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against the proposed rules, stating that they properly moored their boats prior to the hurricane, adding that they felt it was unfair to punish them when their boats only came loose after being struck by other debris, namely dumpsters, docks and boat houses that were washed upstream by the storm.

Several other Taylor County commissioners said they could see both sides of the issue and were not ready to make a change. The board is expected to return to the discussion on mooring boats in the river at its next workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Newman started the discussion by showing photos of the boats striking the bridge during the storm, stating that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) determined the bridge was not damaged enough by the impacts to close the bridge.

However, Newman also noted that the bridge contains water and sewer infrastructure that could be damaged in the future should a similar event happen again.

"My understanding is there is a (Florida) statute that will allow the county to bring forth an ordinance in respect to anchoring limitation areas," Newman said. "Seeing the ongoing threats to multiple areas, whether that be infrastructure, whether that be private property, whether that be business, commerce or our environment. We see and understand and recognize that the threats are growing and are quite costly.

"It just seems to me like a practical and common-sense time to bring that forward," Newman said.

County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton said Dixie County's

attorney reached out to Taylor County Attorney Conrad Bishop in 2017 regarding the possibility of establishing a mooring area in the river.

"I cannot recall if that was easier to enforce than not allowing any mooring at all in the river," Pemberton said. "Shortly after that, we reached out to [the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)] and really did not get, from what I understand, real direction as far as enforcement.

"I'm not sure which direction the board wishes to go," she said.

Newman said it was his opinion that if the county were to pass regulations, "the goal would be eliminate this kind of threat at all," including potentially banning mooring altogether in the river.

O'Steen said he inspected the bridge himself, along with FDOT, after the storm, noting that "two masts had knocked two chunks" out of the bridge.

"I'm for removing them all," he said. "Whatever we need to do to get them out of that river, I'm all for it. We're having these storms more and more often. They're going to destroy people's property. They may go through someone's house and kill somebody like that. You're got people living on them. Most of them are on my side of the river, and I'm ready for them to be gone."

Newman asked if the board was willing to allow Bishop to research Florida Statutes regarding mooring restrictions.

"They could legally stay out in the Gulf anywhere they wanted to out there," Commissioner Jim Moody said.

Dixie County resident David Jensen, who rode out Idalia with his wife, Kinks Evans, on board their 65-foot boat in Deadman's Bay, countered that the

boats were not the primary threat.

"I'm sorry to say, it wasn't the sailboats that caused your damage," Jensen said. "It was the docks that were improperly took care of that came up that river and knocked us free. We took three days, four days to make sure our boats were secure. But when you have a tidal surge of that mass that rips entire dock houses out and wipes them into us, what do you think is going to happen to us?"

"Every one of my boats in that river has been registered, properly moored, properly maintained," he said. "It didn't stop it. The only thing that stopped the Scintilla was me and my wife on that boat for three-and-a-half to four hours motoring it, dodging dumpsters, picnic tables, floating docks. We watched a three-bay dock float right by and into your so-called neighbors' house. Who is taking care of that responsibility?"

Jensen said he had three boats in the river, and two of them were among those that went under the bridge.

"I understand the damage to the bridge, and I feel for that, but you can't lay blame on all those folks," he said. "Not when people are out there rebuilding docks without permits, putting unregistered floats under those docks. You want to prosecute one without the other."

Jensen said one of his boats was attached to a dock that was taken out by another dock that came loose.

"There are constitutional rights given to us, whether we have boats or houses," Jensen said. "That boat of mine is my house, my dwelling, my everything. You take that away from me, you put me on the street with the homeless. What gives you that right?"

Also addressing the commission was Robert



Weather chaser Jonathan Petramala's video captured the sailboats' masts strike the Steinhatchee River bridge. Dixie County Commissioner David O'Steen said the strikes resulted in "two chunks" being taken off the bridge. "I'm for removing them all," O'Steen said at the Taylor County Commission's recent workshop. "Whatever we need to do to get them out of that river, I'm all for it."

"Cricket" Watson, pastor at Antioch Revival Center Church, who said he was there representing Islander Evangelistic Ministries (IEM), which carries humanitarian aid to Haiti via its mission sailboats. The non-profit organization has two boats stationed in Steinhatchee.

"The biggest problem we have (in Steinhatchee) is derelict boats," Watson said, noting that Florida Statutes already dictate procedures for removing derelict boats, adding that FWC has grants available to remove such boats.

"I don't think it's fair to punish us who keep our boats up to code," he said. "None of us can help a Category 3 storm. There were garbage dumpsters going down the river. What are we going to do? Remove all the garbage dumpsters in Steinhatchee? There were docks going down the river, boat houses going down the river," Watson said.

Next to speak was IEW Lead Captain Raymond Bideaux, who said they have had two vessels in Steinhatchee for 20 years.

"We had them on a dock for a long time, and the owner of the dock sold out

and moved out of state," Bideaux said. "Especially around scallop season, you're not going to find dock space for a 50-foot sailboat, so we had to go to the river.

"We've got an area of the river where the current wasn't so bad," he said. "I'd say we had 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of weight on the boat. When this hurricane came through this last time, we were all there prepping the vessel, making sure we had plenty of weight down, tied off to the woods, whatever we thought we could do to keep the boats in position.

"On our flagship, we had five sailboats, a dock and a garbage dumpster piled up on it," Bideaux said. "The mooring held. It dragged until it caught. That video has become famous, all those boats going underneath the bridge. They came off our flagship, because the flagship hung and then turned, and they all came off.

"The bottom line is, some of us really went to great measures to make sure we had plenty of weight down," he said.

Bideaux alleged that a large dock measuring some 75 feet long broke loose

near Roy's Restaurant, starting a "domino effect," sending the other boats and docks upstream to eventually impact their flagship.

"In a perfect world, everybody would take responsibility," Commissioner Pam Feagle said, suggesting people should have moved their boats out of the path of Idalia due to the amount of warning they had prior to the storm's arrival.

"I understand what you people are saying, and I don't really know the answer right now," she said. "I'm trying to look at both sides. I think the easy thing to say right now is to get the boats out. That's the easy way.

"I don't know where I'm at with this issue," Feagle said. "I don't have a firm position."

"I'm with Commissioner Feagle," said Commission Chair Jamie English. "I don't know where I'm at with this."

At the end of the discussion, Newman again asked Bishop to research Florida Statutes, and the board agreed to resume discussion on the issue at its Oct. 24 workshop.



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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: October 11, 2023. G. CLINE MOORE ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.A. JAMES NEWTON DEAL Personal Representative 100 North Donna Drive Perry, Florida 32347 G. CLINE MOORE Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 119512 107 East Green Street Perry, Florida 32347 Telephone: (850) 584-3300 Email: kende@fairpoint.net

Invitation to Bid Taylor County District Schools Taylor County Middle School TCMS Perimeter Wall
You are invited to bid on a General Contract for a Perimeter Wall Fence at Taylor County Middle School. This project consists of approximately 1,350 linear feet of precast concrete security fencing. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted. All Bidders are to submit with the Bid Package, a properly executed "Contractor's Qualification Statement" AIA Document- 305 which is to include an experience, competence and performance report and references from at least three prior projects similar in size and scope, along with the name of a contact person for each of those projects. Taylor County School Board will receive Bids until 2:30 PM EST on November 11, 2023, in the Board Office at the Taylor County School Board Office, 318 North Clark St., Perry FL. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 2:31 PM of the same date; Taylor County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. Copies of the Bidding documents may be obtained from the school District's Office at 318 North Clark St. Perry Fl. 32347 or by emailing Dan Anderson at dan.anderson@taylor.k12.fl.us.

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Invitation to Bid Taylor County District Schools Taylor County Middle School TCMS Perimeter Gates
You are invited to bid on a General Contract for Perimeter Security Gates at Taylor County Middle School. This project consists of 9 perimeter security gates. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted. All Bidders are to submit with the Bid Package, a properly executed "Contractor's Qualification Statement" AIA Document- 305 which is to include an experience, competence and performance report and references from at least three prior projects similar in size and scope, along with the name of a contact person for each of those projects. Taylor County School Board will receive Bids until 2:30 PM EST on November 11, 2023, in the Board Office at the Taylor County School Board Office, 318 North Clark St., Perry FL. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 2:31 PM of the same date; Taylor County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. Copies of the Bidding documents may be obtained from the school District's Office at 318 North Clark St. Perry Fl. 32347 or by emailing Dan Anderson at dan.anderson@taylor.k12.fl.us.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 62-2019-CA-000567
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF WILBUR M. AMAN, DECEASED, et.al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in the above style case now pending in said court, that the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 30th day of November 2023, at 11:00 a.m. on the east steps of the Taylor County Courthouse at 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida, and in accordance with the language contained in the Administrative Order(s) for the appointed County Court for the following described property: LOT FOURTEEN (14) OF BLOCK "B" OF WESTSIDE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 73. Which has the address of 2175 Fern Street, Perry, Florida 32347. This Notice shall be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Perry News. The second publication shall be at least 5 days before the sale. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on October 16, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Kathryn Lago Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 62-2023-CA-000113
REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. BEAU TATE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO §45.031, FLA STAT.
To Defendants, BEAU TATE, KELLI TATE, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION NO. 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION NO. 2, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF GE CAPITAL RETAIL BANK/WALMART, and all others whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 11, 2023, in Case No.: 62-2023-CA-000113 in the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida, in which REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff, and BEAU TATE, et al., are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court, will sell at public sale the following described real property located in Taylor County: Lot 2, Block 4, Carlton Springs Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Map Book 1, Page 146, Taylor County, Florida. Together with a Fleetworld Double Wide Mobile Home, I.D. Numbers: GAF1334AB96701L-0K21. The above property will be sold on December 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. EST to the highest and best bidder on the east steps of the Taylor County Courthouse located at 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Taylor County, Florida, in accordance with § 45.031, Fla. Stat. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. DATED October 12, 2023. Clerk of the Court By: Kathryn Lago Deputy Clerk

SALE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that SunCo Storage- Steinhatchee will sell the contents of the following self-storage units by public auction to satisfy their liens against these tenants, in accordance with the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act. The auction will take place online at storagetreasures.com from 9AM on November 1st to noon on November 4th. Units are believed to contain household items, unless otherwise listed. SunCo Storage 821 Beach Rd Steinhatchee, FL 32359 Auction is with credit/debit card payments only. A \$100 refundable cleaning deposit is required. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement with the tenant. Name/Unit: Terrence & Chris Grenager Units 221, 235, 48; Robin Newman & Jeffrey Hunter Unit 23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 62-2023-CP-000621
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATHERYNE POWELL GLOVER, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of Katheryne Powell Glover, deceased, whose date of death was March 16, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 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 is

required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE 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 FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS 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 OCTOBER 13, 2023. Amanda B. Glover, Personal Representative THREE RIVERS LEGAL SERVICES, INC. /s/ Teresa Arington Teresa Arington Florida Bar No.: 506591 3225 University Blvd. South, Suite 220, Jacksonville, FL 32216 Telephone: (904) 423-8982 Email: Tess.Arington@trls.org Attorneys for Petitioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the fictitious name statute, Chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publications of this notice the fictitious name, to-wit: Sole Kneads under which we/I will engage in business. I/we expect to engage in business in Perry, Florida and our address is: 431 W. Hampton Springs Ave., Perry, Fla. 32347. The extent of ownership is Linda N. Carroll 100%