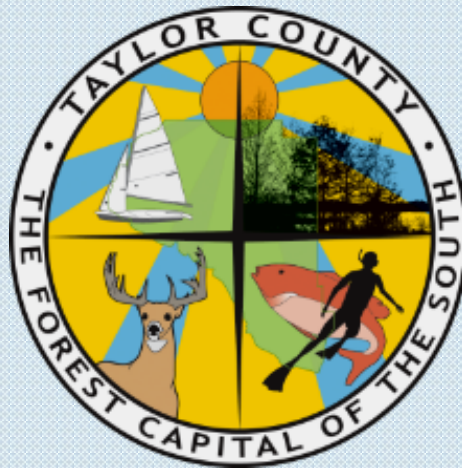


Taylor County Board of County Commissioners



State of the County

November 28, 2022

6:00 p.m.



Taylor County Extension

County Extension Director
Lori Wiggins



Taylor County Extension

6 FTEs
1.75 PTEs

Lori Wiggins, County Extension
Director/Family & Consumer Sciences
Agent IV, 1FTE

Lisa Strange,
Agriculture and Natural
Resources Extension
Agent II, 1 FTE

Corrie Willis, Taylor
County Food Nutrition
Program Assistant (grant
funded), 1 FTE

Victor Blanco, Marine
Extension Agent II,
1 FTE

Abbey Tharpe, 4-H
Extension Agent II, 1
FTE

Leigh Ann Grubbs,
Administrative
Secretary, 1 FTE

Rachel Higgs, UF/IFAS
Program Assistant
(grant funded) - .5
PTE

Day Camp Staff
7 - .5 PTE

Elisha Foster, 4-H
Program Assistant,
.75 PTE



Family Nutrition Program



grow • shop • cook • eat

**Family Nutrition
Program**

Funds allocated to Taylor County Family Nutrition Program by UF to support the health and well-being of SNAP-eligible families or SNAP recipients, with nutrition education in schools K-3 and access to fresh fruits and vegetables through school-wide garden.

- **2022-23** - \$67,596

Funds allocated by UF to support one full-time employee to work in Taylor Extension Office, office support, curriculum and supplies.

Total funds allocated by UF to Taylor: \$67,596.00

School-wide and Community garden:

- **2021-22** - (1,451@\$29.95) Volunteer Hours

Contributed to Nutrition Programming) -
\$43, 457.45



Duplicated Total Number of Participants Reached in Taylor County 2021-2022 Year: = 3,401

% on SNAP = ~ 2,721

SEX	Participants
Male	1295
Female	2106

Age	Participants
Less than 5 years	18
5-17 years	2,937
18-59 years	401
60 years +	45

Ethnicity	
Hispanic/Latino	158
Non-Hispanic / Latino	3243

Race	
American Indian/ Alaska Native	163
Asian	8
Black or African American	1203
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12
White	2017





Programming Goals for Year 2023

- Food Nutrition Program - Increase the number of contacts in the county that is reached through nutrition education, food safety and food preservation.
- Overall Nutrition Education- Educate and increase awareness in the community on chronic disease prevention such as Diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.
- Educate the community about vaccines including COVID, flu, pneumonia, shingles, etc.





2022 Agriculture and Natural Resources and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

	PROGRAM TITLE	%
I.	Develop and Coordinate Master Gardener Volunteers in Taylor County	30%
II.	Improving Agricultural Enterprises and Natural Resource Management and Sustainability	25%
III.	Implementing Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ and Diagnosing Environmental Horticulture	25%
IV.	Improving Livestock and Forage Production on Small Farms	20%





GOALS/IMPACTS

2020 – 2022 Agriculture and Natural Resources and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

- **Goal** of Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator is to Recruit, Train, and Retain members through learning practicing and teaching science-based horticulture and pest management practices to address home horticulture needs.
- **Impact:** Volunteers teach and volunteer service hours which impacts individuals, families and communities. Estimated dollar value of a volunteer hour is \$28.54 Taylor County Master Gardener Volunteer hours in 2021 contributed \$23,582.72
- **Goal** to improve AG enterprises and Natural Resource Management through workshops, field day opportunities and participation with research on citrus disease and management.
- **Impact:** Healthier citrus groves and increase numbers of producers are moving into Taylor County.



GOALS/IMPACTS

2020 – 2022 Agriculture and Natural Resources and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

- **Goals** for the Florida-Friendly Landscaping program is to bring awareness to Taylor County residents and County maintenance employees ,how to design and maintain landscapes, following Best Management Practices to promote appropriate care of turfgrass, vegetables, ornamentals, proper fertilizer and pesticide use.
- **Impacts:** The knowledge to address and implement proper landscape practices will contribute to water conservation and pollution prevention and increase yields of fruit and vegetables and increase the pollination.
- **Goals** to improve livestock and forage production with consultations, site visits, demonstrations on weed identification, invasive and poisonous plants, herbicide selection and integrated control methods and basic small farm animal husbandry for hobby and commercial production.
- **Impacts:** Will save the producer time and money, increase yields, and improve purity of hay, thus higher value of rolls of hay. Improve health of livestock.





2020 – 2022 Agriculture and Natural Resources and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

AG & Natural Resources	*2020	2021	2022
Number of Educational Materials Developed	18	23	~22
Master Gardener Classes	1 refresher	1	1
Newsletter	14	36	27
Field consultations	2	12	14
Office consultations	5	57	60
Telephone consultations	160	180	196
Group Learning Participants	18	561	587
E-mail consultations	478	5,012	3,650
Web site visits	4,274	5,274	5,120
Social Media - Reached	960	1,920	3,550
Awards Received			4

*2020 – Hire date 4/10/20 County/University shut down COVID



2020-22 Agriculture and Natural Resources and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

Topics	Number of Events			Number of Participants		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Master Gardener Training	4	10	10	18	12	12
Florida Master Naturalist			5			19
N. Florida Citrus Workshops		1	1		85	75
FL-Friendly Garden Clinics		10	7		223	338
Green Industry Best Management Practices		5	2		92	50
Firewise Landscaping /Forest Stewardship			1			28
Follow the Water, Environmental Affects			2			22
Poultry 101			1			23
Total	4	26	29	18	412	567



2022 Marine and Natural Resources Extension

No.	Program Title	%
I	Enhancing Taylor County waterways	30%
II	Improving marine ecosystems literacy in Taylor County	30%
III	Increasing the sustainable use and conservation of fishing resources in Taylor County	30%
IV	4-H youth development	10%
Total		100%

	Program I	II	III	IV	TOTAL
Number of Educational Materials Developed	4	18	26	4	52
Number of Clientele Contacts:					
Field consultations	7	14	6	2	29
Office consultations	1	4	5	2	12
Telephone consultations	9	9	27	4	49
Group Learning Participants	50	566	584	167	1,367
E-mail consultations	5	93	39	7	144
Social Media – Reached / Engagements (includes duplicates)	13,922 / 1,464	35,342 / 5,041	15,351 / 1,223	987 / 35	65,602



Economic Impacts of Marine Activities in Taylor County

- Scallop season: approx. \$5.5 MM expenditures/year (monitoring data)
- Artificial Reefs: \$10 return for every \$1 invested: Estimated local value of \$5.5 MM (UF/IFAS estimated). Buckeye Reef re-permitted; new Offshore Artificial reef permitted.
- Recreational Fisheries: Approx. \$21 MM/year (1.5% UF/IFAS estimated)
- Commercial Fisheries: Approx. \$1.9 MM/year (estimated of FWC landings).
- \$10,737,268 - Economic Impact of Boating Activities in Taylor County.
- \$42,000 - Non-reimbursable grant funds secured for the county.
- \$16,400 - equivalent of Volunteer In-kind contributions.





Programming/Staff Goals for Year 2023

Marine Extension Program goals for 2023 are:

- Maintain or increase boat safety in all County waterways.
- Taylor County residents and visitors increase their awareness on the importance of biological (ecosystems and organisms) and abiotic (water quality related) factors affecting the region's livelihood.
- Authorize two Inshore Artificial Reef sites.
- Improve science skills (scientific methods) and knowledge (content areas) among youth, specially in K-12 and Homeschoolers.
- Offer services to underserved population, specifically handicapped and wounded veterans.



4-H Youth Development Programming 2021-2022

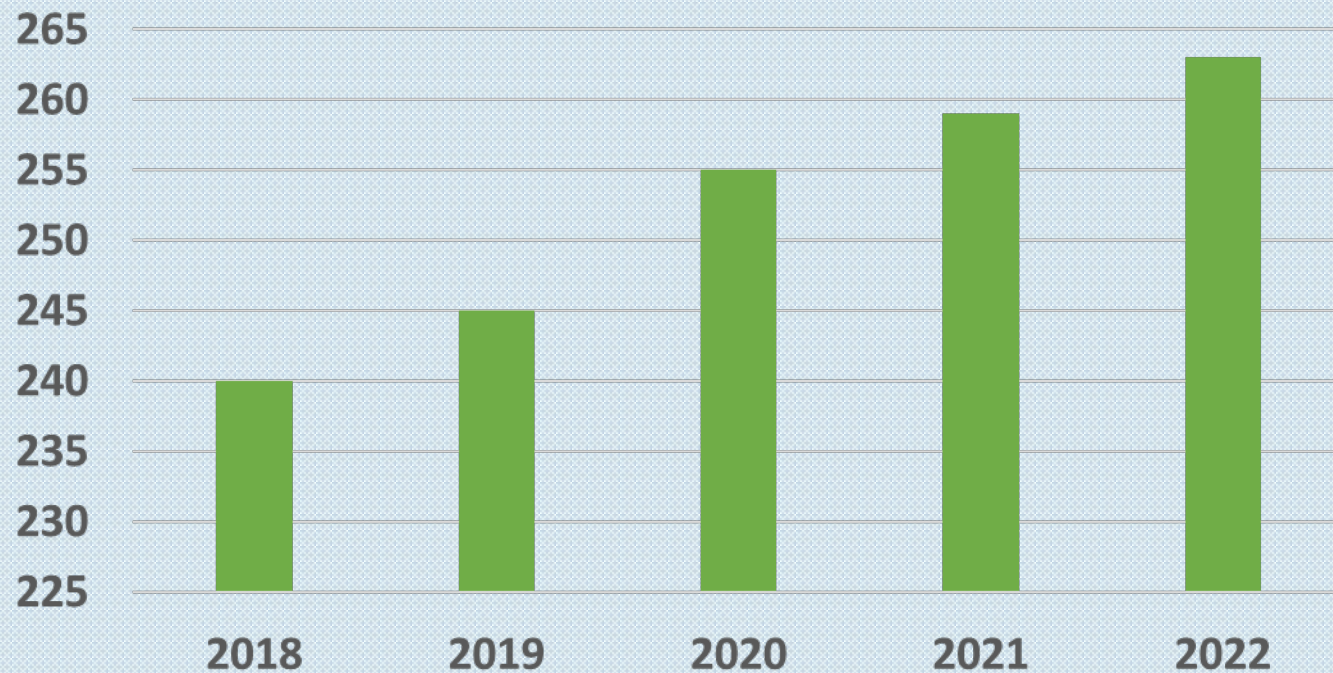
- 4-H Clubs – 263 youth annually
- 4-H School Enrichment -2,643 youth
- 4-H Summer Camps – 296 youth





4-H Youth Development

4-H Club Enrollment





4-H Youth Development Programming

2012-2021 List of Grant Funding

Role	Agency	Grant Title	Dates	Total Award	Candidate Allocation	Int/Ext
Co-PI	USDA	Prosper	2021-2023	\$348,388	\$41,639	Ext
Co-PI	FSSP	Food Smart Families	2020-2021	\$1,422	1,422	Ext
Co-PI 1.74%	Walmart Foundation through National 4-H Council	Promoting Healthy Eating Habits Throughout Florida	2019-2020	\$87,000	\$1,250	Ext
Co-PI 8%	United Healthcare	Food Smart Families	2017-2019	\$123,000	\$18,888	Ext
PI 100%	National Rifle Association	National Rifle Association Grant	2018	\$11,547	\$11,547	Ext
PI 100%	Ag In the Classroom	Ag Day for all 5 th Grade	2012-2018	\$5,150	\$5,150	Ext
PI 100%	Ag In the Classroom	Raised bed Gardens	2016	\$1,000	\$1,000	Ext
Co PI 50%	University of Florida	Farm to School	2013	\$2,500	\$1,250	Int
PI 100%	Florida 4-H	Community Pride Grant	2013	\$250	\$250	Ext
PI 100%	JCPenney Afterschool Grant	After School Funding	2013	\$500	\$500	Ext
PI 100%	National Rifle Association	National Rifle Association Grant	2012	\$6,515	\$6,515	Ext
Total				\$587,272	\$89,411	





4-H Youth Development Programming

Year	Type	Donor	Amount
2021	Facility Use for the Public Speaking Contest	School System	\$275
2021	4-H Programming Supplies	Local Businesses	\$2,000
2021	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,112x 28.54)	Local Volunteers	\$31,736
2020	Facility Use for Gingerbread Workshop	Local Donor	\$275
2020	4-H Programming Supplies	Local Volunteers	\$13,500
2020	Volunteer Hours Contributed (469 X 26.32)	Local Volunteers	\$12,344
2019	4-H Programming Supplies	Local Businesses	\$2,000
2019	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,998 x 24.04)	Youth & Adults	\$46,613
2019	Facility Use for Tropicana Contest	School System	\$650
2019	Facility Use for the Gingerbread Workshop	Local Masonic Lodge	\$750
2012-2018	4-H Programming Supplies	Local Businesses	\$23,958
2018	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,986 x \$23.33)	Youth & Adults	\$46,333
2018	4-H Support Sign	Local Business	\$580.00
2018	Food for 4-H District Events	Local Business	\$450.00
2017	15 Passenger Van for 4-H	Local Donor	\$30,785
2017	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,889 x 23.33)	Youth & Adults	\$44,070
2017	Facility use by 4-H District IV Events	School System	\$1,350
2016	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,781 x 22.70)	Youth & Adults	\$40,428
2016	Facility use by 4-H District IV Events	School System	\$1,350
2015	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,776 x 22.08)	Youth & Adults	\$39,214
2014	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,789 x 21.61)	Youth & Adults	\$38,660
2013	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,771 \$21.24)	Youth & Adults	\$37,616
2012	Volunteer Hours Contributed (1,763 x 20.86)	Youth & Adults	\$36,776
	Total In- Kind Contribution 2012-2021		\$452,061





Programming Goals for Year 2023

- 4-H - Recruit, train, and lead new 4-H volunteers in order to sustain the growth and expansion of Taylor County 4-H Clubs.





Building and Planning Department

Building Official
Danny Griner



Comprehensive Plan

FUNCTION

- ADOPTED JUNE 1990
- Contains County Objectives, Goals & Policies
- Lists Land Use Classifications & Allowed Uses
- Contains Capital Improvement Element
- Includes Vision 2060 Section
- Describes Planning Area land Use Categories
- Evaluated Every Seven Years (EAR)





Objectives & Policies

- Traffic Circulation
- Housing
- Solid Waste, Drainage, Groundwater
- Capital Improvements
- Recreation
- Coastal Management
- Conservation
- Future Land Use
- Economic Development



Land Use Classifications

- Conservation = 1 Home P/40 Acres, No Commercial.
- AG-1 = 1 Home P/20 Acres, No Commercial.
- AG-2 = 1 Home P/10 Acres, Limited Commercial.
- AG. R. R. = 1 Home P/5 Acres, Limited Commercial.
- MURR = 1 Home P/2 Acres, General Comm.
- MUUD = 2 Homes P/Acre, Up to 20 Homes Per Acre With Public Water & Sewer. All Commercial Uses Allowed.
- Planning Areas (Vision 2060 Based).



Vision 2060 Land Use Categories

COMMUNITY TYPE	MIN NET DENSITY	MAX NET DENSITY
Urban Village	5 dwelling/acre	24 dwellings/acre
Compact Mixed Use Comm.	4 dwellings/acre	22 dwellings/acre
Suburban Village	3 dwellings/acre	12 dwellings/acre
Regional Employment Center	n/a	22 dwellings/acre
Coastal Village Center	7 dwellings/acre	12 dwellings/acre
Coastal Village	3 dwellings/acre	5 dwellings/acre
Coastal Settlement	Per comp plan	Per comp plan
Rural Settlement	0.5 dwellings/acre	2 dwellings/acre
Rural Village	0.5 dwellings/acre	3 dwellings/acre
Conservation Community	1 dwelling/acre	2 dwellings/acre
Ecological Village	Existing entitlements	1 dwellings/acre
Agricultural-Transfer	Not permitted	Not permitted



Sweetwater Resort Community (Pruitt)

- Near Dekle Beach
- Total of 1,291 Acres
- Mixed Use Town Center – 127 Acres
- Golf Course – 147 Acres
- Conservation – 1,017 Acres
- 624 Residential Units
- 400 Resort Hotel Rooms
- 150,000 Square Feet Commercial Space



Land Development Code

- ADOPTED NOVEMBER 1993
- Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinance
- Implements Objectives of Comp. Plan
- Regulates All Development

Includes:

1. Subdivisions
2. Roads, Streets, Construction Standards



Land Development Code

3. Permitting
4. Allowed Uses in Each Classification
5. Coastal Requirements
6. Setbacks
7. Steinhatchee Height Restrictions
8. Communication Towers
9. Variances



Planning Board

- Established in May 1988, Ordinance 88-4
- 7 Members
- Duties:
 - Approve Development Orders
 - Approve Variance Requests
 - Amendment Recommendation (Comp Plan & FLUM)
 - Subdivision Preliminary Plats
 - Hold Public Hearings



Technical Review Committee

- Established By Section 42-48 L. D. C.
- 5 Members (Staff)
- Duties include Technical Review of:
 - + Development Submittals
 - + Road Closings
 - + Subdivisions
 - + Right-of-way Issues
 - + Variance Requests
- Provide Recommendations to Planning Board



Comp Plan Amendments

- Application Submittal
- Staff Review
- Contractual Planning Support Review
- Planning Board Public Hearing
- County Commission Transmittal Public Hearing
- D.E.O. Review (minor development excluded)
- Approved or Denied
- E. A. R. by D. E. O. Every 5 to 7 Years



Land Use Statistics

LAND USE ACREAGE

LAND USE CLASSIFICATION	ACRES	%
MIXED USE URBAN DEVELOPMENT	14,145	2%
MIXED USE RURAL RESIDENTIAL	15,776	2%
AGRICULTURE RURAL RESIDENTIAL	82,409	12%
AGRICULTURAL - 1	95,566	14%
AGRICULTURAL - 2	382,644	57%
CONSERVATION	67,039	10%
PUBLIC	750	0.11%
WATER ORIENTED COMMERCIAL	81	0.01%
AVIATION RELATED COMMERCIAL	819	0.12%
INDUSTRIAL	4,179	1%
CITY OF PERRY	5,991	1%
SWEETWATER RESORT COMMUNITY	1,285	0.19%
TOTAL	670,683	100%

COAST STATISTICS

TOTAL COASTLINE (miles)	50	%
COASTLINE ZONED CONSERVATION	36	72%



Code Enforcement



OVERVIEW

INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS FOR TRASH, JUNK, DEBRIS, ABANDONED PROPERTY, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, ILLEGAL/UNPERMITTED CONSTRUCTION, ETC.

PRESENT CASES TO HEARING OFFICER

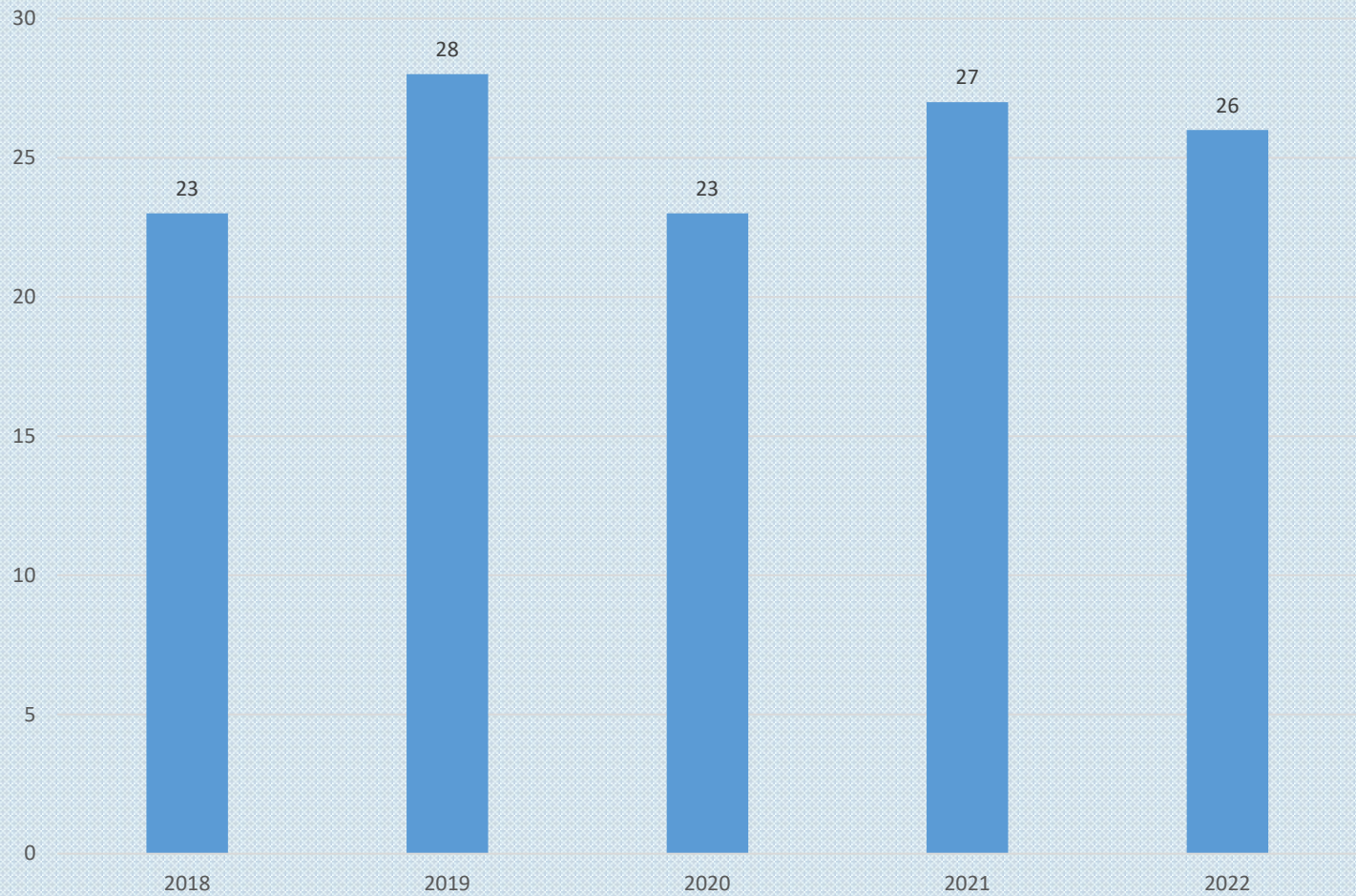
13 CLOSED CASES

30 ACTIVE CASES

3 CASES WITH DAILY FINES FROM HEARING OFFICER THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

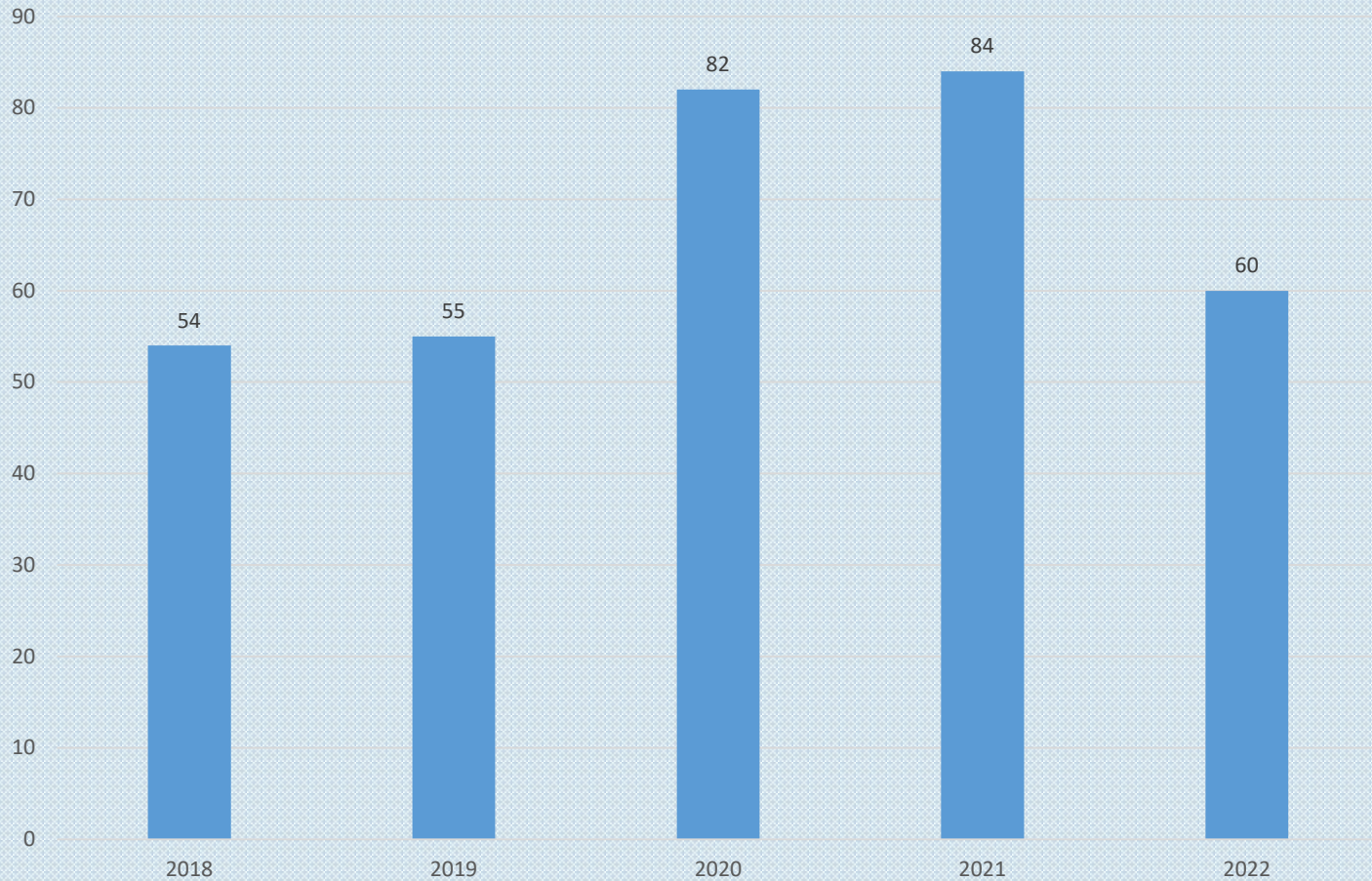


Single Family Residences



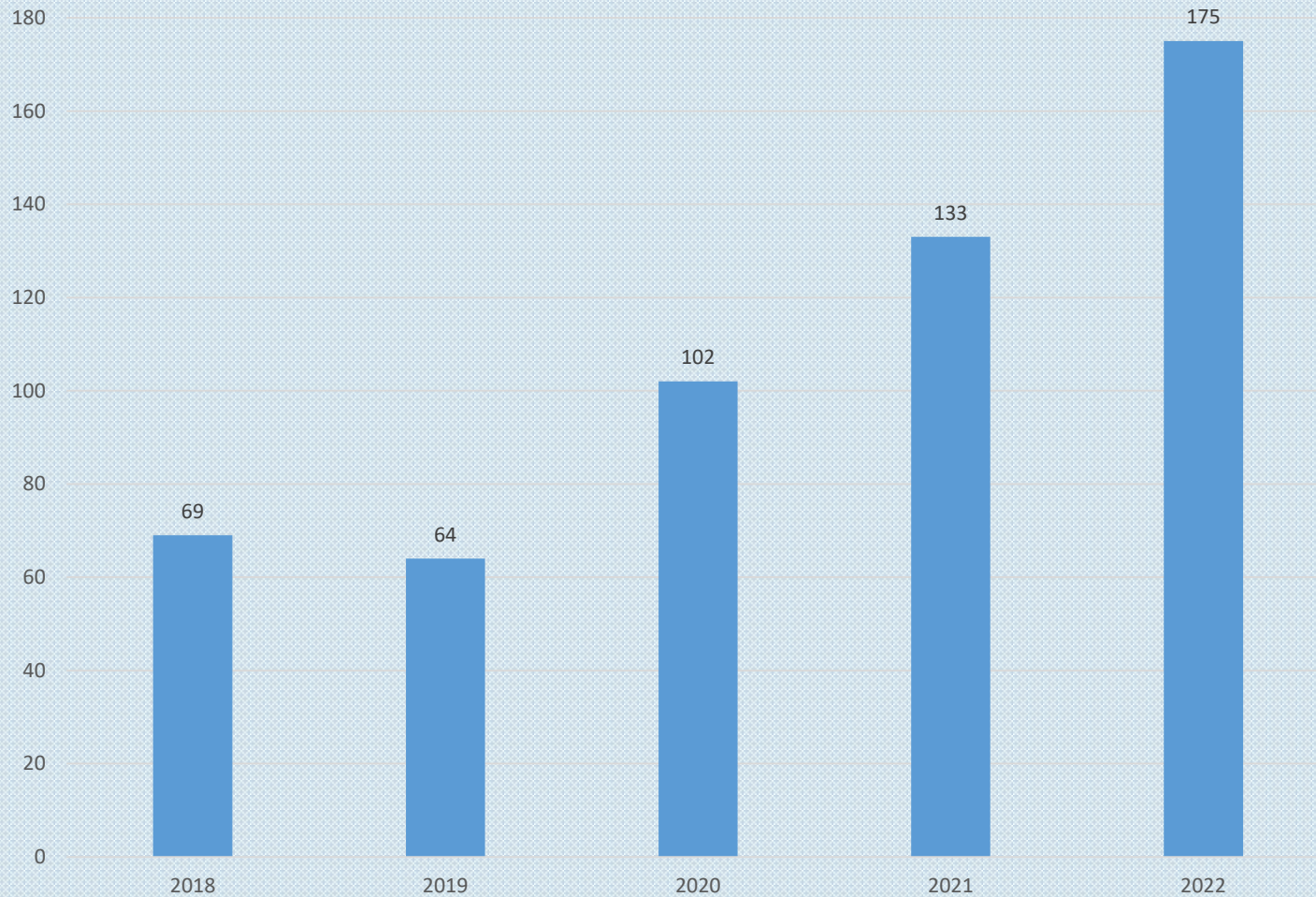


Mobile Home Permits

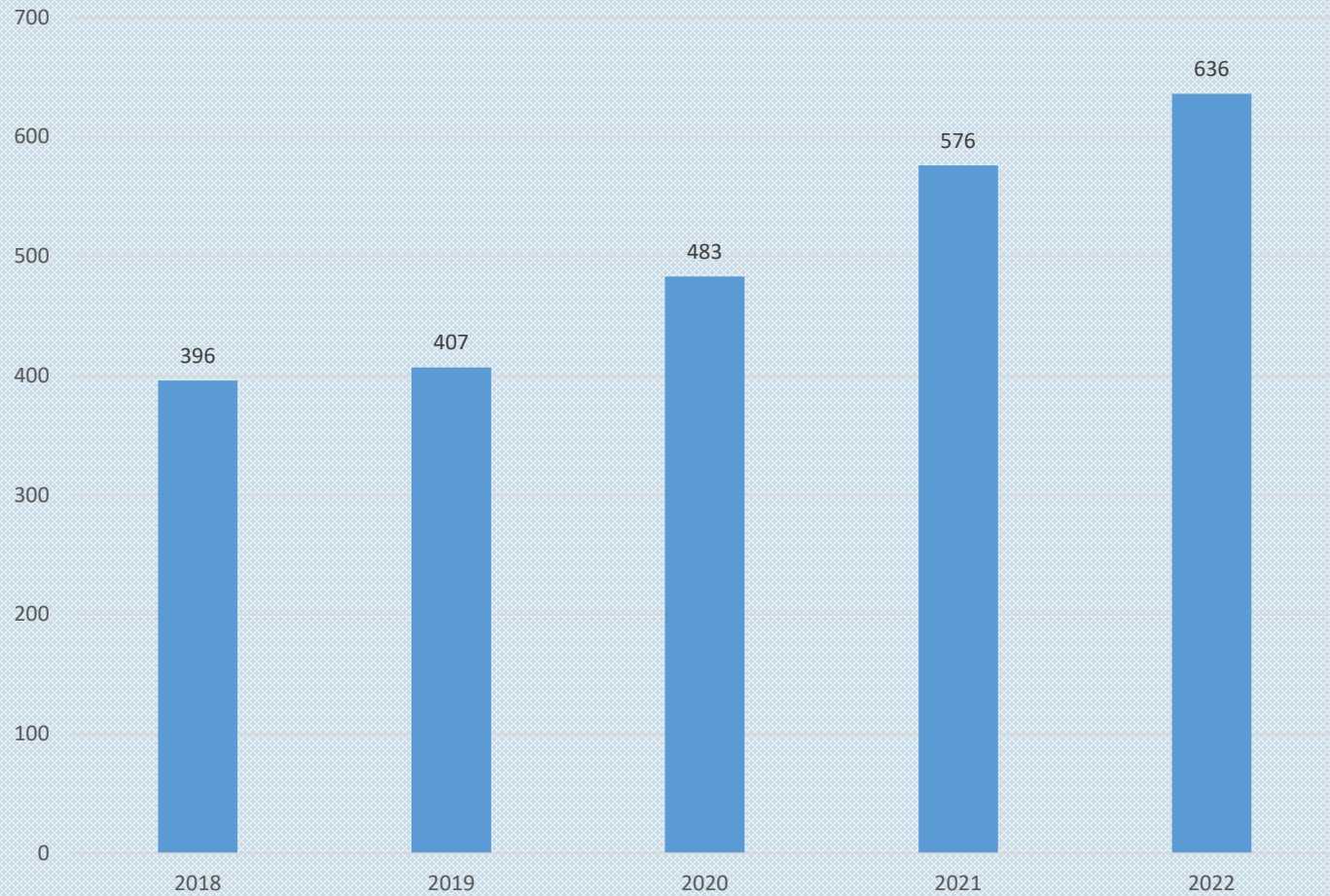




Recreational Vehicles



Yearly Permit Totals





Employee Distribution

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Total Budget 2022/2023	\$168,486
Personnel Related	\$154,054
% based full time employees	2.2

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Total Budget 2022/2023	\$70,986
Personnel Related	\$48,886
% based full time employees	.65

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Total Budget 2022/2023	\$57,422
Personnel Related	\$41,704
% based full time employees	2.1 @ PT

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Total Budget 2022/2023	\$93,702
Personnel Related	\$56,793
% based full time employees	.95



Maintenance Building List

1	AIRPORT TERMINAL	20	JOHNSON STRIPLING FIRE HOUSE	39	GRANTS OFFICE
2	ANIMAL CONTROL*	21	KEATON BOAT RAMP	40	KEATON COASTAL PARK*
3	BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE HOUSE	22	KELLY GRADE VOTING HOUSE*	41	SHADY GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER*
4	BERNARD JOHNSON ROLL OFF SITE	23	LIBRARY	42	VETERANS CLINIC*
5	BLUE CREEK RD ROLL OFF SITE	24	OLD APPALACHEE BUILDING	43	SALEM ROLL OFF SITE
6	CARLTON CEMETERY ROLL OFF SITE	25	OLD HOSPITAL TOWER*	44	PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE*
7	COOKHOUSE (FOREST CAPITAL PARK)	26	PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE	45	STEINHATCHEE BOAT RAMP AREA*
8	DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICE*	27	SHADY GROVE BATHROOMS & PUMP*	46	PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE*
9	ECONFINA ROLL OFF SITE	28	SHADY GROVE FIRE HOUSE		
10	EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER*	29	SHADY GROVE ROLL OFF SITE		
11	ERIDU ROLL OFF SITE*	30	SOLID WASTE OFFICE		
12	FIRE DEPARTMENT	31	SPORTS COMPLEX*		
13	FOREST CAPITAL PARK GROUNDS	32	STEINHATCHEE COMMUNITY CENTER		
14	HAMPTON SPRINGS PARK*	33	STEINHATCHEE FIRE HOUSE		
15	HAMPTON SPRINGS RECYCLE BARN	34	STEINHATCHEE ROLL OFF SITE		
16	HARRISON BLUE ROLL OFF SITE	35	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS*		
17	HERITAGE PAVILION*	36	VETERANS OFFICE		
18	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	37	COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICES		
19	HODGES PARK	38	C.A.P. BUILDING		

NOTE: * = FACILITY ADDED SINCE FY 2000



Maintenance Calls

LOCATION	CALLS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	9
KEATON BEACH BOAT RAMP	10
FIRE DEPARTMENT	3
STEINHATCHEE COMMUNITY CENTER	19
LIBRARY	10
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	3
PROPERTY APPRAISER	1
PUBLIC WORKS	11
SOLID WASTE	52
SPORTS COMPLEX	53
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	7
TAX COLLECTOR	7

TOTAL MAINTENANCE CALLS:	391
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LOCATION	CALLS
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX	63
AIRPORT	8
ANIMAL CONTROL	5
CAP BUILDING	1
CLERK'S OFFICE	9
COUNTY EXTENSION	51
COURTHOUSE	153
DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICE	9
VETERAN'S CLINIC	11
GRANTS	3
HAMPTON SPRINGS	8
SHADY GROVE CENTER & PARK	8

NOTES:

Log represents a 12-month maintenance period. (sample – not all building listed)



Employee Duties

		Danny Griner	John Perkins	Le'Etta Land	Richard Taylor	Code Officer
	Administrative Complex Support					
1	Receptionist/phone duties	X	X	X		
2	Front counter visitor support	X	X	X		
	Building Department Services					
3	Construction plan review (County)	X				
4	Construction plan review (City)	X				
5	Building Inspection (County)	X	X			
6	Building Inspection (City)	X	X			
7	Permit Record Archiving			X		
8	Phone consultation	X	X	X		X
9	Contractor Licensing					
10	Licensing record keeping			X		
11	Permit Surcharge calculation and payment to State			X		
12	Permit statistic reporting			X		
13	Database management	X		X		



Employee Duties (Continued)

		Danny Griner	John Perkins	Le'Etta Land	Richard Taylor	Code Officer
	Planning					
14	Property use assessment	X	X	X		
15	Flood zone determination	X	X	X		
16	Comprehensive plan amendments	X		X		
17	Land Development Code amendments	X		X		
18	Planning Board agenda preparation	X		X		
19	Planning Board meeting scheduling	X				
20	Planning Board meeting minutes	X				
21	Public notice preparation	X		X		
22	Technical Review Committee coordination			X		
23	CRS (flood rating audit)			X		
24	Flood Elevation Certificate review & recording			X		
25	Technical Review Committee participant	X		X		
26	Issue Compliance Statements	X	X	X		
27	Phone consultation	X	X	X		
28	Address issuance and verification	X	X	X		
29	Road Closing application processing	X		X		
30	Driveway permit issuance	X	X	X		
31	Special Event permit processing	X		X		
32	Record archiving			X		



Employee Duties (Continued)

		Danny Griner	John Perkins	Le'Etta Land	Richard Taylor	Code Officer
33	Development Application processing	X		X		
34	Subdivision Application processing	X		X		
	Code Enforcement					
35	Record archiving	X				X
36	Code Enforcement hearing coordination	X				X
37	Letters of violation			X		X
38	Violation inspections					X
39	Phone consultation	X				X
	Facilities Maintenance					
40	Request processing	X	X	X	X	
41	Facility Maintenance & repair				X	
42	Facility Maintenance backup		X			
	Misc.					
43	HCRA health care documentation			X		



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Courthouse Renovation Project- funded by Legislative Appropriation of \$510,000
- Purchase of new Maintenance truck



Environmental Services

Director of Environmental Services
Gary Wambolt



Solid Waste/Recycle/Hazardous Waste

Guiding Principles

- Chapter 403, Florida Statutes
- Chapter 62, Taylor County Code
- Chapter 66, Taylor County Code
- Chapter 62-701, 710, 711, 716, 730, 731 Florida Administrative Code
- Chapter 403 Florida Statutes



Solid Waste

- Tonnage Collected

- C&D – 1,750 loads hauled to the Aucilla Landfill, 7,267.94 tons
- Vegetative Debris - 275 loads hauled to the Recycle Barn, 680,085 tons
- Tires - 37 loads hauled to the Recycle Barn



Solid Waste Review

9 Locations





14/98





Blue Springs





Salem





Carlton





Eridu





Bernard Johnson





Shady Grove





Harrison Blue





Blue Springs

- New gate at Beach Road





Steinhatchee

- New gate at Beach Road





Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- 2 Additional leased trucks
- Chain link fencing for Shady Grove Roll-off
- New roll-off containers
- New concrete slab and shelter for Shady Grove Roll-off
- New concrete – elevation (2 pads) for Carlton Roll-off



Recycle/Hazardous Waste





Recycle Activities

- Recycle Revenue Collected = \$56,889.35
- Duties
 - Bale cardboard, plastic and newspaper for recycling
 - Properly sort, bulk and store paint, fluorescent light bulbs, chemicals, oil, etc.
 - Collection of recyclable materials for disposal and/or recycle
- Goals
 - Catch up on baling recyclable items that got behind due to worker shortages



Mosquito Control

- Guiding Principles
 - Chapter 388, Florida Statutes
 - Chapter 3E-13, Florida Administrative Code



Activities/Accomplishments

- Applied adulticides to all areas of the county in need of services
 - 1043 square miles monitored for mosquito activity through landing counts, citizen calls and trapping
- Maintained a favorable level of service to the community for mosquito control
- Spoke with State agencies to acquire grant funding
- Completed all state reporting requirements
- Began a Gambusia (Mosquito Fish) program in hopes that this coming season we will have an additional larvicide option for citizens of the county
- Staff began dispersing larvicide to standing water in ditches and other county owned areas where mosquitoes are known to breed



2023 Proposed Activities/Goals

- Hire and train new spray drivers
- Maintain product, equipment and services to citizens for good quality of life
- Administer State grant funds
- Complete all state reporting requirements
- Raise numbers of Gambusia sufficient to distribute to citizens for larval control of mosquitoes
- Increase areas where staff applies larvicide



Animal Control





- Animal Control Guiding Principles
 - Chapter 823, 828 Florida Statutes
 - Chapter 588 Florida Statutes
 - Chapter 14, Taylor County Code
 - City of Perry Ordinance



Accomplishments

- City
 - Service Calls – 524
 - Animals Taken in – 232
- County
 - Service Calls – 559
 - Animals taken in – 500
- Animals dropped at shelter gate or born in shelter
 - 130



Taylor County Public Library

Library Manager
JoAnn Morgan



Duties of the Library Manager

- Managing library budget.
- Planning work schedules for staff.
- Evaluating library operations and inventory needs as needed.
- Coordinate and create community programs that increase library awareness.
- Assist library visitors in conducting research and locating resources.
- Oversee the general conduct of library staff.
- Show positive regards to library staff and users via all modes of communication.
- To conduct annual staff evaluations to address ongoing needs of the institution and the personal growth of individual employees.
- Maximize staff potential by training and or cross training to perform all library duties.



Priorities

- Create valuable experiences by fostering lifelong learning and by ensuring that every member of the community has access to a vast array of ideas and information.
- Align and strengthen our capabilities by cross training staff to achieve optimal operational efficiencies while providing enhanced user services.
- Take advantage of new opportunities and meet new challenges by thinking strategically about where to focus our level of staff expertise and passionate commitment.
- Develop and maintain databases and information systems that provide effective and efficient access to materials and resources of interest for our community.
- Design instructional programs and services that foster learning and collaborations within our community schools and daycares.
- Maintain, update and weed collection as needed.



Cost Savings

- Replace materials with donations that are suitable for library stock such as books, audios, movies, etc. saving on future purchases.
- Cancelled magazine and newspaper subscriptions guided by criteria such as availability of alternate resources, high cost, low usage and low demand.
- Reduce duplication of content between formats or between resources.
- Set thermostat each day at closing to save on energy cost.
- Removed old water fountain and replaced with an energy efficient bottle filling station for the public.
- Replacing fluorescent lighting with cost saving LED throughout the library.
- Eliminated the part-time tech position in August of 2021.



Accomplishments

- Removing and replacing flooring throughout the library.
- Replaced circulation desk to optimize functionality for both staff and users.
- Purchased mini shopping carts for transporting materials to vehicle.
- Purchased water bottle filling station to replace public drinking fountain.
- Purchased Amazon fire tablets for patron use for online book collection.
- Purchased battery cart with portable chargers for patron devices.
- Purchased a new transit van for the library transportation needs to include outreach/ book delivery services throughout the community.
- Designed a facility plan for beautification and improved functionality for library users with an inviting atmosphere.
- Relocated shelving to utilize space and to observe patron activity.



Accomplishments





Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Maintain a diverse collection that is informational, educational and recreational to the community.
- provide a gateway to free sources of knowledge, information and entertainment both within and beyond our walls.
- Provide basic technology training to our community and the public for job applications/ food assistance/ housing, etc.
- Maintain close relations with our schools and daycares for children's educational needs.
- To assess the need for periodic capital repairs to the building facilities and to develop a plan, budget and schedule for ongoing repairs and replacements.
- Deliver materials to homebound patrons and curbside services when needed.
- To continue to offer a variety of summer programs to children, with emphasis on literacy and the Summer Reading Program.



Human Resources

Personnel Manager
Traci Rowell

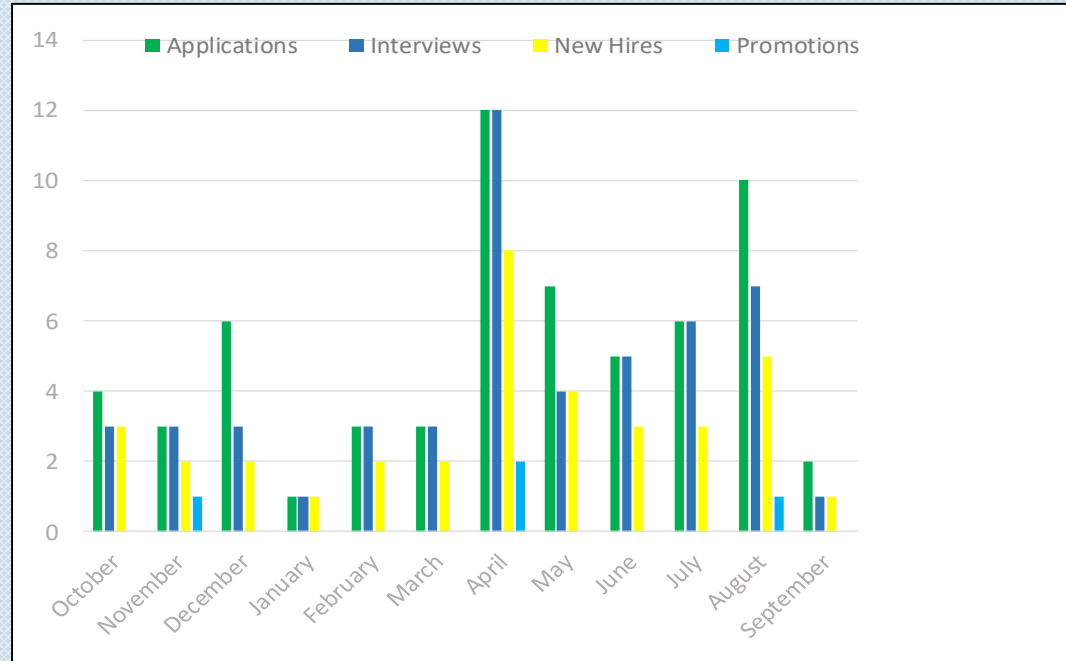


Duties of the Personnel Manager

- Recruitment process of board approved positions
- Onboarding process: orientation and completion of new hire paperwork
- Compiling and maintaining personnel records, new hires, promotions, transfers, performance reviews and terminations
- Upkeep of the Personnel Manual and personnel training
- Workers Compensation claims, unemployment claims and retirement
- Payroll: process payroll, track employee annual leave, sick time and FMLA. Distribute paychecks
- Distribute employee annual evaluations to appropriate department heads
- Assist with internal investigations at request of County Administrator
- Code Personnel Department invoices for payment
- Inmate Billing, check for accuracy, negotiate discount and code for Finance Department



Employment Data



****64 Applications**52 Interviews**25 New Hires**8 Rehires**
****7 Promotions/Lateral Transfers****



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Attend the 2023 FACT Risk Management Conference
- Attend all Safety Committee Meetings
- Conduct a EEOC Workshop for all department heads
- Reduce liability by educating employees through annual workshop
- Expand Recruitment efforts, attend all local career fairs
- Work towards receiving HR Certifications



Veterans' Services

Veterans' Service Officer
Denny Knight



Duties of the Veterans' Service Officer

- Ensure VSO office is operated in a manner to provide professional, effective and sufficient service to veterans and their dependents.
- Maintain communications with the Veteran community, Veteran organizations and the civic and business community.
- Maintain contact with employers relative to employment for Veterans, in particular disabled Veterans.
- Keeps abreast of legislation, regulations rule changes and precedents in reference to client medical reports and service to evaluate and determine validity of claims.
- Obtains POA to represent the Veteran when contacting VA in reference to claimant's benefits and/or claims.
- Prepares claim forms, briefs, and assembles evidence.
- Contacts doctors and other individuals relative to furnishing official affidavits and evidence for individual claims.



Duties of Veterans' Service Officer (VSO)

- Requests hearing before the Veterans Board of Appeals and presents briefing if so needed.
- Advises Veterans on insurance, vocational and other matters, working in cooperation with the VA and other agencies.
- Prepares bulletins and correspondence to acquaint public with current activities and legislation.
- Participates in or initiates civic functions to inform public of services rendered and rights and benefits of Veterans and dependents.



Taylor County Veterans

- Taylor County has 1,539 Veterans
- Taylor County Veterans have received:
 - \$9.5 million in compensation benefits
 - \$220,000 in education benefits
 - \$103,000 in paid death benefits
 - \$13.7 million medical benefits
- Taylor County has:
 - 779 Unique patients
 - 420 disabled veterans
 - 63 - 100% disabled veterans



Taylor County Veterans Services Office

- In 2022, The Taylor County Veterans Service Office:
 - Is a Part Time, 20 hours per week position
 - Had 216 Visits and as a result:
 - Assisted with 45 new claims
 - Completed 335 forms
 - Uploaded 281 claims for the VA to process



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Seek and continue the most effective ways to maintain our County's Veterans.
- Beginning with the new year the VSO will begin to publish a biweekly "Vets Corner "column in the one of the local newspapers.
- VSO will notify all local civic organizations of his availability to speak to them briefly with regards to veterans benefits at their meetings.
- VSO will be willing to get creative, share, cooperate and be forever persistent when it comes to getting the word out to our County's Veterans.



Special Projects

Special Projects Manager
Danny O'quinn



Duties

- DURING THE WINTER WE PICKUP TRASH ON COUNTY ROADS
- DO OTHER ASSIGNMENTS FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT WHEN NEEDED
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITH SMALL TASKS WHEN NEEDED
- ASSIST THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITH DIFFERENT TASK'S WHEN NEEDED TO PREPARE FOR FESTIVALS AND EVENTS
- MAINTAIN MOWING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WEEKLY: SHARPEN MOWER BLADES, SMALL REPAIRS, CHANGE OIL, CHANGE BELTS AND OTHER MINOR REPAIRS THAT WE CAN PERFORM. ALSO HELP WARD MAINTAIN HIS MOWING EQUIPMENT AT THE AIRPORT LIKE CHANGING AND SHARPENING BLADES ETC.
- PERFORM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON A REGULAR BASIS : CONCRETE SLABS, ROOFS, SHELTERS ,BUILDINGS, REPAIRS , REMODELS, PAINTING AMONG OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.



Mowing List

- STEIN. BOAT RAMP
- DARK ISLAND BOAT RAMP
- HODGES PARK
- KEATON B. BOAT RAMP
- K.B. COASTAL PARK
- KEATON FIREHOUSE
- SPRINGHILL CEMETARY
- NEW HOPE CEMETERY
- POOR SPOT CEMETERY
- PISGAH CEMETERY
- SPRING WARRIOR CEMETERY
- WATERS CEMETERY
- FOREST CAPITAL HALL
- HORSE ARENA
- VENDOR AREA
- SHILOH CEMETARY
- STANALAND CEMETARY
- STEPHEN SPRINGS
- SEALEY CEMETARY
- SANDHILL CEMETARY
- CABBAGE GROVE CEMETARY
- FIRE TRAINING FACILITY
- DITCHES ON JOHNSON STRIPLING ROAD
- MANDALAY
- BOWDENS LANDING
- INDUSTRIAL DRIVE



Mowing List Continued

- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- LIBRARY
- HAMPTON SPRINGS
- EQUESTRIAN PARK
- SOUTHSIDE PARK
- J.S. FIREHOUSE
- KELLY GR. VOTING HOUSE
- SHADY GROVE PARK
- SHADY GROVE FIREHOUSE
- SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



Weekly Maintenance

- AUCILLA BOATRAMP MANDALAY AND BOWDENS LANDING...NO BATHROOMS
- HAMPTON SPRINGS...BATHROOMS CURRENTLY CLOSED
- SOUTHSIDE PARK....NO BATHROOMS
- SHADY GROVE PARK....BATHROOMS
- STEINHATCHEE BOATRAMP...BATHROOMS
- DARK ISLAND BOATRAMP...NO BATHROOMS
- HODGES PARK...BATHROOMS
- KEATON BEACH BOATRAMP...BATHROOMS
- KEATON BEACH COASTAL PARK...BATHROOMS
- STEINHATCHEE PARK....NO BATHROOMS
- SMALL BOATRAMP IN STEINHATCHEE ON 1ST AVE NE



Inmate Labor Assistance

- **March** – Moon Pie Pageant
(When available)

- Set up tables and chairs
- Sweep and mop floors and clean bleachers

- **April** – Florida State Bluegrass Event

- Mow grass before event
- Clean cook-shed for chili cook-off event
- Pressure wash stage and weed eat around stage and cook-shed
- Set up tents, barricades, tables and fencing around the park for the event



- **September – Smoking in the Pines BBQ Festival**

- Mow grass and weed eat before the event
- Clean cook-shed for People's Choice event and Kid's Que
- Pressure wash stage area
- Set up tents, barricades, tables at the park
- Set up grease and ash barrels
- Sweep and Mop armory floor
- Set up tables and chairs in armory

- **October – Florida Forest Festival**

- Mow grass and weed eat before the event
- Rake pine straw, pick up limbs
- Clean cook-shed for World's Largest Free Fish Fry
- Pressure wash inside and outside the building
- Clean out fish fryers and sanitize them
- Deep clean all the utensils and bean pots as well as buckets



Projects Completed 2022

Demolish and replace decking with composite decking and handrails on the Steinhatchee Pier – Completed 01/06/2022

Build forms and pour concrete for 14 disc golf tee pads and 1 picnic table, and install picnic table at sports complex – Completed 02/23/2022

Clean and paint bathrooms at Steinhatchee boat ramp due to vandalism – Completed 04/20/2022

Install repair patches on playground equipment at Hodges Park – Completed 05/03/2022

Install 2 new pieces of exercise equipment at the Sports Complex – Completed 05/10/2022

Installed handrails for steps entering the stage at Shady Grover Community Center – Completed 06/15/2022

Removed concrete from around playground pillars at Hodges Park – 06/23/2022

Repair broken fences at Steinhatchee boat ramp, Keaton Beach boat ramp, and Keaton Beach Coastal Park – Completed 09/08/2022

Remove sand from swing set playground at Southside Park and replace with rubber mulch – Completed 09/16/2022

Construct panel board structure for irrigation control panels at the Sports Complex – Completed 10/11/2022

Construct new walking bridge at the Sports Complex between the soccer fields across the drainage ditch – Completed 1/09/2022



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Complete Shady Grove Roll Off site compactor/fencing project
- Complete concrete elevation project for Carlton Cemetery site
- Complete generator fencing for the Supervisor of Elections site
- Assist with new decking at Sports Complex office



Grants Department

Grants Writer
Melody Cox

Grants Coordinator
Jami Evans



Grants Department

- The Grants Department applies for and administers grants and related programs for the County which includes federal, state and RESTORE Act funding.
- The Grants Department works closely with the community and local organizations on various public service projects including housing and transportation disadvantaged programs. The Department also networks with various state and federal funding and/or regulatory agencies developing and building ongoing relationships on behalf of the County which is beneficial in obtaining and administering grants. The Department participates in Gulf Consortium and Dept. of Treasury Roundtable meetings and trainings. The Department is one of two counties in the state who serves on the Florida Trails Council.
- The Grants Department prepares SOQ's, RFP's, and RFQ's and contracts for contractual or professional services for grant or airport projects and services.
- The Department prepares all Florida Communities Trust (FCT) reporting for Keaton Beach Coastal Park and oversees site and required programming development.
- The Grants Department prepares Budget Appropriation Requests and administers and/or assists with the administration of funding obtained through legislative appropriations.



Current or Pending Grants

• FAA Wildlife Assessment Study		\$85,500
• FDOT Wildlife Assessment Study		\$9,500
• Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant		\$19,872
• Restore Act Pot 1 Canal Dredging Phase 1	\$148,500	
• FDEP LWCF Hodges Park		\$200,000
• FDEP FRDAP Southside Park Grant	\$50,000	
• CDBG Grant	\$750,000	
• SHIP Grant	\$350,000	
• Restore Act Pot 2 Hodges Park	\$1,050,000	
• FAA Cares Act Grant	\$22,000	
• FDOT Design & Construct Taxiway	\$3,025,321	
• FDEO CDBG –MIT Rebuild Florida- Jail Generator	\$289,300	
• FDOH EMS	\$5,298	

• **TOTAL** **PENDING APPROVAL** **\$6,005,291**

- Taylor County Sports Complex \$200,000
- Restore Act Pot 2 Spring Warrior \$617,905
- Restore Act Pot 2 By Pass Feasibility Study \$367,905
- Restore Act Pot 2 Canal Dredging \$1,500,000
- Restore Act Pot 1 Canal Dredging \$1,200,000+ TOTAL PENDING \$3,885,810

Totals do not include Transportation Alternatives Grants or Legislative Appropriations



Transportation Disadvantaged

- The Grants Coordinator serves as the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Manager. The County receives a Planning Grant in the amount of \$19,872 which funds a portion of the Grants Department salaries, benefits, and supplies.
- The Planning Grant Manager (PGM) prepares all reporting to be submitted to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and is the County's liaison with Big Bend Transit, Inc. The PMG is responsible for the oversight of the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) for the Transportation Disadvantaged and the scheduling of all meetings.
- The program provides an "in-town" shuttle to all of the citizens of the County as well as a weekly shuttle to the VA clinics in Gainesville and Tallahassee for Veterans.
- 2021 Total Ridership = 10,720 Trips



Taylor County Housing Programs

- The County receives \$350,000 through the SHIP program yearly. For qualified homeowners and homes, the County will provide up to \$35,000 in rehabilitation assistance or demolition and new construction of homes in 51% or more disrepair. The program provides First Time Homebuyers Down Payment Assistance up to \$10,000 for qualified low to moderate income homebuyers. Mobile homes cannot be assisted with SHIP funds. All areas of the County can be assisted with SHIP funds.





Taylor County Housing Programs

- Taylor County was awarded a CDBG grant in the amount of \$750,000 in 2021. Homeowners who submitted applications for assistance are in the process of being qualified. It is anticipated 8 to 10 demolition and new constructions or rehabilitations will be completed in 2023.
- Mobile homes in 51% or more disrepair are eligible for assistance through CDBG. The existing mobile home will be removed and a site built home will be constructed at the site.
- Only homeowners in the unincorporated areas of the County can be assisted with CDBG funds.
- The County was required to provide a match of \$50,000 which was provided by SHIP funding.





Restore Act

- The Grants Department writes the grants and will be administering Pot 1 and Pot 3 RESTORE Act (Deepwater Horizon Settlement) grants and preparing State Expenditure Plan (SEP) Amendments.
- Pot 1 Funds = \$4,076,136
- Pot 3 Funds = \$12.6 Million
- The Department prepares for Board approval the Operational Self Assessments (OSA), handbooks, policies, and manuals required by the Dept. of Treasury and the Gulf Consortium to be eligible for RESTORE funding.





Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Manager
Dustin Russell



Taylor County Parks

Hodges Park

Southside Park

Hampton Springs Park

Shady Grove Park

Steinhatchee Park/Pier

Coastal Park

Stephens Springs



The Glenn Ratliff Sports Complex

A Recreational Park for the Community

- Over 74 acres in size
- Over 4 regular season leagues with over 1,000 combined players and coaches
- Includes baseball fields, softball fields, walking trail, soccer/football fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, also newer 18 hole disc golf course



Accomplishments for 2022

- New batting cages for softball and baseball (FRDAP funding)
- New shade cover over playground (FRDAP funding)
- New bridge between soccer fields
- New 18 hole disc golf course-held tournament in September



Sports Complex





Sports Complex





Sports Complex





Sports Complex - Improvements

- Pressure washing all of park
- Repainting
- Removing grass off of warning track/infield
- Planting sod on our softball fields
- Removed grass from baseball infields in order to create multi-use fields



Sports Complex

Before



After





Sports Complex

Before



After





Sports Complex

Before



After





Sports Complex

Before



After





Sports Complex





Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Recruit new tournaments- local soccer tournament scheduled for December, Softball tournaments tentatively scheduled for the Spring season.
- Purchase new lawn mower
- Install security cameras at Sports Complex
- Replace wooden office decking at Sports Complex
- Resting benches on walking trail at Sports Complex
- Partner with FACT to complete safety assessments at all parks
- Work with Grants Department/Special Projects to complete grant funded projects



Public Works Department

Public Works Director
Hank Evans



Accomplishments

- Completed 283 work orders
- Graded 8830 miles of road on the North and South end of the county
- Totally rebuild Dekle Beach Bridge
- Took out Wilbur Knowles Bridge and replaced with 3-36" pipes
- Replaced boards and added pipe rails to River Ave Bridge
- Performed dewatering in Steinhatchee
- Replaced and maintain County roadway signs
- Hauled \$200,000 of lime rock to roads all over the County



- Worked floods on E. Ellison, Henry Gibson, Lipscomb Cir., and Bohannon Cir.
- Took down 6 trees in the County
- Put out 4 dump truck loads of cold mix by hand
- Mowed right of way ditches in Steinhatchee
- Changed out 5 pipes on 5th Ave
- Fixed numerous sink holes in the County
- Hand trimmed Courtney, Marvin Roberts, Landry, Old Hwy 19, Wilder Creek, and Will Clark
- Completed ditch work on James Smith Road, Bernard Johnson, and Foley Rd



- Fixed pipes on Glennis Cruce
- Rocked several roads in the County and patched some on all of them
- Made 2 complete mowing cycles of County maintained roads
- Boom axe hard at work all over the County
- Put milling on Lonnie Wilson, JJ Blue and Hingson Tanner
- Worked the boat ramps thru scallop season
- Maintained 2 red lights and 6 caution lights
- Keep the bathrooms at Hodges park and boat ramps clean through scallop season



Equipment Purchased









Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Change-out pipes County wide
- MOT Training
- Purchase new equipment: 3 pickups, power broom for Atmax mower
- Dirt road reclaiming throughout the County
- Beach Road ditch reclaiming



Purchasing Department

Purchasing Agent
Sarah Weirick



Duties & Responsibilities

- Plans, develops and implements purchasing operating budget and monitors cost expenditures
- Consults with departments to determine commodity needs in terms of quality, quantity and delivery
- Identifies problem areas and recommends ways to improve efficiency of the purchasing and warehouse operation
- Process the encumbrance of funds through purchase orders
- Maintains records pertaining to cost of commodities and departmental usage
- Reviews inventory and adjusts accordingly



Cost Savings

- Utilize competitive purchasing by using multiple vendors to ensure lowest cost
- Implemented Drop Ship ordering through Amazon and Office Depot to minimize warehouse stock needs
- Utilize Bulk ordering to cut down on any fuel surcharges that have been implemented since COVID (Ordering more at one time vs several smaller orders)



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Reduce Inventory & Overhead costs
 - Implement more drop ship options for departments to reduce their dependency on warehouse stock
 - Remove unused stock items that have not been utilized in the past 4 years, donate to other public agencies if possible
 - Reduce Inventory to “Emergency Use Only” numbers



Perry-Foley Airport

Airport Manager
Ward Ketring



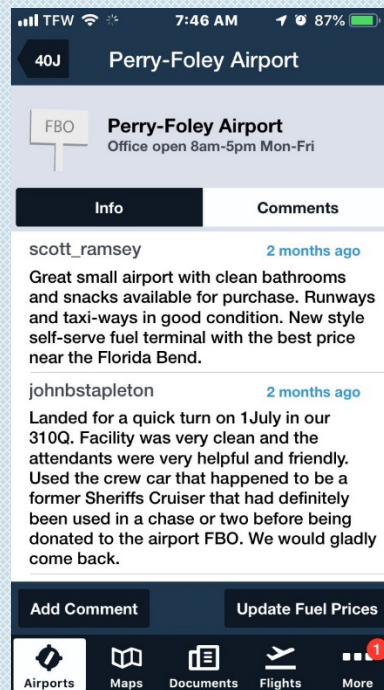
Founded as a WW2 Fighter Training Base in 1943.
Deeded to the county in 1949.



Quick Facts

- 860 acre site
- 110 Acres in pavement and concrete
- 2 Runways
- 3 Multi Plane Hangars
- 8 Single Plane “T” Hangars
- Fire Rescue, Special Projects Veterans Service and the Grants office are also located at the airport

We've continued to increase our online presence.
Most pilots are using tablets computers today.



We've changed our fuel supplier and added a new sign



We've installed an updated pay at the pump system with a cloud based software and reporting system.



We have Avgas and Jet Fuel available 24/7



Runway 18-36 has new striping paid for by FDOT



We survived Covid



- Fuel sales have maintained even through Covid.
- Total Traffic has increased 18% in the past 12 months

Local Companies Depend on the Airport



Buildings and Grounds

- All available hangars and buildings are rented.
- We are working on a taxiway and runway rehab project



Hurricane Ian Staging Area 2022



Duke Energy Staging Area 2018



Goals/Future Projects

- Apron Lighting
- Taxiway Safety realignment
- Solar Farm Project or expanding the hay farming
- Rehab Runway 12-30
- Wildlife Mitigation Study























Engineering

County Engineer

Kenneth Dudley, P.E. – F.S. 336.03

11/1999 ~ Present

Engineer

Vacant

(Currently Advertised)



Duties of the County Engineer

- The Taylor County Engineering Department is responsible for providing professional support for Capital Improvement Projects and other programs, including assistance to the public on an as-needed basis.
- Professional support includes limited surveying, right-of-way information, design, regulatory permit assistance, document preparation, contract administration, and construction inspection services. Other support services include review and joint approval of publicly dedicated subdivisions and streets.
- **Functional Responsibilities:**
 - Provide survey, engineering, and construction management services.
 - Prepare the necessary federal, state, and local permits for Capital Improvement Projects.
 - Prepare and support the submittals of federal and state grant applications for Capital Improvement Projects.
 - Inspect and administer construction of roadways and storm water facilities within private and publicly dedicated subdivisions.
 - Review and approve final plats for the Official Records of Taylor County.
 - Prepare graphical presentations with the CAD and GIS systems for departments and divisions.
 - Responding and providing information to the public in regards to traffic data, flood mapping, aerial photography, etc.
 - Develop, administer and manage contractual agreements with outside consultants and contractors.





Duties of the County Engineer

- Budget/Finance
 - Prepare, Oversee & Responsible for the following:
 - 0303 Engineering - \$147,849
 - 0304 Storm Water Management - \$76,139
 - 0262 Landfill - \$115,009
 - 0308 Secondary Roads - \$2,048,747
 - SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP/LAP - Active Centers
 - 0331 Contractor Rd - \$1,191,519
 - 0346 Cedar Island Rd - \$530,125
 - 0347/348 Slaughter Rd - \$2,092,348
 - 0349 Gas Plant Rd - \$166,518
 - 0354/-01 1st Ave SE Reconstruction - \$2,308,796
 - 0358 Ash Street - \$2,118,431
 - 0359 McDaniel Rd - \$1,337,131
 - LAP 1st Ave S Sidewalk - \$529,019





Fiscal Year 2022

- General Projects

- Engineering

- Development Reviews
 - Dollar General/Deadman's Bay
 - Restore Act Project Evaluations/Participation
 - Dredging – Steinhatchee & Keaton Beach Channels
 - 911 Addressing Data Management and Distribution
 - Hodges Park Redevelopment – Conceptual Design

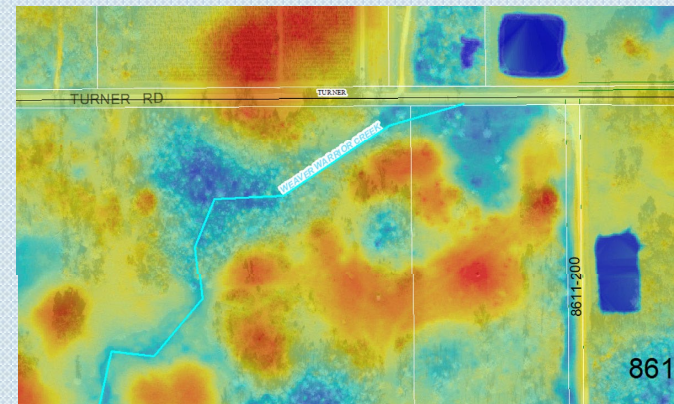


- Storm Water Management

- FIRM Map Evaluations
 - SRWMD Project/Site Evaluations
 - HB 53 Stormwater 20 Yr Needs Analysis
 - Taylor County, City of Perry, TCWSD

- Landfill

- Mowing & Fertilizing Contract Completion and Renewal





Fiscal Year 2022

- Roadway Projects

- Secondary Road Paving

- Ellison Frith Rd – Inadequate Funding

- SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP/LAP - Active Projects

- Gas Plant Rd – Construction
 - 1st Ave SE – Design and Permitting
 - Slaughter Rd – Design and Permitting
 - Cedar Island Rd – Design
 - McDaniel Rd – Design
 - Ash Street – Design
 - LAP Beach Rd Signage/Pavement Markings – Design Review, Bid Documents
 - LAP 1st Ave SE Sidewalk – Concept Design and Cost Estimating



- Bridge Replacements (Design/Construction Review)

- Clearwater Creek - Construction
 - Dennis Howell - Design
 - Rocky Creek - Design
 - Spring Warrior (x2) - Design
 - LAP Granger Bridge Replacement – Design



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Upcoming General Projects
 - Engineering
 - Taylor County Jail Expansion/Rehab Project
 - Hodges Park Redevelopment – Design, Permitting, and Construction
 - Deadman’s Curve Realignment – Design and Permitting
 - 911 Addressing Data Management and Distribution
 - Consulting Services Contract Negotiations and Administration
 - Five-Year Annual Contracts for Engineering and CEI Services
 - Development Reviews
 - Storm Water Management
 - GIS Data distribution
 - Regional Flood Protection Measures
 - USACE Evaluations (10 areas)
 - Funding, Design, Construction
 - Landfill
 - Mowing & Fertilizing Contract Management





Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Upcoming Roadway Projects

- Secondary Road Paving
- Funding Availability



- SCRAP/SCOP/LAP Projects

- Complete Construction

1st Ave SE (partial)

Slaughter Rd (partial)

Cedar Island Rd

LAP Beach Rd Signage/Pavement Markings

- Design/Survey

McDaniel Rd

Ash Street

Contractor Rd

LAP 1st Ave SE Sidewalk



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

- Bridge Replacements (Design Review)
 - Dennis Howell (Construct 3/24)
 - Rocky Creek (Construct 7/23)
 - Spring Warrior (x2) (Construct 7/23)
 - LAP Granger Bridge Replacement – Design (Construct 2026)
- Future Project Funding Requests
 - SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP/TRIP/LAP Projects
 - Transportation Alternatives





Engineering



Questions/Comments



Information Technology

IT Director
Teresa Copeland

What Does this Department Do?





Responsibilities

- Maintaining BOCC Technology Infrastructure : Networking, Computing, IT Support, Management of DTIS's Annual Budget; Security Server & Data Protection and ADA Compliance
- Assisting department head / and their employees on usage of programs specified for their departments.
- Creating/ Maintaining County Website; County Facebook (Posting all alerts for the pertaining to the county)
- County Inventory Assets Inventory and Surplus procedures, for all county departments.
- Managing 37 cellular devices Verizon Wireless, along with 50 separate lines from Consolidated Services.
- Working with City of Perry, when Call Sunshine/ IRTHNET are requested by contractors before they dig.
- County Auction of retired surplus vehicles, electronics, etc...
- Condensing multiple servers to enable storage and lifespan of equipment.



Accomplishments

- Maintaining Veeam Backup Solutions, Carbonite backup workstations and server
- Broadband (BBE) –was installed to reduce the cost of internet services / telephone cost for all county departments.
- Passed the required cybersecurity standards all local government are required to adopt that align with NIST and provide notification to FL_DS when standards are adopted.
- 2022 enhancement of the Boardroom Social Media platform for Taylor County Residents (which included installing 3 flat screens for the boardroom and hallway, media camera and high definition sound bars)
- 2022-2023 working towards expanding the capabilities of the existing social media platform for the Boardroom for the upcoming year.
- Continuing to obtaining compatible prices for software, hardware, computers, office copiers and printers, etc., for all county departments.
- Managing all contracts renewals for software and equipment.
- Continuing education, to enable me to do my job and other responsibilities to the best of my knowledge.
- Etc... (any other duties appointed by the County Administrator).



Goals for Fiscal Year 2023

4 Ways to Improve Information Technology



- Continued Training Solutions for this department to be equipped with updated knowledge, which will be used in the workplace to adhere to quality standards. Continuing to have the ability to network with others this is a diverse range of skills for the employee .
- Collaboration & Communication - in researching a communication platform that allows the entire organization to send large files, share calendars, schedule meetings, and integrate projects on dashboards for easy access (for county employees), this is already in place for commissioners and department heads.
- Having Enough Resources - Continue to check the workflow of the network and evaluate devices that are on the network that need to be updated, replaced or decommissioned. In addition, maintaining any software that's installed that devices are running effectively.
- Performance Levels: Using trusted resources to mitigate risks better and help prevent any disastrous effects for Taylor County Local Government and its departments



Cyber Security Goals

- Local government are required to adopt cybersecurity standards that align with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and provide notification to Florida Digital Service (FL_DS) when standards are adopted.
- Counties with a population less than of 75,000 must adopt the standards by January 1, 2025.
- Currently (2022) Taylor County – Board of County Commissioners (*Passed) we have had NO incidents.



Thank You

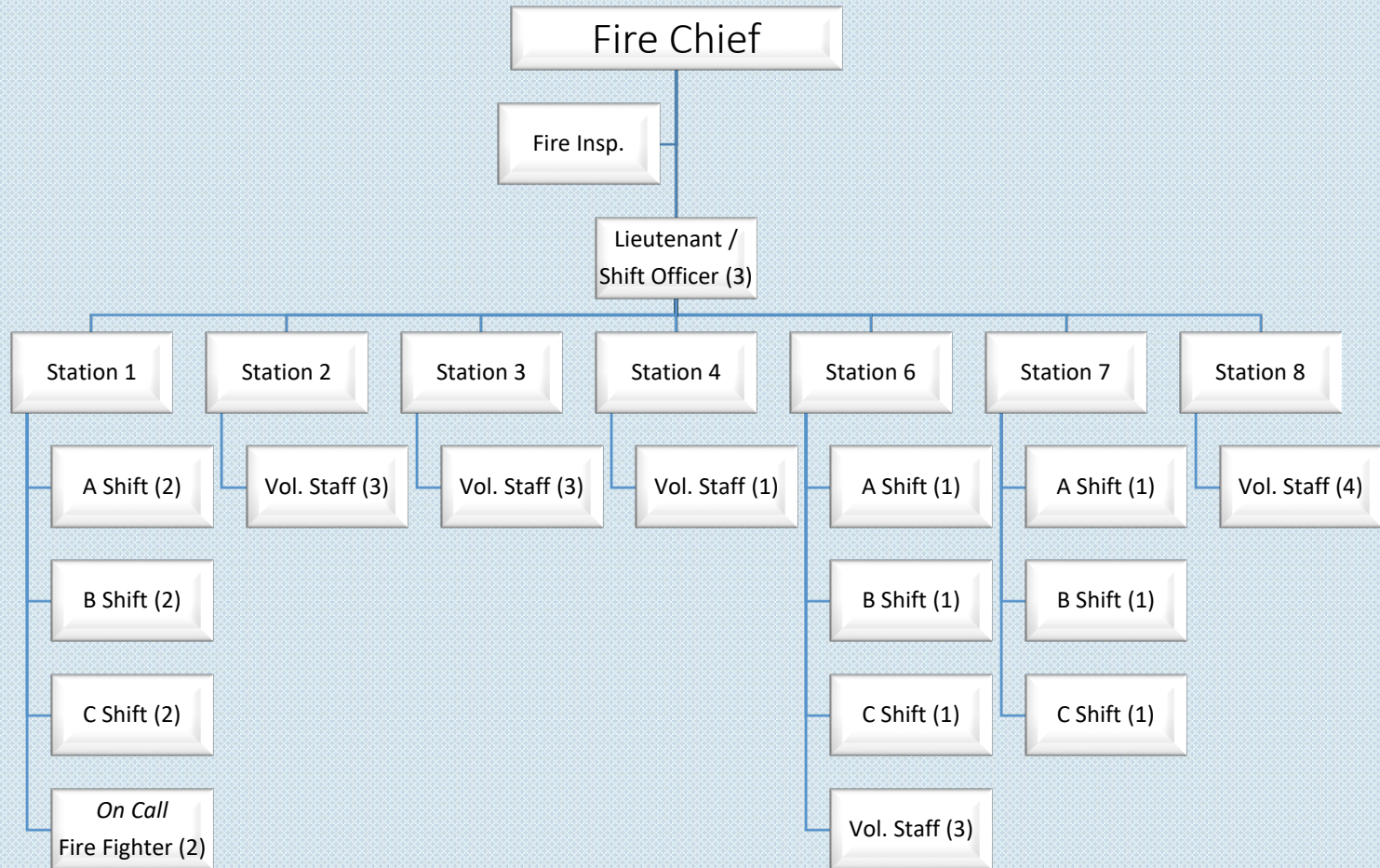


Fire Department

Fire Chief
Dan Cassel



Fire Department





Overview

Fire Rescue is an all hazards response agency charged with providing fire suppression of structure, vehicle, and brush fires, along with response to motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, medical incidents, natural disasters, and more.

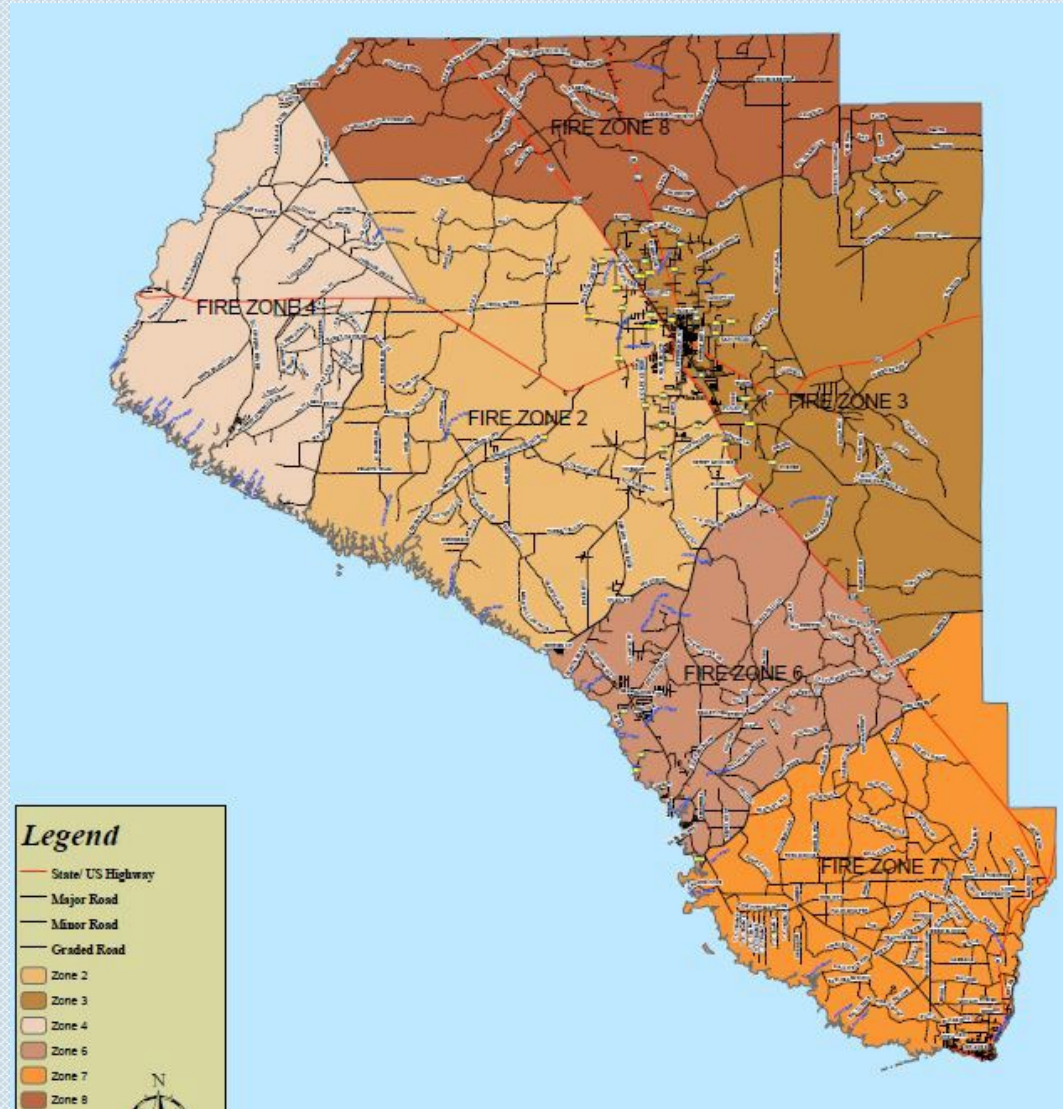


2022 Emergency Responses

- As of Nov 1st
 - Fire Rescue has responded to 687 emergency calls
 - 95 Brush Fires
 - 48 Structure Fires
 - 34 Vehicle Fires
 - 66 Fire Alarms/ Investigations
 - 107 Vehicle Wrecks (no fire involved)
 - 211 Medical Responses
 - 126 Hazardous Material / Technical Service/ Misc.
 - *2021 Total Responses - 646*



Fire Districts





2022 Emergency Responses

- Emergency Responses by Fire District
 - District 2 – 159
 - District 3 – 131
 - District 4 – 16
 - District 6 – 149
 - District 7 – 160
 - District 8 – 39
 - Mutual Aid Perry - 33



2022 Emergency Response Times

- Emergency Responses by Fire District Average
 - District 2 – 8.44
 - District 3 – 7.82
 - District 4 – 20.23
 - District 6 – 7.00
 - District 7 – 6.92
 - District 8 – 14.99
 - County Wide Average – 7.89
 - 2021 County Wide Average – 8.32



Goals

- The number of emergency calls have increased as projected and 2022 will likely be the busiest year on record. The increases are spread evenly across all districts and call types, the largest spike was in the number of brush fires in January through May.
 - Drier weather associated with a La Nina system continues along with little rain from the hurricane season. Abnormally higher numbers of brush fire are possible in November and December and a highly active wildfire season in the upcoming year.
- Despite an increased call volume, response times are currently lower across all districts.
- Fire Rescue has remained about 2 fire fighters down from full staffing level of 15. Taylor County is not alone in staffing issues, most departments throughout the state are contending with this problem. The increase in starting salary and all fire academy's operating again post covid should help ease back into a normal status over time. Solutions are being developed should conditions continue.



- Station 2 construction remains on hold awaiting additional funding, there is time for a final legislative appropriation request. If not approved, funds will need to be budgeted in the next fiscal year.
- New squad apparatus is still in production, there have been extensive cab/chassis delays at Ford. The chassis is scheduled to come off the line early December. The builder has already order parts and will begin the fire truck portion so that it can be mounted and finished when the chassis arrives.
- Various grant funding options are being utilized in attempt to offset the Fire Rescue capital expenses for the SLERS P25 migration.
 - Application periods for Federal AFG grants have been pushed back possibly opening with the new year.



- The standby generator for Station 1 has been installed and is operational.
 - Generators for Stations 6 and 7 ordered with the HMGP grant have been ordered and are expected to be installed within the calendar year.



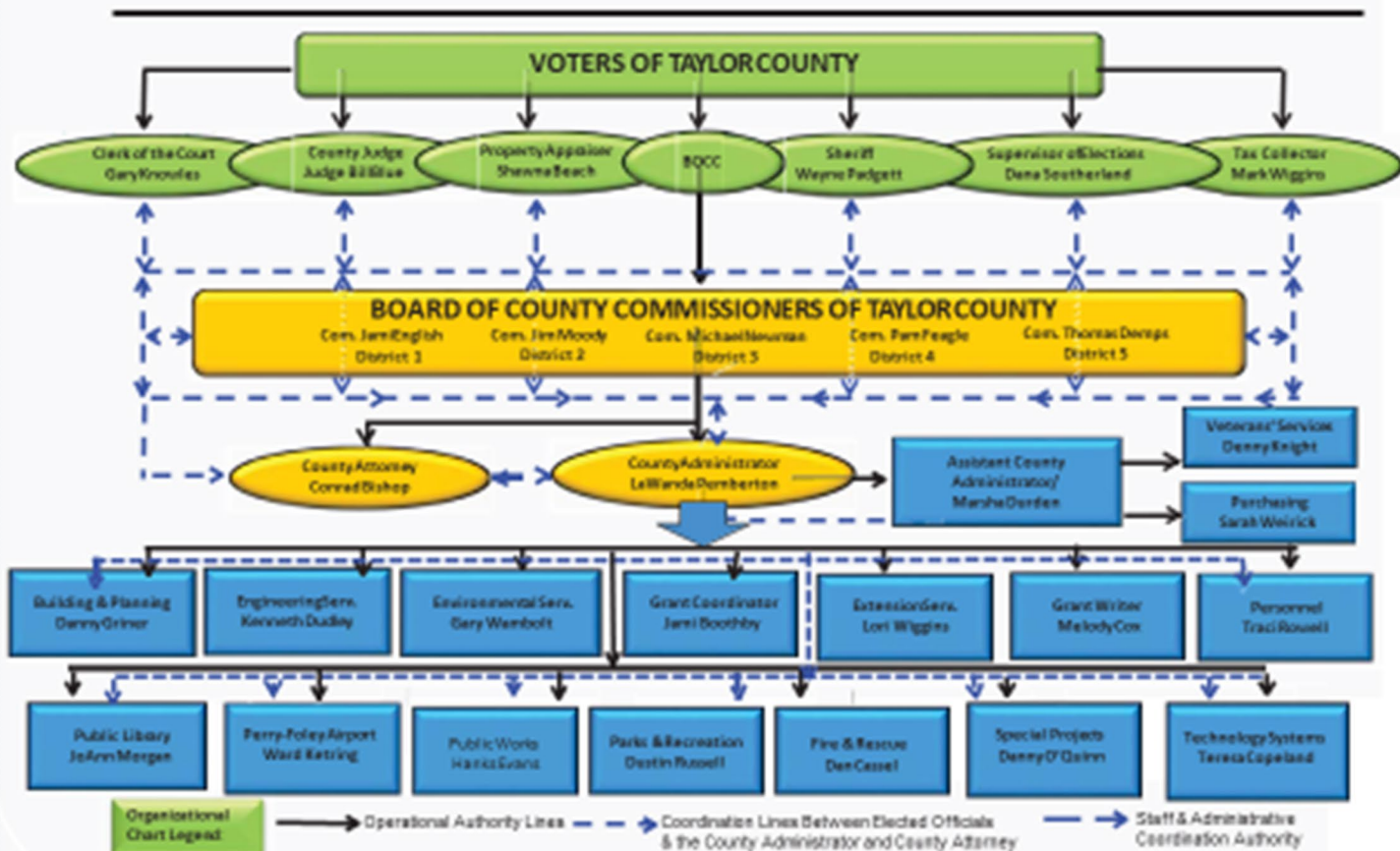
County Administration

County Administrator
LaWanda Pemberton

Assistant County Administrator
Marsha Durden



Taylor County Organization Chart





Duties & Responsibilities of the County Administrator

- Duties and Responsibilities as defined under FSS 125.74
 - Administration of all departments
 - Administer and carry out directives and policies of the board of county commissioners and enforce all orders, resolutions, ordinances, and regulations of the board to assure that they are faithfully executed.
 - Prepare and submit to the board of county commissioners for its consideration and adoption an annual budget, a capital budget and a capital program.



Duties & Responsibilities of the Assistant County Administrator

- Director of Purchasing and Veterans' Services Departments
- Organizes and maintains all contracts
- Prepares suggested agenda for Board of County Commissioners meetings
- Maintains County Code of Ordinance materials
- Responsible for submission and management of County liability claims
- Assist with budget preparation and reviews submitted budgets for accuracy, completeness and compliance to form
- Organizes the Annual Veterans Day Luncheon
- Initiates and composes reports on behalf of the County Administrator
- Provides oversight as directed by the County Administrator



Accomplishments

- Regularly attended Taylor County Recreation Advisory Board, Chamber of Commerce, Taylor County Development Authority, Foley Community Advisory Committee, Gulf Consortium and EMS Joint Advisory board meetings.
- Appointed to the Gulf Consortium Policy Review Committee and Instruction Advisory Committee (IAC) for Taylor County School District.
- Successfully received 100% CARES/ARPA funds allocation of \$4,189,525 million. In submittal for an additional \$100,000 allocation.
- Created the Taylor County Local Technology Planning Team with Commissioner Pam Feagle as Chairperson. Held regular meetings, and created/submitted the Taylor County report on time to the Department of Economic Opportunity. Working with community partners to encourage all Taylor County residents to complete the internet speed test.
- Collaborated with County Finance to present balanced budget, capital spending plan and clean audit.
- Updated the Purchasing policy to reflect new Federal Requirements.
- Completed second phase of Solid Waste Study.
- Coordinated/submitted House Bill 53 mandated Stormwater/Wastewater on behalf of Taylor County, City of Perry and Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District.



Goals Fiscal Year 2023

- Schedule Strategic Planning Workshops
- Continue Broadband for Taylor County Effort
- Explore Recruiting/Retention Tools in order to maintain workforce
- Update Employee Pay Plan to identify potential salary compression due to minimum wage increases
- Continue Solid Waste Operations improvements
- Resilient Florida Projects



Final Thought.....

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challenge and there is no
greater honor than to be
in public service

Condoleezza Rice