

County trying to stop ‘abuse’ of roll-off sites

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on every dwelling in the county outside the city limits.

At the commission’s Nov. 3 meeting, the board received the official certificate from Tax Collector Mark Wiggins certifying the 2025 solid waste assessment roll, which showed a total of 9,584 dwelling units across 8,503 parcels in the county, which will generate a total of \$1,705,952 in annual solid waste assessment revenue.

- This includes:
- 6,807 standard dwellings (such as single-family homes and mobile homes),
 - 1,421 recreation vehicles (RVs) or RV hook-ups and
 - 275 hunting camps.

Prior to 2022, RVs and hunting camps were charged at one-third (33.3%) the rate of other dwellings, but when the commission raised the assessment from \$140 to \$178 that year, it also did away with the lower rate and began charging all dwellings the same amount.

That increase, the first since 2006, came after several years of the county’s solid waste department’s expenses exceeding the revenues generated by the assessment until the department’s reserves were depleted.

Based on the county’s 2025-26 budget, the assessment is expected to result in a small surplus, which is being used to rebuild the fund’s reserves needed to make

future capital purchases. Currently, the county is using revenues from the local one-cent surtax (sales tax) to pay for large capital outlay purchases in the solid waste department (roll-off trucks, containers, compactors, etc.).

During the recent solid waste discussions, a wide variety of proposals have been discussed, including limiting the use of trailers or the size of trailers as a way to cut down on large-scale dumping by commercial contractors, which officials say costs the county to transport to the Aucilla Area Solid Waste landfill in Greenville and can sometime fill a particular roll-off site over the weekend, forcing attendants to turn other residents away.

Another proposal was to begin charging to dump non-household garbage -- such as construction and demolition (C&D) materials. Prior to 2006, the county charged those dumping at roll-off sites for any items other than regular household garbage.

However, the county’s auditor at the time raised concerns about attendants collecting money at every roll-off site, leading to the board deciding in 2006 to raise the solid waste assessment to help cover the cost of disposing of non-household garbage and stop charging at the sites.

However, the county’s ordinance was never amended to reflect the policy change, and the county’s current ordinance lists C&D as “prohibited materials,” meaning technically, even a few pieces of lumber

could be rejected if the county strictly followed its ordinance, which has not been the case.

County staff says this leads to issues with the

roll-off attendants having to make “judgement calls” on what to allow.

Ultimately, after lengthy discussions at both the August and October

workshops, the commission was unable to come up with any proposals that found widespread support from the board. Additionally, despite weeks of widespread social

media posts concerning the roll-off sites -- no one from the public was present at the October workshop to discuss the solid waste issue.

Commercial, industrial users can also expect lower rates

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for themselves and their families,” said Melissa Seixas, Duke Energy Florida state president. “We hope this bill reduction helps ease their financial burden, while we continue providing the reliable power they depend on every day.”

Commercial and industrial customers can also expect to see lower bills in March 2026, with decreases ranging from 9.6% to 15.8% when compared to February 2026, although the specific impact will vary depending on several factors.

The company recently announced a “substantial rate reduction” in 2026 as

a result of the company’s annual rate adjustment.

In the aftermath of the devastating 2024 hurricane season, Duke Energy filed a plan with the Florida PSC to recover an estimated \$1.1 billion in direct costs for “emergency activation and hurricane response” due to hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton.

The “storm charge” resulted in residential customers paying an additional \$21 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity on their monthly bills for one year beginning in March 2025.

While the “storm charge” amounted to a \$31 per month increase, the impact on customers is currently being reduced

by around \$10 per 1,000 kWh from January through November 2025 as part of an annual adjustment for the cost of fuel used to generate electricity at the company’s power plants, as well as other clause adjustments.

The full \$31 per kWh in storm recovery costs began in March 2025 and will remain on bills through the end of February 2026 -- meaning those storm recovery cost increases will continue to be felt by customers until March 2026.

Duke says the additional charges are necessary to cover the storm-related costs of mobilizing more than 27,000 workers and additional resources

to restore power for approximately 2 million customers impacted by three hurricanes in 2024.

Duke Energy Florida remains committed to supporting customers with flexible payment plans, tools to help manage energy use and various assistance programs.

More information can be found at duke-energy.com/HereToHelp and duke-energy.com/SeasonalSavings.

Duke Energy Florida, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, owns 12,300 megawatts of energy capacity, supplying electricity to 2 million residential, commercial and industrial customers across a 13,000-square-mile service area in Florida.

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make a motion.

Hampton then nominated Woodfaulk, stating, “Mrs. Woodfaulk has been here 13 years, and it is time for her to be mayor. Come on girl. Come on.”

However, Woodfaulk also declined Hampton’s nomination, and Brynes

withdrew his motion for Landry.

Hampton then attempted to offer up a nomination for Brynes to serve as mayor, but he also declined.

“The man who knows everything don’t want to be the man,” Hampton joked, before finally offering a second to Landry’s nomination of Ketring.

“I just wanted to give

everybody a chance,” Hampton explained.

After a 4-0 vote in favor of retaining Ketring as mayor, Hampton attempted to nominate Woodfaulk as vice-mayor, but she again declined the nomination.

Brynes stated he wished to “maintain the status quo” before making a motion nominating Landry.

Woodfaulk eventually offered a second, and Landry was re-appointed to continue serving another year as vice-mayor -- filling in for the mayor when unavailable -- in a 4-0 vote.

Ketring has served as mayor for the past two years (2024-25), taking over for Hampton, who served in 2022-23.

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certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency’s website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy -- which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency’s website: www.FloridaPACE.Gov. All affected property owners have the right to be heard on the matter via advance written objection or by appearing in person at the public hearing. Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board via email to Info@FloridaPACE.Gov; and should be received by the Agency on or before December 8, 2025, at 9 a.m. so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes. Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 24000033CAAXMX CIVIL DIVISION
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC. PLAINTIFF, VS.
MARLON TREJO BAEZ A/K/A MARLON TREJO BAEZ A/K/A MARLON TREJO,
MATISON TAYLOR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATISON TAYLOR, ADT SOLAR AND UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 6th day of November, 2025, and entered in Case No. 24000033CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida, wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC. is the Plaintiff and MARLON TREJO BAEZ A/K/A MARLON TREJO, MATISON TAYLOR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATISON

TAYLOR and ADT SOLAR are defendants. Gary Knowles as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the east steps of the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32348 at 11:00

A.M. on the 23rd day of December, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N1/2) OF THE WEST FIVE EIGHTS (WS/8) OF BLOCK 12, OF THE HENDRY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PERRY, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

Dated in Taylor County, Florida this 12th day of November 2025.
Gary Knowles
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Taylor, County Florida
By: Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 62-2013-CA-000597
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, WILLIAM W. DAVIS, SR. AKA WILLIAM W. DAVIS AKA WILLIAM WALTER DAVIS AKA WILLIAM

WALTER DAVIS, SR., DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 15, 2025, and entered in Case No. 62-2013-CA-000597 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida in which Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Liensors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, William W. Davis, Sr. aka William W. Davis aka William Walter Davis aka William Walter Davis, Sr., deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Liensors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Rodney Houck, deceased; Amanda Gail Davis aka Wanda Davis; Angel Aldous; Bombardier Capital, Inc.; Christopher Davis; Christopher Houck; Clerk of Circuit Court for Taylor County; Connie Davis a/k/a Connie Luther; Dawn Davis; Donna Johnson; Russell Davis; State of Florida Department of Revenue; The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Liensors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Russell Davis a/k/a Russell Dwayne Davis, deceased; United States of America, acting on Behalf of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; William Davis, Jr.; Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the Taylor County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front steps of the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 N. Jefferson St., Perry, Florida 32347, Taylor County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 9th day of December, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 5, BLOCK D, OF OCEAN POND SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 176, 176A THROUGH 176D OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A 1999 GRAND DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: GAGMTD06202A AND GAGMTD06202B

A/K/A 1890 OCEAN POND RD, PERRY, FL 32348

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.

Dated in Taylor County, Florida this 12th day of November 2025
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Taylor, County Florida

By: Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk
Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028

Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743
(813) 221-9171 facsimile
eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION:

CASE NO.: 25000152CAAXMX
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

RUSSELL WARRICK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE; TANYA WARRICK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUSSELL WARRICK; UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), GARY KNOWLES as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, EAST DOOR OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 108 N. JEFFERSON STREET, PERRY, FL 32347, 11:00 AM on the 9th day of December, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9 OF BLOCK "E" IN PERRY PARK SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 911 VETERANS DR N, PERRY, FL 32347

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernandez Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055; Phone: 386-758-163. Contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 711.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2025

GARY KNOWLES
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 23000597CAAXMX
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.

REGINA GRIFFIN; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 13, 2025, and entered in Case No. 23000597CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Taylor County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST IS Plaintiff and REGINA GRIFFIN; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the East Steps of the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 N. Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32347, 11:00 a.m., on January 13, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST, AND RUN NORTH 563 FEET, THENCE EAST 560 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 100 FEET, THENCE EAST 70 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET, THENCE WEST 70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY IS ALSO KNOWN

AS LOT 101, BELAIR MANOR SUBDIVISION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

DATED at Perry, Florida, on November 17, 2025., 2025.
Gary Knowles
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: Kathryn Lago
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING
The District School Board of Lafayette County will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building, 363 N. Crawford Street, Mayo, Florida 32066 for the purpose of amending School Board Policies. (The School Board approved the advertisement of a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on November 18, 2025).

Authority for amending and adopting policies and forms is found in Article IX, Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida and in Florida Statutes 1001.41. The following policies will be considered for revision/updates:

Policy#	Status	Policy
3.21	Revision	Recording of Parent-Staff Meetings
4.09	Option 1 Revision	Athletics
5.031	Revision	Student Out-Of-Zone Transfers/Choice
5.28	Revision	School Health Services

A. Name of person presenting the proposed policies: Mr. Robert Edwards Superintendent of Lafayette County Schools. Date of Approval by Board for Advertisement: November 18, 2025.

B. Explanation of the purpose and effect of school board policies: Provide policies required by Florida Statutes (F.S.) State Board of Education Administrative Rules (S.B.E.R.) and other controlling regulations; and to provide policies for matters for which it appears prudent for the orderly operation of the school system.

C. A summary of the proposed policy revisions is as follows: Policies necessary for the effective operation and general improvement of the school system for the District School Board of Lafayette County, Florida.

D. Economic impact of the proposed policies: None
School Board Policies may be examined at the District School Board Office at 363 N.E. Crawford Street, Mayo, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.
Robert Edwards
Superintendent of Schools