

# Chlorine costs jump from \$400 to \$1,400 per ton

## CITY BUDGET

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spent 60.2% of the amount budgeted for utilities, 113.6% of the amount budgeted for vehicle maintenance, 78.2% of the operational supplies budget and 77.2% of the gas, oil and tire budget.

“These are the departments out there doing a lot of the heavy lifting, with expensive parts, specialty parts, with lots of fuel and big things that get broken,” Staffney said.

In individual departments, the hand-out showed the city has already spent 184% of the amount budgeted for vehicle maintenance in the Parks Department, as well as 180% of the vehicle maintenance budget in the Sewer Department, 149% in the

Police Department, 137% in the Fire Department and 135% in the Solid Waste Department.

In the Administrative Department, the city is already over budget (103%) in expenditures for operational supplies.

Staffney pointed out that in all departments in the city’s General Fund combined, the vehicle maintenance line item has already spent 97.25% of the budget with five more months still to go in the fiscal year.

In its General Fund, the city has also already spent 72% of the total amount budgeted for operational supplies, as well as 61% of the budgeted amount for utilities and 59% of the total budget for gas, oil and tires.

“I estimated the expenses

in the budget with the inflation we saw coming last summer, but it is starting to spike up above what was put in there for gas, oil and tires and buying parts – especially for vehicles,” Staffney said.

“We are holding on, but it is a bit dicey right now. Overall, the departments are not far from the 58% mark because they include all the other things, like payroll and insurance, etc., but it is getting a little tight, and I think it is going to continue to get tighter,” Staffney added.

In response to a question from Councilman Ward Ketring about projected insurance premium costs, Staffney said those estimates were not yet available.

“We are saving some money buying wholesale,

but things are going up every week,” Staffney said.

“I talked to a guy who drives an 18-wheeler semi who said the big tires have gone from \$275 each last year to the high \$700’s this year,” Ketring said.

“Yes, they have doubled and tripled in price. Luckily we have some in stock that were purchased before this spike, but we have to replace those, and that is going to get us six or eight months down the road,” Staffney replied.

“My one-ton chlorine cylinder was \$400 per ton two years ago. It is now \$1,400 per ton as of June 1,” City Public Works Director Chester McAfee said.

“It is three-and-a-half times more,” Staffney said.

“I think we should send a thank-you letter to Washington,” Mayor Alan

Hall joked. “They are doing a great job.”

“Hang on,” Hall added. “I’m not too familiar with the terminology when it comes to the city, but I do know profit and loss,” longtime local businessman Cal Thomas said from the audience. “So, are we break even, solvent or are we backing up?”

“We are solvent. The year is not over yet. But, we are able to pay our bills,” Staffney replied. “We are kind of like a middle class family. We are just getting by week to week. We have a little bit in the savings account.”

“I am just concerned when it comes to preparing the budget for this summer and fall with inflation and what it is becoming. It is going to cause more increases, just like we are

seeing at any other store in the country,” Staffney said.

“It just kind of concerns me when I hear you say we are just hanging on, because I know what that represents when it comes to business,” Thomas stated.

“We are nowhere near bankruptcy or anything like that,” Staffney responded. “We have money in savings. But, we are just like a middle class family, living paycheck to paycheck with some in savings, but we may say ‘Let’s not take a trip this year or buy the new car.’”

“Depending on where you are reading your news, certain items are up 30% due to inflation right now -- like tires. So it is a challenge,” Staffney continued.

“Sad times,” Hall said, before moving on to the next item on the agenda.

## LEGALS

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105 feet then run North 105 feet to point of beginning. Taylor County Official Record Book 144, Page 572. Containing .25 acres, more or less. Name in which assessed: Norman T Wells Estate, Norman Jr & Norma & Michael Wells Estate. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 11th day of July, 2022 at 11:00 o’clock a.m. Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

Gary Knowles  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Taylor County, Florida

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA22-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Citrus Capital Holdings, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:  
Certificate Number 463  
Year of Issuance 2020  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number R4072-000  
Section 24 Township 04 Range 07.  
Described as Blair-Hinely Addition Lot 2 Block 3. Taylor County Official Record Book 520, Page 229. Containing .13 acres, more or less. Name in which assessed: Grace L Montgomery Estate. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 11th day of July, 2022 at 11:00 o’clock a.m. Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

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Certificate Number 942  
Year of Issuance 2020  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number R06555-906  
Section 02 Township 07 Range 07. Described as Gulf Highlands Subdivision Lot 26 Block B. Taylor County Official Record Book 299, Page 577. Containing 1.01 acres, more or less. Name in which assessed: Dennis & Nancy Labossiere c/o Dennie Labossiere. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 11th day of July, 2022 at 11:00 o’clock a.m. Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA22-019

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Certificate Number 1462  
Year of Issuance 2020  
Description of Property:  
Parcel Number R09769-000  
Section 25 Township 09 Range 09. Described as Steinhatchee Subdivision Lot 5 Block 45. Taylor County Official Record Book 611, Page 272. Containing .46 acres, more or less. Name in which assessed: Heron House Apartments of Steinhatchee, LLC. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to

law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 11th day of July, 2022 at 11:00 o’clock a.m. Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2022-247- CP  
MARVIN HARDEE RATLIFF, SR., Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARVIN HARDEE RATLIFF, SR., deceased, whose date of death was June 25, 2021; File Number 2022-247-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, Florida 32348. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative’s Attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate, on whom a copy of this notice has been served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: June 15, 2022.  
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ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.A.  
MARVIN HARDEE RATLIFF, JR.  
Personal Representative  
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Tallahassee, FL 32311  
G. CLINE MOORE  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar No. 119512  
107 East Green Street  
Perry, Florida 32347  
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Email: kende@fairpoint.net

#### FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that JAQUAN V WILLIAMS, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of WILLIAMS MOWING AND AUTO DETAILING located at 195 FOLSOM ST, PERRY, FLORIDA 32348 intends to register the said name in TAYLOR County with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD THE FIRST OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS, MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT 6:10 P.M., TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT AND NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE POSSIBLE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP), FOR THE 2023-2024 GRANT CYCLE.

AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD, THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING REQUESTING FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX.

THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK WITHIN THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ANY PROJECT WHICH MAY BE SELECTED FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY

GIVEN, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105, THAT ANY PERSON OR PERSONS DECIDING TO APPEAL ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE HEARING AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE TAYLOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, LOCATED AT 201 E. GREEN STREET, PERRY, FLORIDA 32347.

IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALL CITIZENS, A CONFERENCE LINE HAS BEEN SET UP TO ACCOMMODATE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE MEETING. THE CONFERENCE LINE: 1-917-900-1022 ACCESS CODE: 32347#. THIS IS NOT A TOLL-FREE NUMBER.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE. PERSONS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE AT 850-838-3500 EXT. 107 NO LATER THAN THREE (3) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM: MELODY COX, GRANTS WRITER AT MELODY.COX@TAYLORCOUNTYGOV.COM OR AT (850)371-0377. DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2022. TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

#### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting bids for THE LEASING OF 296+ ACRES FOR THE HARVESTING OF SAW PALMETTO BERRIES IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. BIDS WILL BE FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE GROSS SALE OF HARVESTED BERRIES.

Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the requested services must submit their bid package in an envelope or similar package marked: Sealed bids for “THE LEASING OF 296+ ACRES FOR THE HARVESTING OF SAW PALMETTO BERRIES IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA” to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida 32347 to arrive no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, on July 1, 2022. All bids MUST have name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Bids will be opened and respondents announced at 6:00 p.m. local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on July 11, 2022 at the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347.

The County reserves the right, in its sole absolute discretion, to reject any or all bids, to cancel or withdraw this bid at any time or waive any irregularities in the bid process. The County reserves the right to award any contract(s) to the bidder/respondent which it deems to offer the best overall service, therefore, the County is not bound to award any contract(s) based on the quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive minor defects in

the process and to accept the bid deemed to be in the County’s best interest. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to assign a local business preference in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price. NO FAXED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. For additional information and a bid package contact: LaWanda Pemberton  
201 E. Green Street, Perry, FL 32347 (850) 838-3500 Ext. 6  
lpemberton@taylorcountygov.com  
Bid packages may also be obtained from www.taylorcountygov.com

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

THE STORAGE PLACE LOCATED AT 2309 HIGHWAY 98 WEST, PERRY, FLORIDA, ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. THE SALE IS BEING HELD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD’S LIEN. EVERYTHING SOLD IS PURCHASED “AS IS” “WHERE IS” FOR CASH. THE STORAGE PLACE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY PUBLIC SALE THAT IS BEING ADVERTISED. ALSO, THE STORAGE PLACE HAS THE RIGHT TO NO SALE A UNIT IF DEEMED NECESSARY. THE UNITS BEING SOLD ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
P12 – CHLOE JONES  
P17/22 – STEPHANIE CRUSE  
P28 – REBECCA WILBUR  
P41 – TAMMY ROGERS  
P48 – LAMETRIS MCBRIDE  
P56 – LORRAINE WORSLEY  
P57 – SHAINA BAILEY  
P61 – MALINDA MARKEY  
P63 – JESSICA TUPIA  
P65/70 – BRIAN CRUSE  
P76 – JOY & BRINYCE BAILEY  
P77 – KASEY ADKINS

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2022-98- CP  
In Re: Estate of DENNARD LONELL WHITE, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DENNARD LONELL WHITE, deceased, whose date of death was October 8, 2019; File Number 2022-98-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, Florida 32348. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative’s Attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate, on whom a copy of this notice has been served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR BIG BEND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Taylor County School District

I. INTRODUCTION Taylor County School District is requesting written proposals from qualified construction firms to provide professional At-Risk Construction Management Services for the Budgeting and Construction Phase on the proposed Nursing Facility at Big Bend Technical College.

II. It is the District’s intention to employ the Construction Firm at Risk to provide overall Project Construction Management, including Pre-Construction Services, Cost Benefit Studies, Information Management, Construction for Scope of Work and overall Project Management during the Construction on a cost plus a fee basis, with a guaranteed maximum price.

III. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION  
Proposal Submissions: Submit seven (7) copies of a written proposal no later than 1:00 PM CST on July 7, 2022. Taylor County School Board  
Attn: Dan Anderson  
318 North Clark Street  
Perry, FL 32347

Proposals must be responsive to the requirements and questions of the Request for Proposal.

Reservations: Taylor County School District reserves the right, during the entire process, to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate changes in the new scope of work or services to be provided, and to otherwise waive any technicalities or informalities.

Method of Selection: Proposals will be reviewed by the construction management review committee, which has been appointed by the Taylor County School Board. The construction management review committee shall review the qualifications (which shall include, but are not limited to, the nine items listed below) of interested firms. Subsequently, the construction management review committee shall develop a short list of firms. The short listed firms will be invited to make presentations to the construction management review committee. Following the presentations, the construction review committee

shall make a recommendation to the school board. Upon acceptance of the recommendation from the construction management review committee, the Taylor County School Board may enter into negotiations or entertain bids with the selected construction management firm.

Please respond by including but not limiting your responses to the following:

1. Company name and length of time in business.
2. Company location.
3. Availability of time to start and complete project within Owner’s requirements.
4. Insurance carrier and applicable coverage.
5. Qualifications of staff to be utilized on this project with names, short resumes, length of time with firm and previous clients served.
6. Names of five (5) previous School Clients with phone numbers and contact person.
7. Description of previous experience, to include budget, final cost, time schedule, change orders, etc.
8. Experience working on an occupied school campus.

Request for information shall be in writing. Please do not contact the school board or district staff. Refer all requests to Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc. (CRA), Attention: Greg Kelley, 2027 Thomasville Road, Suite 201, Tallahassee, FL 32308. A Pre-proposal Conference may be scheduled by CRA at a later date. Any person employed by a firm submitting a proposal is forbidden to contact directly or indirectly the Superintendent, Board member, or staff member of Taylor County Schools. Violation of this prohibition will result in the firm’s proposal being rejected and the firm being disqualified from the review and selection process.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building located at 363 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, FL 32066. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.lafayette.k12.fl.us or the Superintendent’s office located at 363 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, FL 32066. If a person decides to appear at any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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