



Marion County State of the County

February 25, 2020

The mission of Marion County Government is to provide quality public services in a timely and competent manner, and to work with the cooperation of the community and other local government units to create a vibrant and healthy physical, social and economic environment.

County services shall be provided in a fair, respectful and professional manner consistent with available human, natural and economic resources.

- County mission statement



**Citizens of
Marion County**

**Part-Time Magistrate
Judge**
Janice Daniel

Probate & Magistrate Court Judge
Heather Stuart

Clerk of Superior Court
Joy Smith

Board of Commissioners:
George Neal, Jr., Chairman, District 4
Norman Royal, Commissioner, District 1
Jody Grimsley, Commissioner, District 2
Matt Gunnels, Commissioner, District 3
Steve Young, Commissioner, At-Large

Tax Commissioner
Phylis Blocker

Coroner
Sam Way

Sheriff
Derrell Neal

County Attorney
Wayne Jernigan

County Manager
Justin Strickland

County Clerk
Sylvia Russell

**Election Supervisor/Chief Deputy
Registrar**
Sandra Brown

Building Code & Zoning Administrator
Jake Kemp

Recreation Director
Sarah Allen

EMA Director
Sam Schiro

EMS Director
Matt McPhail

Tax Assessor
Stacey Ballard

Public Works – Water and Roads
ClearWater Solutions

Solid Waste
GFL



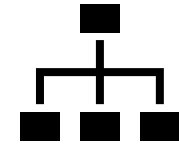
Board of Commissioners



- Regular Meeting Time
 - 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)
 - 2nd Tuesday Each Month
 - County Annex Building Conference Room
 - 100 E Burkhalter Buena Vista, Ga 31803
- Members
 - Chairman George Neal (District 4)
 - Vice-Chairman Norman Royal (District 1)
 - Commissioner Jody Grimsley (District 2)
 - Commissioner Matt Gunnels (District 3)
 - Commissioner Steve Young (At-Large)



Administration



- County Manager
 - Justin Strickland
- County Clerk
 - Sylvia Russell
- 2020 Updates
 - Digital Timeclock System
 - Website
 - Online Utility Payments
 - Communication Infrastructure
 - Fuel Usage
 - Internal Policies
 - County Code Book

ANNOUNCEMENTS

📌 PUBLIC NOTICES

- NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Marion County and Buena Vista are initiating an update to their joint comprehensive plan. This effort is an attempt to identify overall community and economic development needs and opportunities, establish community goals, identify preferred land uses and develop a five-year work program to address the issues. A public hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020, in the commissioners meeting room of the courthouse annex, 100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, to brief the public on the planning process, explain opportunities for public participation and solicit input on plan development. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.
- FIVE YEAR HISTORY & DIGEST – 2019

📰 NEWS & EVENTS

- Census Day is April 1, 2020! Make sure you are counted!
 - The Census is a questionnaire that asks about the number of people living in the United States. Knowing the number of people in a city, county, or the whole state allows for the planning of day-to-day operations, the future, and even emergencies.
 - The personal information that you provide on the Census form is protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. It sets the fines and prison penalties (up to a fine of \$250,000 and 5 years in federal prison) for the illegal taking, sharing, or use of private information. In addition, "The 72-Year Rule" was set under Public Law 95-416. The rule states that after 72 years, the Census information can be released to the general public. Records from the 2020 Census will be released in the year 2092.
 - The questions on the 2020 Census will ask how many people live in the residence; if the home is rented, owned, or other; and a phone number to contact you only in the case of official Census Bureau business.
 - To view the sample 2020 Census questionnaire, click [HERE](#). To view the online 2020 Census questionnaire, watch the U.S. Census Bureau's video to the left.
 - For more information on the 2020 Census visit <https://census.georgia.gov/>

• For Local Area News: <http://www.tjournal.com/>



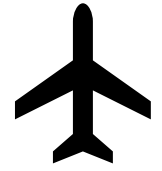
Finance



- General Fund
 - No Property Tax Increase in 2019
 - County-Wide Millage Rate
 - County = 7.086
 - School = 16.719
 - City = 17.434
- Water Fund
 - Rate Analysis in Process
- Sales Tax Funds
 - LOST, SPLOST, & T-SPLOST
 - Steady Growth in T-SPLOST Revenue
 - SPLOST III Referendum in November!
- 2020 Budget
 - 5.24 Million
 - Balanced



Airport



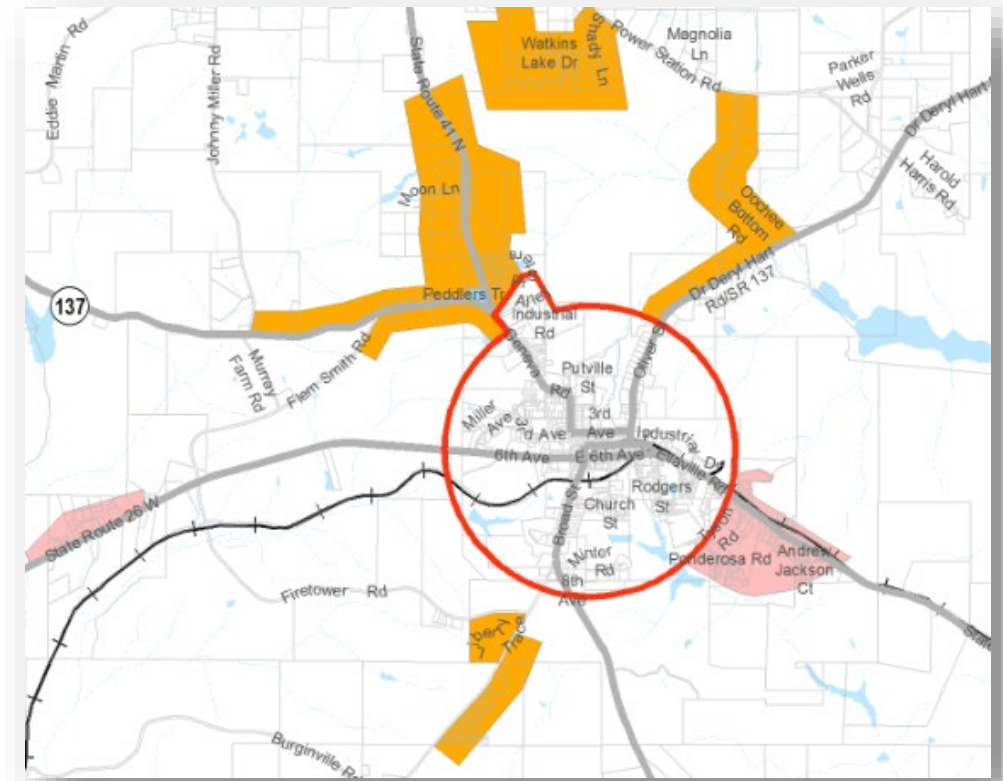
- Phase I Complete
 - Resurfaced Runway
 - Lighting on Runway
 - Fencing around Property
- Phase II Approved
 - Fuel Farm
 - Apron
 - Potential for Hangers



Building and Zoning



- Building Official
 - Jake Kemp
- 2019 Totals
 - 189 Permits Issued
- 2020 Focus
 - Hunting Camp Enforcement
 - RV Code Enforcement
 - Quality and Objective Code Enforcement
 - Quality and Objective Inspections
 - Excellent Customer Service



Courthouse



- Completed Projects
 - New Clocktower Roof
 - New Courtroom Carpet
- Planned Projects
 - Shingled Roof
 - Lawn Pine Straw
 - Exterior Paint
 - Courtroom Ceiling
 - Courtroom Paint
 - Resurface Parking Lot
 - Electrical Evaluation
 - Convert to LED Lights



Elections



- Elections Supervisor
 - Sandra Brown
- New Voting Equipment
 - Digital and Paper
- Security at Precincts
 - New storage cages
 - Bars on windows
 - Metal doors
- Updates to Precincts
 - New Voting Booths
 - New Tables and Chairs
 - Paint & Awning

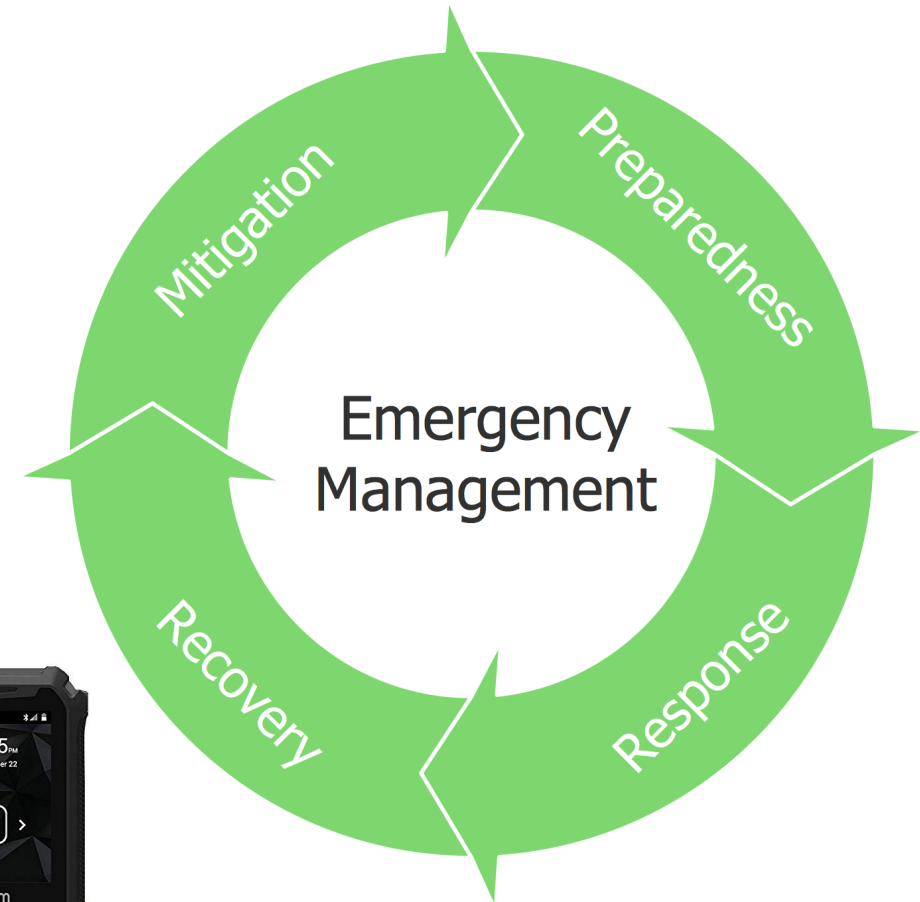


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Emergency Management



- Director
 - Sam Schiro
- Programs
 - 2019 Smoke Alarm Installation
 - County Safety Program
- New Equipment
 - Two Sonim Southern Linc Phones
 - Two 30 KW Generators



EMS



- Director
 - Matt McPhail
- Staff
 - 15 Paramedics (5 Full Time)
 - 6 EMTs (1 Full Time)
- 2019 Totals
 - 1,031 Responded Incidents
- New Equipment
 - Clorox Total 360
 - Bullet-Proof Vests
 - Tablets in Ambulances
 - 2020 Ambulance



Fire



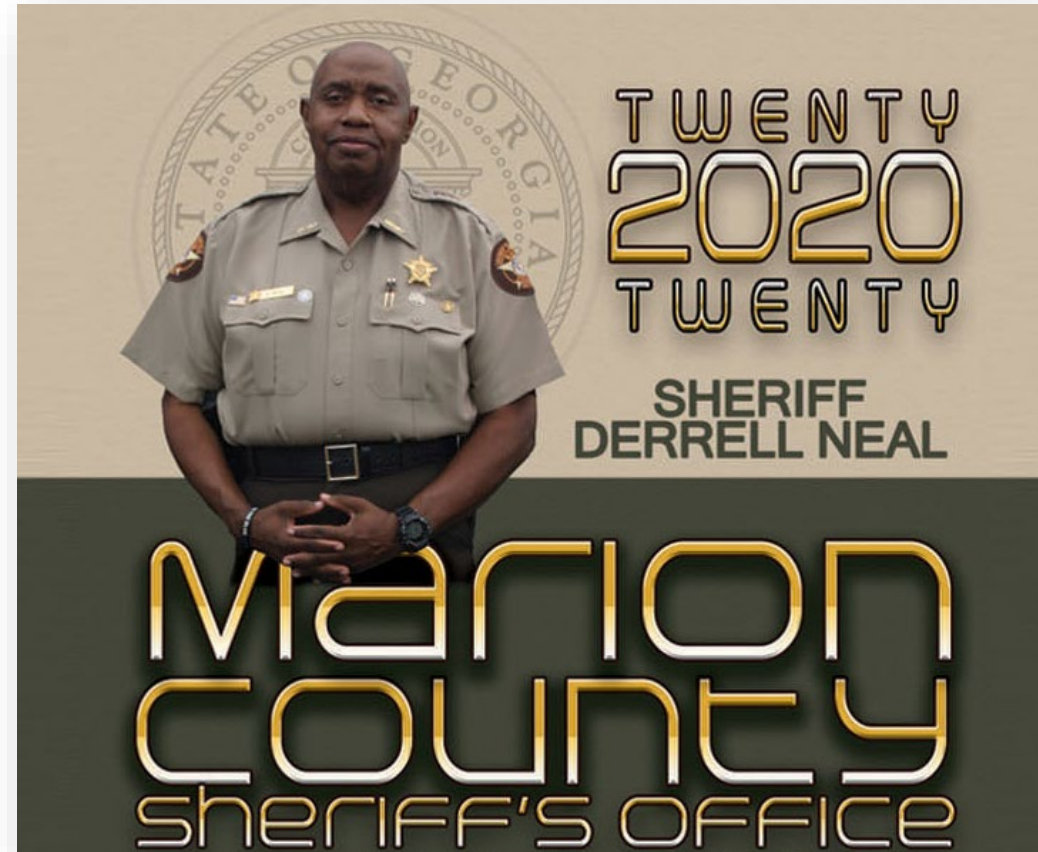
- County Liaison
 - Shaun Raulston
- 2019 Totals
 - 49 Responded Structure Fires
 - 82 Responded Wildfires
 - 31 Responded Vehicle Fires
 - 521 Total Responded Incidents
- Volunteer Departments
 - Regular Cross Department Meetings and Training
 - Average County ISO Rating
 - 5.71



Sheriff



- Sheriff
 - Derrell Neal
- 2019 Totals
 - 3,066 Responded Incidents
 - 6,739 Inmates Housed
- Jail Completed Projects
 - New Roof
- Jail Planned Projects
 - Interior Paint
 - Electrical Evaluation
 - Plumbing Evaluation



Recreation



- Director
 - Sarah Allen
- 2020 Programs
 - Baseball
 - Girls Softball
 - Adult Softball
 - Track
- Completed Projects
 - Tennis Courts Clean-Up
 - New Dirt for in-fields
- Planned Projects
 - Dugout Benches
 - Batting Cage
 - Basketball Goals



Public Works – Water & Roads



- Manager
 - Shane Cox
- 2019 Totals
 - 350 Locates
 - 19 New Meters
 - 1,440 Dirt Road Miles Graded
 - 776 Work Orders Completed



Building communities. | Impacting lives.

Roads



- Dirt Road Priority List
- Paving Projects
 - JP Hudson Road
 - Firetower Road
 - Jim Allen Road
- Milling Projects
 - Burginville Road
 - Moody Road
 - County Line Road
 - Edgar Jones Road
 - Harbuck Pond Road



Dirt Road Priority List



Road Name	CR Desig.	District	Public/Private	Paved/Dirt	Paved Length (miles)	Dirt Length (miles)	Homes (Including private side roads)	Home Ratio (Home / Miles)	Condition (+3 to 1)	Distributor Road (+2)	Bus Route (+5)	Timber Rd (+1)	Total Points	Material Cost to Mill	Priority Number	Dirt Mileage at Intervals
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Completed Roads

Burginville Rd	92	4	Public	P & D	0.10	0.50	12	24.00	0	0	5	0	29.00	\$ 2,750.00		
Kirkland Store Rd	46	2	Paved	Dirt	0.00	0.80	17	21.25	0	2	5	0	28.25	Paved		
Total					0.10	1.30	29	22.63						\$ 2,750.00		1.30

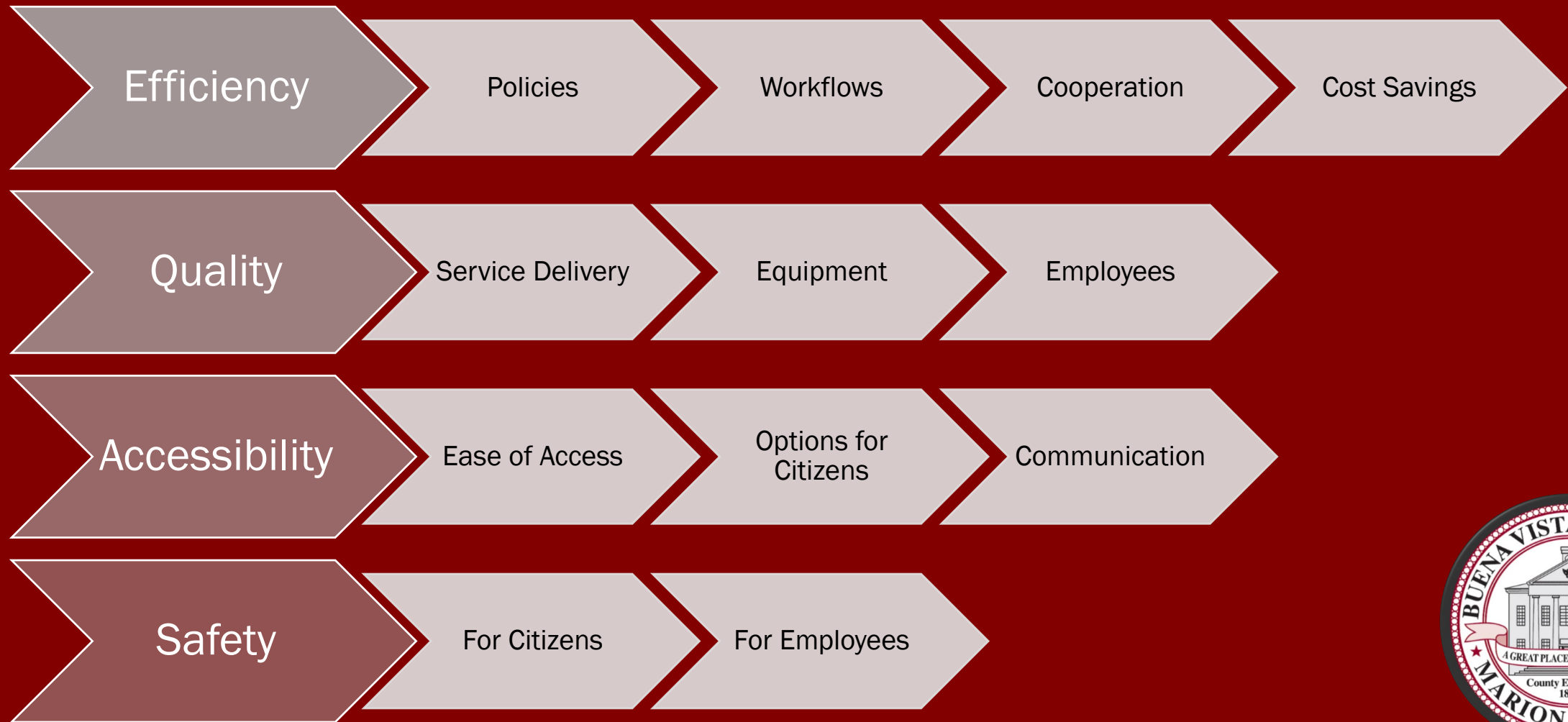
Approved to Work Roads

Edgar Jones Rd	33	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.50	19	7.60	3	2	5	0	17.60	\$ 13,750.00	2	
J P Hudson Rd	72	3	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.30	9	6.92	3	2	5	0	16.92	Getting Paved		
County Line Rd	(85)	3	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.50	7	4.67	3	2	5	0	14.67	\$ 8,250.00	1	
Harbuck Pond Rd	12	2 & 3	Public	P & D	2.70	2.50	9	3.60	3	2	0	0	8.60	\$ 13,750.00		3
Total					2.70	7.80	25	5.06						\$ 22,000.00		7.80

Priority 1 Roads

Bethany Loop	54 (585)	3	Public	Dirt	0.00	0.30	9	30.00	3	0	5	0	38.00	\$ 1,650.00		
Woody Stubbs Rd	25	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.80	23	8.21	3	2	5	0	18.21	\$ 15,400.00		
Mauk Rd	35	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.80	13	7.22	3	2	5	0	17.22	\$ 9,900.00		
Palmer Cemetery Rd	54	3	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.00	14	7.00	3	2	5	0	17.00	\$ 11,000.00		
Johnson Cemetery Rd	40	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.30	13	5.65	3	2	5	0	15.65	\$ 12,650.00		
Simmons Rd	33	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.30	10	4.35	3	2	5	1	15.35	\$ 12,650.00		
Dog Track Rd	175	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	0.90	6	6.67	3	0	5	0	14.67	\$ 4,950.00		12.40
O L Pike Rd	38 (39)	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.10	7	6.36	3	0	5	0	14.36	\$ 6,050.00		13.50
Bethlehem Rd	41	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	4.20	17	4.05	3	2	5	0	14.05	\$ 23,100.00		17.70
Mack Williams Rd	159	3	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.60	5	3.13	3	2	5	0	13.13	\$ 8,800.00		19.30
Miller Rd	29	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.00	10	5.00	3	0	5	0	13.00	\$ 11,000.00		21.30
Daisy Ln	48	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	0.20	2	10.00	3	0	0	0	13.00	\$ 1,100.00		21.50
Moody Rd	140	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	2.60	5	1.92	3	2	5	0	11.92	\$ 14,300.00		24.10
Whispering Pines Rd	45	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.30	4	3.08	3	0	5	0	11.08	\$ 7,150.00		25.40
James Stubbs Rd	35	2	Public	Dirt	0.00	1.60	5	3.13	3	2	0	0	8.13	\$ 8,800.00		27.00
Fuller Rd	22	3	Public	Dirt	0.00	3.20	0	0.00	3	0	5	0	8.00	\$ 17,600.00		30.20

Forward Thinking Decision Drivers





Thank You!

Questions?

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