Hendry County is an outstanding rural community in which to live, work, raise a family and enjoy life by creating an economic environment where people can prosper.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Emma Byrd  District 1
Mitchell Wills  District 3
Darrell Harris  District 2
Michael Swindle  District 4
Karson Turner  District 5

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
2018

Our Mission: To continuously improve and provide the highest quality services in a courteous, cost-effective manner while enhancing the quality of life for all residents, visitors and businesses.

Secured 5 New Grants valued $602,689

2,760 building permit APPLICATIONS
2558 building permits ISSUED
172 CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPATION

Recyclables collected 936.28 TONS
31.21% "set-out" participation

Community clean-ups
22.02 TONS TIRES
35.83 TONS MIXED WASTE

SHIP PROVIDED: $160K Down Payment & Closing Costs / 9 Families | $258K Housing Rehabilitation / 10 Families | $21K Emergency Assistance / 2 Families

Tracking the Annual Budget: $70,501,029

Where the $70M comes from...
- Intergovernmental Revenue 26%
- Ad Valorem Taxes 23%
- Sales & Use Taxes 17%
- Balances / Reserves / Net Assets 14%
- Charges for Services 14%
- Interdepartmental Transfers 4%
- Licenses & Permits 1%
- Other 1%

How the $70M is utilized...
- Transportation 30%
- Public Safety 25%
- Physical Environment 12%
- Balances / Reserves / Net Assets 10%
- General Government 10%
- Interdepartmental Transfers 5%
- Human Services 4%
- Recreation 1%
- Debt Service 1%
- Other 1%

New / Rehabilitated at LaBelle Airport
Terminal, Threshold Lighting
Pavement, Airfield Markings
Funded by the FDOT & FAA

New / Rehabilitated at Airglades Airport
Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS)
Funded by the FDOT & FAA

Currently assisting 1911 VETERANS
Re-certified the county’s “STORM READY” status with the National Weather Service

Continued distribution of NATURAL DT TABLETS

19 new spray areas for Mosquito Control

DRAINAGE & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS completed at Davis-Pratt Park
A SIDEWALK, MULTI-USE PATH AND TWO LANES were added to the now four-lane extension of Helms Road

NEW water service lines & meters installed to residential homes

Recollections of 936.28 TONS for 31.21% "set-out" participation
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COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
- Drafted or reviewed over 150 contracts or agreements, 30 ordinances, and 40 other legal documents or policies.

PUBLIC WORKS
- The Francisco Street Improvement project consisted of milling and resurfacing the roadway, shoulder work, and sidewalk reconstruction to include ADA compliant ramps.
- The Forrey Drive Improvement project consisted of milling and resurfacing the roadway and shoulder work.
- The CR78 Sidewalk Improvement project consisted of building 1.63 miles of a 5’ wide concrete sidewalk.
- CR835 Improvements (1 mile segment) project is in design.
- Commenced repairs to the Historic Hendry County Courthouse including the clock tower and continued repairs to the non-historic courthouse facade.
- Commenced repairs to the Hendry County Health Department for damage sustained from Hurricane Irma.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- Hired a new Director of Emergency Management and Planner.
- Emergency Management staffed and managed cold weather shelters 8 times and released critical information on Tropical Storm Alberto.
- Emergency Management and special projects are currently in the final stages of 21 disaster recovery projects with FEMA and the State of Florida to help recover from Hurricane Irma and mitigate for future storms.
- Emergency Management staff participated in 8 community outreach events.
- 8 people trained and got certified in Community Emergency Response Training (CERT).

SPECIAL DISTRICTS
- Provided the Hendry County School Board with supplies for Pioneer Summer Camp.
- Initiated first step in creating Stoker Rd MSBU for road maintenance.
- Received FDEP Mosquito Control Grant – $31,540.00
- Received DEP Small County Waste Grant – $90,909.00

PORT LABELLE UTILITIES (PLUS)
- Completed cleaning and video inspection of entire gravity sewer system for PLUS.
- PLUS installed 450 4G meter registers that allow meters to be read through a tower and also gives usage data via the internet.

HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES
- Fourteen applications were received for CDBG rehab assistance; six of the fourteen families have been approved for housing rehabilitation.
- Thirty-five vouchers have been issued to low income families for Section 8. Approximately six port-ins were received from other housing authorities for Section 8.
- Social Services approved one application through the Health Care Responsibility Act (HCRA) for assistance which afforded the family peace of mind by paying a bill for over $100,000 in medical services.
- Approximately fifteen families received assistance through Hendry County for indigent burials and cremations.
- Provided three credit counseling sessions in conjunction with Home Ownership Resource Center (HORC). Approximately, fifteen clients received credit counseling with the hope of purchasing a home.
- Provided two referrals to the Area Agency on Aging in SW Florida for assistance with elderly clients. Forty referrals were made to The Emergency Solutions Grant to assist families with rental deposits and rent payments.
- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program received forty applications for rehab assistance. Of the forty applications received, ten applicant’s homes were rehabilitated. The remainder went on a waitlist to be completed in 2019. Two applicants received emergency assistance. Seventeen applications were received for down payment and closing cost assistance. Seven applications were approved and received assistance.

PLANNING
- 10 Comprehensive Plan Amendments processed in the fiscal year.
- 7 Rezones reviewed with 3 approved.
- 7 Site Development Plans applied 4 approved.
- 2 Special Exceptions applied both approved.
- 19 Special Event Permits applied and approved.
- 6 Site Improvement Plans applied 2 approved.
- Over 65 Occupational approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT
- Reduced the code case process by 50%, going from a minimum of 65 days to process code cases to a minimum of 35 days.
- Increase in volume of voluntary compliance as well as properties remaining in compliance.
- Total cases – 969
- Total cases in compliance – 937

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
- $275.6k revenue.
- $237.6k spent for advertising, promotional and grant funding.