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TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

All applicants must complete a 2-part application process:
1. Register and complete an online profile with Career Source (located at Big Bend Technical College).

2. Fill out and sign County Application. Detailed Job Descriptions can be found on the Taylor County Website: taylorcountygov.com

Taylor County is an EEO employer.

FULL-TIME VACANCIES:
Engineer - Animal Control Officer - Building Official - Firefighter/EMT-1 - Recycle Technician - Firefighter/EMT Recruit - Building and Planning Technician - Heavy Equipment Operator-1 (HEO-1)-Solid Waste.

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Concession Lead Technician-PT.

SEASONAL/ON-CALL VACANCIES:
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THE TAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING OPEN POSITIONS: **Taylor County High School** - Head Custodian - PE Teacher - Language Arts. **Taylor County Middle School** - 6th Grade Science Teacher - 7th/8th Grade ELA Teacher - Social Studies Teacher. **Taylor County Elementary School** - Teacher Aide- PE Teacher. **Taylor County Primary School** Teacher Aide Pre-K- General Custodian. **Steinhatchee School** - Teacher Aide. **Big Bend Technical College** - Secretary III **Taylor County School Dist.** - Speech/Language Pathologist - ESE Staffing Specialist - Secretary II - IT Director - Food Service Assistant II. For more information and to apply, please visit www.taylor.k12.fl.us or call 850-838-2500. TCSD

FULL TIME PURCHASING AGENT

Tri-County Electric Cooperative has an opening for a Full Time Purchasing Agent in our Madison office. TCEC is a not for profit, member-owned distribution cooperative providing electricity to more than 20,000 services across 3,100 miles of energized line. TCEC delivers safe and reliable electric

service, through employees who provide exceptional support to our member-owners and the communities we serve.

This position requires working in an office, warehouse, and office yard. The position is responsible for processing requisitions and completing purchasing work for engineering and operations applicable documentation regarding purchase orders and inventory, and managing all warehouse activities to ensure work materials are stocked and organized. The position requires frequently lifting and moving material up to 25 lbs. and occasionally lifting and moving up to 50 lbs. The ideal candidate will have at least an associate degree in business, and 5 years of warehouse experience.

TCEC is a family-oriented company promoting the personal and professional growth of our employees. We offer a comprehensive benefits program including paid time off; full healthcare benefits with minimal waiting period; life and disability insurance; as well as both a 401k and Defined Pension plan.

Tri-County is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE) and Drug Free Workplace (DFWP). Please send resume and completed Tri-County Employment Application Form, which is available at any TCEC office or online at www.tcec.com, before January 10, 2025 to: Andrew Pinkard Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., 2862 West US 90 Madison, FL 32340 850-973-8022 1/10

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HUNTER'S PARADISE FOR SALE: 14.8 acres with a 4-bedroom, 2-bath mobile home. \$170,000 or best offer. Call Robert at (850) 371-1356 for more information. 1/31

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2024 CP 000751

IN RE: ESTATE OF WANDA BELLE SLOTHOWER A/K/A WANDA REAVES SLOTHOWER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Wanda Belle Slothower a/k/a Wanda Reaves Slothower, deceased, whose date of death was September 7, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 620, 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.

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Perry continued to explore the possibility of purchasing property for a new well and water treatment plant.

Local law enforcement agencies working alongside the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, the North Star Drug Task Force and the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) were instrumental in an investigation that led to the arrest and subsequent conviction of Harvey Jennings Starling, 56, of Branford on federal drug distribution charges.

When Taylor County teachers began receiving individual evaluations from their site administrators, some expressed concern upon learning that 50% of their "proficiency score" was based on student "growth rate" (as determined by test scores) from the previous year.

OCTOBER

Hurricane Helene, the strongest tropical system ever to strike the Big Bend -- and the third hurricane to make landfall in Taylor County in the past 13 months -- left behind unprecedented

devastation, damaging or destroying up to 90% of the structures along the county's coastal communities. The hurricane made landfall just east of the mouth of the Aucilla River around 11:10 p.m. on Sept. 26, battering the county with 140 mph sustained winds and gusts up to 160 mph, but it was the estimated 15 to 17 feet of storm surge that caused the most destruction.

In what was believed to be the first time Taylor County had ever been visited by a sitting U.S. president, local officials hosted President Joe Biden, Senator Rick Scott, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Deputy FEMA Administrator on a tour of some of the hardest-hit areas along the Taylor County coast, which sustained more than \$50 million in damages according to preliminary estimates. Biden issued a "Presidential Disaster Declaration" increasing the federal government's share of disaster relief from 75% to 100%, saving Taylor County and the state of Florida millions of dollars.

Contractors paid by FDOT began picking up and hauling storm debris just days after Hurricane Helene hammered Taylor County with 100-plus mph

winds. Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. began working around the clock to clear the road to recovery by removing vegetative debris, destroyed homes and other hurricane debris using 42 huge, tandem self-loading debris trucks outfitted with custom-built knuckle-boom loaders.

Tri-County Electric Cooperative worked non-stop to complete the process of rebuilding its infrastructure destroyed by the high winds and record storm surge caused by Hurricane Helene.

More than 30 emergency housing trailers were delivered and picked up by those displaced by Hurricane Helene, as some 250-300 homes in Taylor County were either destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the storm.

Fresh off the devastation left behind by Hurricane Helene, local emergency officials were keeping a wary (and weary) eye on Hurricane Milton, which was projected to hit the west coast of Florida near Tampa. Traffic on Highway 19 through Taylor County was bumper-to-bumper as millions of residents from the Tampa area and South

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