

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2012
9:00 A.M.

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The Lafayette County Commission met on the above date and hour for a regular scheduled meeting. The meeting was held in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room in Mayo, Florida. The following members were present: Commissioner Lance Lamb, Dist. 1; Commissioner Gail Garrard, Dist. 2; Commissioner Donnie Hamlin, Dist. 3; Commissioner T. Jack Byrd, Dist. 4; Commissioner Earnest L. Jones, Dist. 5; and Lafayette County Attorney Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the County's Comprehensive Plan. On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Hamlin, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

ADJOURN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Hamlin and a second by Mrs. Garrard, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Planning & Zoning Board meeting.

OPEN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

APPROVE THE MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Garrard and a second by Mr. Hamlin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Scott Sadler requested approval to have the motor rebuilt on the dump truck. He got the following quotes for repair: Ring Power - \$13,628.93 and Mayo Truck - \$10,863.00. On a motion by Mr. Hamlin and a second by Mr. Lamb, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lower quote from Mayo Truck and have the dump truck repaired.

INDUSTRIAL PARK TENANT

Mr. Donnie Land discussed allowing Michael Trail to use the building adjacent to the Agri-Metal office for a cabinet shop. On a motion by Mrs. Garrard and a second by Mr. Hamlin, the Board voted unanimously to have Mrs. McMillan-Fredriksson draw up an agreement to allow Mike Wallace, with Wallace Scrap Metal, to remove all screws and tin on that portion of the building before the remodel work is done for the cabinet shop.

EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT

The Board reviewed and discussed the Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the County's Comprehensive Plan. On a motion by Mr. Lamb and a second by Mr. Hamlin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the report pending the approval and review from the County Attorney.

APPROVE THE BILLS

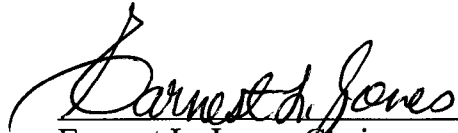
On a motion by Mr. Hamlin and a second by Mrs. Garrard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following bills:

General Fund - \$59,712.08
Emergency 911 Fund - \$125.00
Industrial Park Fund - \$59.46
Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund - \$512.41

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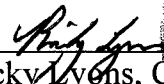
ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Hamlin and a second by Mrs. Garrard, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

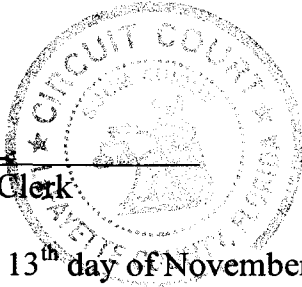


Earnest L. Jones, Chairman

Attest:



Ricky Lyons, Clerk



Approved this 13th day of November, 2012.



Sheriff Brian N. Lamb

Lafayette County

P.O. Box 227 • Mayo, Florida 32066 • 386-294-1222

October 26, 2012

Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 88
Mayo, Fl. 32066

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Dear County Commission:

I would like to respectfully request that the monies I am turning back in from my 2011-2012 budget be deposited into the Sheriff's Office Impact Fund account to be used for the upgrade of our radio system. Our radio system is very outdated and has been in need of an upgrade for many years. Below is a list by department of money to be returned. I have been very cost conscience and tried to save the money from my budget for a radio system so that it would not cost the county any additional money.

Law: \$76,475.94

Corrections: \$ 2,138.45

911 Dispatch: \$2,465.45

Total: \$ 81,079.84

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian N. Lamb".

Brian N. Lamb
Sheriff

approved by BCC
on 11/26/12
for
[Signature]

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE
PERRY DISTRICT
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618 PLANTATION ROAD
PERRY, FLORIDA 32348

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

October 10, 2012

Honorable Earnest Jones
Lafayette Board of County Commissioners
Post Office Box 88
Mayo, Florida 32066

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Dear Chairman Jones:

Attached are the 2011/2012 fiscal year activity reports from the Florida Forest Service for the Forest Protection Program and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program for Lafayette County.

These reports identify the major forestry activities that occurred throughout Lafayette County for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this material, please do not hesitate to call this office at 850-838-2290.

Sincerely,

Adam H. Putnam
Commissioner of Agriculture

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Albury".

Erin Albury
District Manager
Florida Forest Service

cc: Board of County Commissioners, Lafayette County
Forest Management Bureau, FFS
Forest Protection Bureau, FFS

**FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE
ANNUAL REPORT**

**COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE
AND
FOREST PROTECTION PROGRAMS**

LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

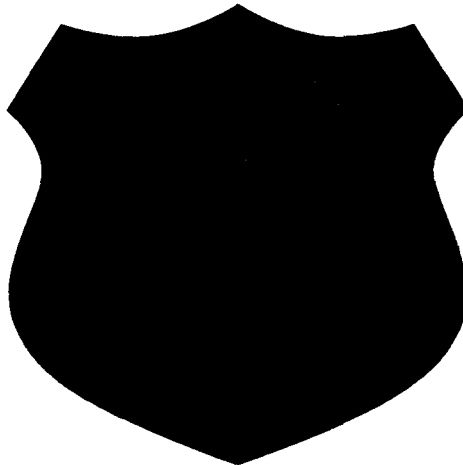


In accordance with the cooperative agreement between the Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Forest Service, we are pleased to submit this report covering the activities of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program and Forest Protection Program for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, covering the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Introduction

The mission of the Florida Forest Service is to protect Florida and its people from the dangers of wildland fire and manage the forest resources through a stewardship ethic to assure they are available for future generations. The strategies employed to accomplish our mission are:

- Provide leadership to protect forests, wildlands, and the public from the destructive effects of wildfire.
- Promote sound forest management practices, which maintain the integrity of the environment and provide for Florida's future natural resource needs.
- Educate the public about the importance of Florida's forests and promote the renewal and protection of these resources.
- Manage public lands for their unique character and to provide multiple public benefits.
- Encourage Florida's communities to establish and perpetuate their urban forest.
- Encourage family forest owners to attain their forestlands management goals with guidance and technical assistance that promotes good land stewardship principles.
- Improve the quality of service through the training and development of our people- our single greatest resource. This leadership will encourage innovation, excellence and freedom for personal growth.



Forest Protection Program

The Florida Forest Service provides wildland fire protection in Lafayette County through a cooperative agreement with the county. This agreement ensures a complete understanding of the commitment between Lafayette County and the Florida Forest Service for emergency responses. The county operating plan is a working document that outlines the capabilities and responsibilities of each cooperating agency including the timber cooperators. The public benefits when all agencies establish coordinated efforts to handle the same emergency. Additionally, we look for support from emergency service organizations to implement wildland/urban interface mitigation programs throughout the entire year. With the help of the county commission, we will ensure the citizens have the protection they need from wildland fires.

The Florida Forest Service maintains three Type-2 tractor-plow units, one Type-1 tractor, one 5,000 gallon water tender and a 300 gallon brush patrol to suppress and scout wildland fires within the county. Also, the Florida Forest Service Rural Community Fire Protection program continues to provide equipment to fire departments at little or no cost to help them meet their emergency response needs.

Wildfire Activity

Fire occurrence in Lafayette County was at a normal level last fiscal year. Florida Forest Service personnel responded to 21 wildfires that burned a total of 477.8 acres. This increase in acreage from previous years was due to one single fire in Mallory Swamp which burned 427 acres in late January. The table shown below provides a breakdown of the number of fires and acres burned by cause during fiscal year 2011-2012.

**WILDFIRE CAUSES
LAFAYETTE COUNTY
JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012**

<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
LIGHTNING	3	4.9
CAMPFIRES	0	0.0
SMOKING	0	0.0
DEBRIS BURNING	6	14.1
INCENDIARY	3	449.8
EQUIPMENT	3	1.7
RAILROAD	0	0.0
CHILDREN	1	0.5
UNKNOWN	2	2.7
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4.1</u>
TOTAL	21	477.8

Open Burning Program

Through the administration of the state's outdoor burning program, the Florida Forest Service issues burning authorizations for agricultural, silvicultural, and rural land clearing to the residents of Lafayette County. Through this permitting process, the FFS is better able to regulate and ensure proper and safe outdoor burning. During the past fiscal year in Lafayette County, 998 burn authorizations were issued for a total of 6,701 acres and 3,888 pile burns. Of these authorizations, 307 were issued for silvicultural and agricultural purposes.

Florida Forest Service personnel conduct compliance checks on all first time authorized burners and also at random on repeat burners. This practice helps to ensure that all burners are aware of the laws and know the requirements of legal burning. These compliance checks also help reduce the number of health related smoke complaints and provide a wildfire prevention benefit as well. In addition, on-site inspections are often made by FFS personnel prior to the issuance of a burn permit to ensure compliance with safe burning practices and requirements. Both the health and safety of Lafayette County residents are of major concern, and we take continuous steps to mitigate the health and safety issues that are associated with any burn.

The Florida Forest Service also offers pre-suppression fireline construction and prescribed burning services to private landowners. These services help to minimize the impacts of wildfire and reduce hazardous fuel build-up. This past fiscal year, pre-suppression efforts included a total of nine plowing requests for a total of 315 acres protected and four burn assists for a total of 4,098 acres protected.

Fire Prevention

The Florida Forest Service was very active in fire prevention efforts in Lafayette County in fiscal year 2011-2012. Among the programs and events in which we participated were Pioneer Day, the Lafayette High School Homecoming Parade, the coin toss at a Lafayette High School football game and Smokey Bear programs at several schools including Lighthouse Christian Academy, Learning Corner, Mayo Learning Center and Lafayette Elementary School.

San Pedro Bay Landowners Association

The San Pedro Bay Landowners Association (SPBLA) consists of landowners, land managers, state agencies, county governments, and other interested parties working together as a unified team in forest resource protection. SPBLA members share a common interest in managing, protecting and promoting forest resources in and around the San Pedro Bay area with a stewardship ethic to ensure that these resources will be available for future generations. The role of the Florida Forest Service is to provide technical assistance to the members of the SPBLA. During the past fiscal year, the annual SPBLA meeting was held on March the 23rd at the Department of Transportation facility in Perry.

Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program

The services provided by the county forester range from simple tree species identification and insect/tree disease diagnosis for homeowners to the completion of comprehensive, multiple-use forest management plans for the private, non-industrial forest landowners of Lafayette County. Also included in the responsibilities of the county forester are public information and education, administration of federal cost-share programs, state lands management, and wildfire suppression assistance. Below is a brief overview of the accomplishments in Lafayette County for the past fiscal year.

Landowner Assistance

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the county forester made numerous assists to the residents of Lafayette County involving over 19,204 acres of land. One hundred of these were field assists by the county forester to forest landowners and homeowners. These field assists included the development of forest management plans, reforestation projects, seedling sales, insect and disease detection and suppression, assistance in marketing forest products, prescribed burning, water quality enhancement advice and economic/taxation information.

An additional 133 assists were considered incidental assists. An incidental assist is any activity or recommendation not involving a field visit. These assists are typically handled by phone, office visit or mail, and they consume a significant number of hours over the course of a year.

Forest Information and Education

The county forester also conducted nine forestry and environmental education programs during the past fiscal year. More than 900 student contacts were made at events which included the FFA State Forestry Contest, the FFA Summer Camp at O'leno State Park, agriculture classes taught at Lafayette High School and local 4-H events. In addition, forest information activities included several informational articles submitted to the Mayo Free Press that kept Lafayette County residents informed about various forestry related topics.

The county forester also assisted with several Smokey Bear programs in the local schools and libraries. These programs are designed to help teach young children the importance of wildfire prevention for the community and environment.

Forest Health

Southern pine beetle activity in Lafayette County has been very limited in recent years. During the past fiscal year, occurrence of the less aggressive species of bark beetles, ips engraver and black turpentine beetles, was reported and contained with minimal loss to forest resources. The county forester completed 16 forest health inspections in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. These inspections involved various insect identifications as well as pitch canker and fusiform rust diagnoses.

Federal Assistance Programs

The Forest Stewardship Program encourages forest landowners to practice multiple-use resource management. This program provides a wide array of technical assistance and management advice

through a comprehensive forest management plan available to landowners at no cost or obligation. There are currently 63 Lafayette County landowners involved in the Forest Stewardship Program for a total of 11,612 acres.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) also provides an opportunity for technical advice and cost-sharing assistance to Lafayette County's forest landowners. It is primarily focused on wildlife management with an emphasis on timber stand improvement and exotic invasive plant species control. As a result of the Farm Bill, opportunities exist for timberland cost-share. This past fiscal year, five landowners signed up for forestry related EQIP practices in Lafayette County. This program is administered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office, and the county forester provides technical advice on recommended forestry practices.

The Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Cost Share is a program that focuses on reducing the risks of southern pine beetle outbreaks by encouraging proactive forest management. It provides funds for thinning operations, underbrush removal, prescribed burning and the planting of longleaf pine. This program focuses on longleaf planting due to the species natural resistance to southern pine beetle. During the past fiscal year, one Lafayette County landowner was approved for this program and two more landowners were also approved pending the availability of any overflow funds.

The American Tree Farm program certifies landowners as a sustainable producer of timber and requires a multiple resource plan. This past fiscal year, the county forester certified or recertified three tree farms encompassing 13,090 acres.

State Lands Management

The Florida Forest Service is not the lead management agency on any state owned land within Lafayette County. However, assistance is extended to other state agencies such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Suwannee River Water Management District. The county forester occasionally assists with timber management activities and insect/disease identification and control on these properties.

Training

The county forester also attended 621 hours of training to enable him to better serve the residents of Lafayette County. The bulk of this training was focused on recertifying him as a state wildland firefighter. Other training included GIS mapping, CFA programs and insect and disease detection. He also provided 181 hours of training to the public and other agency personnel which will benefit the county in the short and long term.

Conclusion

The primary goal of the CFA project in Lafayette County for the new fiscal year remains unchanged. Through the office of the county forester, the Florida Forest Service will continue to increase the visibility of the services which are provided to the citizens of Lafayette County. Through this exposure, more people will be made aware of the value and importance of timber production and natural resource management.

The Florida Forest Service is proud of the investment it has made in the natural resources of Lafayette County and its ability to assist the residents of the county. Fire prevention and suppression will continue to be a major focus of this agency due to an ever increasing population. Through the cooperative forestry agreement, we will continue to provide sound forest management advice to both the citizens and local governments of Lafayette County.

It is our policy to maintain an effective level of service and make any necessary improvements as needs are identified to serve the citizens of Lafayette County. For that reason, the Board of County Commissioners of Lafayette County is requested to provide comments or suggestions to assist the Florida Forest Service in providing the best service possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric K. Black
Forest Area Supervisor
Florida Forest Service
Mayo Forestry Station
203 W. US 27
Mayo, FL 32066
386-294-1001

Check History Report
Sorted By Check Number
Activity From: 10/22/2012 to 10/22/2012

Bank Code: A General Fund

Check Number	Check Date	Vendor Number	Name	Check Amount	Check Type
048896	10/22/2012	A+T	A+ Trailers & Fabrication, Inc	478.55	Auto
048897	10/22/2012	BSW	Blue Summit Waters, LLC	100.00	Auto
048898	10/22/2012	DBPR	State of Florida	228.05	Auto
048899	10/22/2012	DEPG	DMH Emergency Phys Group, LLC	513.00	Auto
048900	10/22/2012	DMH	Doctors' Memorial Hospital	673.00	Auto
048901	10/22/2012	HASI	Hamlin Auto Supply, Inc	338.34	Auto
048902	10/22/2012	MT	Mayo Thriftway	23.76	Auto
048903	10/22/2012	MTG	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	375.46	Auto
048904	10/22/2012	SCL	Suwannee County Landfill	11,123.08	Auto
048905	10/22/2012	VW	Verizon Wireless	481.29	Auto
048906	10/22/2012	WCSI	Wright Container Services, Inc	525.00	Auto
048908	10/22/2012	APS	Alachua Pest Services, LLC	215.33	Auto
048909	10/22/2012	BMC	Betty Mills Company	178.65	Auto
048910	10/22/2012	BPS	Best Plumbing Specialties	39.70	Auto
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048912	10/22/2012	CARD	Card Services	129.18	Auto
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048917	10/22/2012	FAC	Florida Association of Countie	250.00	Auto
048918	10/22/2012	FD	Family Dollar	45.25	Auto
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048921	10/22/2012	HBVFD	Hatchbend Volunteer Fire Dept	2,000.00	Auto
048922	10/22/2012	HCS	Hill's Computer Service	60.00	Auto
048923	10/22/2012	JDC	John Deere Credit	1,114.00	Auto
048924	10/22/2012	LCHD	Lafayette County Health Dept.	5,251.00	Auto
048925	10/22/2012	MACL	Mayo Air Conditioning, LLC	4,300.00	Auto
048926	10/22/2012	MDW	Mark D Winkler	165.00	Auto
048927	10/22/2012	ME	Mowrey Elevator Co of FL	238.22	Auto
048928	10/22/2012	MTG	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	174.58	Auto
048929	10/22/2012	NCFRPC	N. Cen. FL Regional Planning C	516.00	Auto
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048934	10/22/2012	QC	Quill Corporation	350.51	Auto
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048936	10/22/2012	SVE	Suwannee Valley Electric	1,497.34	Auto
048937	10/22/2012	TANF	The Arc North Florida, Inc	3,000.00	Auto
048938	10/22/2012	TCI	Tri-County Irrigation, Inc.	70.51	Auto
048939	10/22/2012	UR	United Rentals (North America)	622.73	Auto
048940	10/22/2012	W	Windstream	2,414.66	Auto
Bank A Total:				<u>59,712.08</u>	
Report Total:				<u>59,712.08</u>	

THESE INVOICES HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE
LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

James L. L.

Paul F. Garrard

Artie Hamlin

Earnest L. Jones

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FL

LIST OF WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE EMERGENCY 911 FUND.

FROM THE FIRST FEDERAL BANK, ON OCTOBER 22, 2012.

TO WHOM ISSUED	PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	WARRANT NO.	AMOUNT
AT&T	COMMUNICATIONS	526-410		\$ 125.00
TOTAL				\$ 125.00

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Lane RL

Gail F. Gannard

Curtis O. Hamblin

Earnest D. Jones

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FL

LIST OF WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND.

FROM THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY STATE BANK, ON OCTOBER 22, 2012.

TO WHOM ISSUED	PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	WARRANT NO.	AMOUNT
SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	552-430		\$ 59.46
TOTAL				\$ 59.46

THESE INVOICES HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

Lance Land

Gail F. Garard

Arthur O. Hendrix

Ernest L. Jones

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FL

LIST OF WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

FROM THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY STATE BANK, ON OCTOBER 22, 2012.

TO WHOM ISSUED	PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	WARRANT NO.	AMOUNT
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF	SUPPLIES	523-520		\$ 512.41
TOTAL				\$ 512.41

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Walter O. Hendrix

Ernest L. Jones
