana Youmans	Mosaic - Public Affairs Department

Planning & Zoning Board

Roger Conley (Chairman)	Owner - Conley Grove Service
Rafael Arce (Vice Chairman)	Contractor
JoAnn Harlan-Wilson	Tax Accountant
Michael Scheipsmeir	Business Owner
Nick Timmerman	Optometrist
Drew Schock	Business Owner
Donnie Autry	Retired

SHIP Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee & Citizen's Advisory Task Force

Drew Schock	Business Owner	Shujwana Lamy	Clerk of Courts/Deputy Clerk
Cynthia J. Daniels	Retired Human Resource Manager	James Jernigan	Building Contractor
Nancy Craft	Realtor - Coldwell Banker	Alan Lang	Tampa Electric - Alan's Electric



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2013-14 RESOLUTIONS

- 2014-01 Providing for the Extension of the 2013 Tall Roll
- 2014-02 To close and abandon Clayton Road and a portion of Cemetery Road
- 2014-03 To close and abandon a portion of Charley Bryan Road
- 2014-04 Amending Resolution 2005-22 and 2008-15
- 2014-05 Not Adopted
- 2014-06 Approving the Annual Unit Review for 2013 and 2014 for CF Industries Inc.
- 2014-07 Approval of Reclamation Area HC-1
- 2014-08 Annual Budget Amendments
- 2014-09 Not Adopted
- 2014-10 Pursuant to section 125.38 F S finding that the County owned Health Department Property is necessary and required for continued provision of medical services and is needed for county purposes
- 2014-11 To close and abandon a portion of Crews Road
- 2014-12 Amending a development order for the Hardee phosphate complex authorized by Resolution 12-21
- 2014-13 Annual Report for 2012-2013 for Mosaic Fertilizer LLC South Fort Meade Mine Hardee County
- 2014-14 State of Florida approving the Annual Report for 2012-2013 for Mosaic Fertilizer LLC Fort Green Southern Reserves Fort Green Payne Creek Extension
- 2014-15 Not Adopted
- 2014-16 Resolution to enter into agreements with the State of Florida Department of Transportation
- 2014-17 Application to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for approval of Hardee County Community Development Block Grant
- 2014-18 Membership apportionment plan and authorizing its submittal to the Florida Department of Transportation and Governor
- 2014-19 Amending a development order for the Mosaic South Fort Meade Hardee County Mine Reclamation plan

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- 2014-20 Granting transfer of local mining and reclamation approvals for the former CF Industries mining operation in Hardee County to Mosaic Fertilizer LLC
- 2014-21 Amending a development agreement for the Mosaic South Pasture Mine Extension
- 2014-22 Semi Annual Budget Amendments
- 2014-23 Supporting the designation change for Okeechobee County from regional workforce Board
- 2014-24 Relating to the Fire Rescue services in Hardee County and describing the method of assessing Fire Rescue costs against assessed property
- 2014-25 Relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste and describing the method of assessing solid waste costs against assessed property
- 2014-26 Adopting and Adopt-A-Road program for litter control
- 2014-27 Approval of reclamation areas Sweetwater Borrow pit
- 2014-28 Approval of reclamation areas or partial reclamation areas
- 2014-29 Approval of reclamation areas or partial reclamation areas IMC-FG-84-5B
- 2014-30 Approval of partial reclamation area CRG-FM-PC-1
- 2014-31 Not Adopted
- 2014-32 Approval of partial reclamation area CFI-SP4
- 2014-33 Reclamation areas or partial reclamation areas
- 2014-34 One time increase of individual limit maximum award of the State Housing Initiative Partnership Ship program
- 2014-35 Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation
- 2014-36 Fee schedule for the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County
- 2014-37 Tentative levying of Ad Valorem taxes October 1 2014 thru September 30 2015
- 2014-38 Tentative budget for tentative budget for fiscal year October 1 2014 thru September 30 2015
- 2014-39 Adopting the final levying of Ad Valorem taxes for Hardee County
- 2014-40 Adopting the final budget for fiscal year commencing on October 1 2014 and ending September 30 2015
- 2014-41 Extension of the 2014 tax roll pursuant to sections 197-323 and 193-122

2013-14 ORDINANCES



- 2013-13 Adopting the FEMA Flood Insurance study and associated maps dated number 06 2013
- 2014-01 Amending the five year capital improvements schedule
- 2014-02 Not Adopted
- 2014-03 Hardee County ten year water supply plan
- 2014-04 Amending Hardee County comprehensive plan adjusting the mining overlap map
- 2014-05 Amending the currently adopted zoning map within the unincorporated area
- 2014-06 Amending the Hardee County comprehensive plan - amending the transportation element and transportation map series Capital Improvements elements
- 2014-07 Amending the Hardee County unified land development code
- 2014-08 Amending the Hardee County unified land development code—swimming pools
- 2014-09 Amending the Hardee County unified land development code - PUD
- 2014-10 Not Adopted
- 2014-11 Not Adopted
- 2014-12 Amending Policy H1-3 Policy H7-1 and Policy H7-3 Housing Element
- 2014-13 Not Adopted
- 2014-14 Establishing a maximum speed limit for Harney Road
- 2014-15 Not Adopted
- 2014-16 Not Adopted
- 2014-17 Amending the County unified land development code

2015 BOCC MEETING SCHEDULE & COUNTY HOLIDAYS



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.

HARDEE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

2015 COMMISSION MEETINGS

First Quarter

January 08th and 22nd
February 05th and 19th
March 05th and 19th

Second Quarter

April 02nd and 16th
May 07th and 21st
June 04th

Third Quarter

July 02nd and 16th
August 06th and 20th
September 04rd

Fourth Quarter

October 01st and 15th
November 05th
December 10th

2015 PLANNING SESSIONS

January No Planning
February 13th
March 13th
April 10th
May 15th
June 12th

July 10th
August 14th
September 11th
October 09th
November No Planning
December No Planning

2015 HOLIDAYS

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY	Thursday, January 1, 2015
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	Monday, January 19, 2015
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday, April 3, 2015
MEMORIAL DAY	Monday, May 25, 2015
INDEPENDENCE DAY (observed)	Friday, July 3, 2015
LABOR DAY	Monday, September 7, 2015
VETERAN'S DAY	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
THANKSGIVING DAY	Thursday, November 26, 2015
& DAY AFTER	Friday, November 27, 2015
CHRISTMAS EVE	Thursday, December 24, 2015
CHRISTMAS DAY	Friday, December 25, 2015
NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY	Friday, January 1, 2016



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