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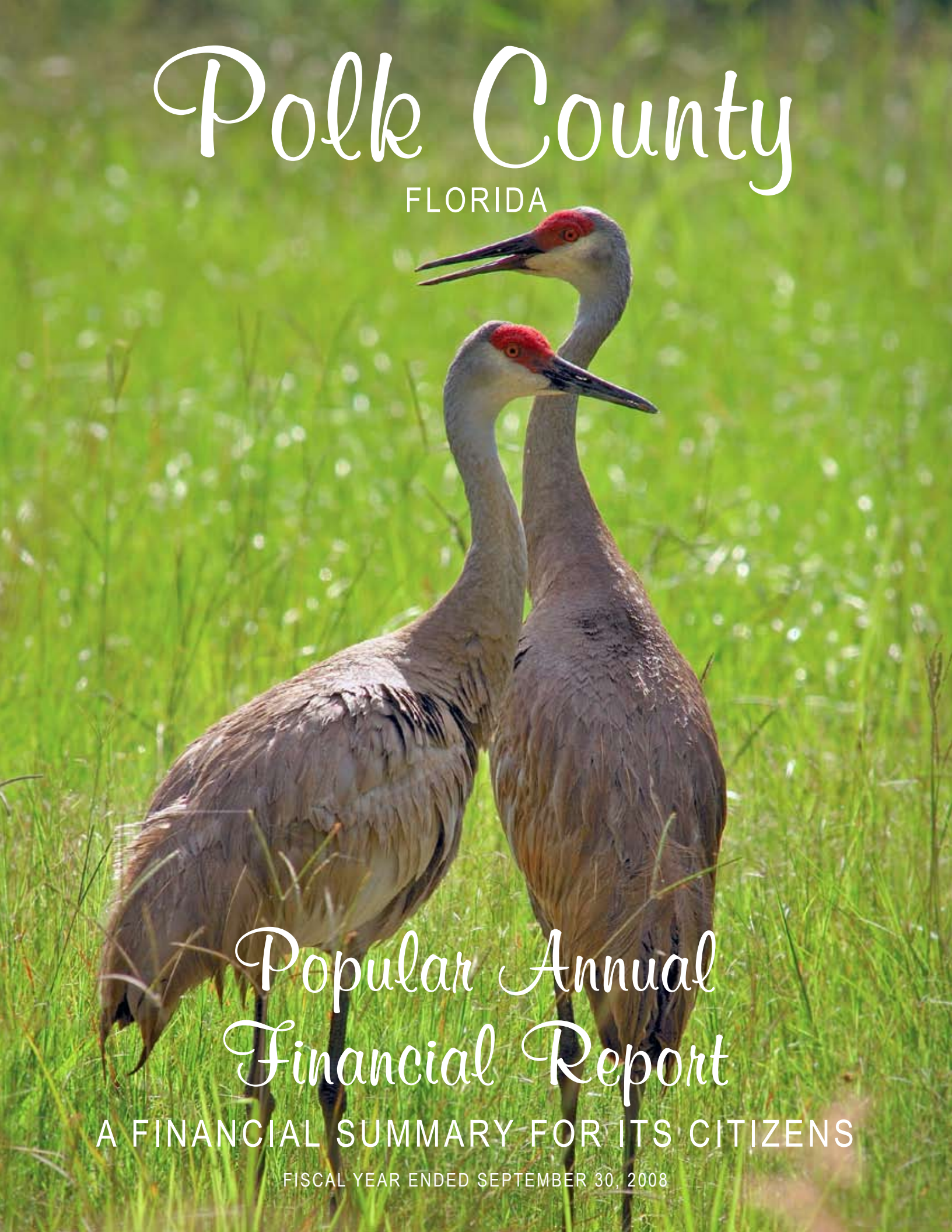

Popular Annual Financial Report

A FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR ITS CITIZENS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Polk County

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What is most important in Polk County are its citizens. Polk County government works to preserve an excellent lifestyle, to maintain a quality environment, provide the necessary public infrastructure needs, public parks and recreational services, and safety that all citizens deserve.

Polk County is the home to the largest collection in the world of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. In addition, among Polk County's assets are 554 lakes and the headwaters of six rivers, theatre groups, museums, and art galleries. There are 10 colleges, technical schools, and universities in Polk County.

The County enjoys an average of 263 sun filled days per year with a mean annual temperature of 73 degrees. The County has some of the best fishing, boating, golfing and tennis in the Country.

Although phosphate and citrus continue to be in the forefront in maintaining Polk County's economic well-being, the County has experienced major diversification over the years. Products and services ranging from plastic fish bait to computer hardware leave Polk County daily for worldwide distribution. More than 1.5 million people visit Polk County annually at an estimated economic impact of $1 billion. Various sporting events generated an estimated $125 million into the County's economy during this fiscal year.

We feel fortunate that we have been involved in making Polk County such a great place to live.

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A Message From Richard M. Weiss

To The Citizens of Polk County

POLK COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COUNTY RECORDER,
AND AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In an effort to improve communication of the County's financial picture for the fiscal year October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, the Citizens' Annual Financial Report is provided with the desire that you may obtain a better understanding of your government's finances. I am hopeful that you will find that this report has been presented in a straight forward and easy-to-read format. We have received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for seven consecutive years.

In addition to this report, the County's audited financial statements are contained in the more detailed Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which is also prepared by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Department of Finance and Accounting to the Board of County Commissioners. The CAFR is presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We have received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting of the CAFR for twenty-eight consecutive years.

Although this report and the CAFR may be viewed and downloaded by accessing the Clerk's website www.polkcountyclerk.net/ requests for additional information may be addressed to the above department, P.O. Box 988, Bartow, Florida, 33831-0988. If you have any comments or suggestions on how we may improve this report, please contact my office at (863) 534-5970 or by visiting our website.

I am honored and humbled that the citizens of Polk County have entrusted me with the duties and responsibilities of Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder, and Auditor and Accountant to the Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Weiss

Richard M. Weiss

About This Report

This Report provides an overview of the operations of Polk County's Government:

Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) • Clerk of the Circuit Court
Property Appraiser • Supervisor of Elections • Sheriff • Tax Collector

This report also includes part of the operations of the Office of the Court Administrator, State Attorney, and Public Defender.

Financial information in this report has been summarized from Polk County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and includes a condensed statement of net assets and statement of activities. The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities of the County, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net assets. The statement of activities presents information on all revenues and expenses of the County and the change in net assets. Expenses and program revenues are reported by major functions providing the net cost of all functions of the County. Because this information is summarized, this report is not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Governmental activities financed by the County include general government, public safety, physical environment, transportation, economic government, human services, and culture and recreation. Business-type activities financed by user charges include water and sewer services, solid waste disposal, and a nursing home facility.

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Polk County
Florida

for the Fiscal Year Ended

September 30, 2007

President

Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Polk County, Florida for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal.

An Award for outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current year report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

All-America Polk County Government

Polk County was officially named an All-America County by the National Civic League in 2007. As America's original and most prestigious community recognition, the All-America County Award encourages and recognizes civic excellence, honoring communities in which citizens, government, business and non-profit organizations demonstrate successful resolution of critical community issues. The All-America County designation indicates to businesses and individuals that Polk County is an ideal place to live, work and play.

Polk County citizens adopted a Home Rule Charter form of government effective January 1, 1999. The Home Rule Charter sets forth a "commission" form of government under which a five member Board of County Commissioners is elected to serve as the executive and legislative body for the County. An appointed County Manager is the head of the administrative branch of county government and is responsible to the Board for the proper administration of all affairs of the County, except for those powers, duties and functions residing as specified by law, with the five constitutional officers who are separately elected on a county-wide basis. In addition to the five County Commissioners, voters elect five constitutional officers: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, Sheriff, and Property Appraiser.

The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for adopting an annual budget for all departments and some functions of constitutional officers. A large portion of the budget process for county governments in Florida is statutorily driven per section 200.065, Florida Statutes. The division of Budget and Management Services (BMS) works with County departments to develop a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget is legally enacted annually by fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

Imperial Polk County is the geographical center of the State of Florida and has an estimated population of 585,733 persons. With 2,010 square miles of area, Polk County is the largest county located north of the Everglades.

Budget Comparisons

	Fund	Adopted FY2008	Adopted FY2007
General		$399,931,211	$365,070,234
Special Revenue	Transportation Trust	60,883,236	50,013,065
	Special Revenue Grants	75,668,825	49,174,767
	Fire Services	33,552,030	29,703,801
	Impact Fees	143,873,546	163,301,417
	Community Healthcare	58,706,287	61,245,435
	Other Special Revenue	249,454,253	184,154,024
Debt Service		53,827,712	43,736,909
Capital	General Capital	35,303,636	19,929,666
	Environmental Lands	15,828,465	7,885,870
	Road Projects	123,153,956	48,007,690
	Public Safety Capital	91,291,216	95,293,759
Enterprise	Solid Waste	143,829,654	141,126,382
	Utilities	254,655,028	270,211,405
	Nursing Home	4,414,712	4,094,255
Internal Service		80,476,524	72,510,165
	TOTALS	**$1,824,850,291**	**$1,605,458,844**

Fiscal Responsibility

AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT TO THE BOARD

The Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Board of County Commissioners share in the fiscal responsibility for Polk County. The Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Board of County Commissioners are separately elected and vested with separate powers, according to Florida law. This separation of power provides checks and balances within the county government to help safeguard the assets of the county.

As Accountant to the Board, the Clerk has the responsibility for the collection, custody, and disbursement of County funds, as well as for the investment of these funds. In addition, the Clerk has the responsibility of safeguarding all County assets from unauthorized use or disposition and properly recording all transactions. The Clerk's office maintains an accurate and complete set of financial records which enables all required financial statements and reports to be produced in compliance with legal requirements and generally accepted accounting principles as mandated by various state and federal laws.

As Auditor to the Board, the Clerk's office processes and audits the payroll for the Board of County Commissioners. Expenditures of the Board of County Commissioners are also audited prior to the actual payment of invoices. This review insures that there is supporting documentation to justify the expenditure, that the expenditure is reasonable, and that it serves a legitimate public purpose. In addition, the Clerk conducts independent, objective internal audits of County operations and functions. A wide range of internal audits are performed and include audits of financial and administrative controls, operational performance, public service tax revenues, information technology systems, and statutory compliance.

CLERK TO THE BOARD

As Clerk to the Board, the office maintains all records pertaining to official Board activities, which includes minutes of the Board meetings, copies of ordinances, and all other official Board related documents.

Governmental Functions

General Government includes services for the general operations of the Board departments such as the County Manager, budget office, public information, facilities, fleet, information technology, personnel, purchasing, and risk management.

Public Safety includes law enforcement, correction and detention, emergency medical services, fire services, building inspections and hurricane related FEMA.

Physical Environment includes services relating to management of natural resources such as land and water.

Transportation includes countywide road and transit systems. Transportation services include construction and maintenance of roads and streets to ensure safety and proper movement of traffic.

Economic Environment includes services that develop and improve the economic condition of the community and its citizens, including housing and urban development, which provides public housing and other urban development projects.

Human Services includes services for the care, treatment, and control of human illness, injury, or handicap. These services are mental health, physical health, public assistance programs, and health care for indigent persons.

Culture/Recreation includes services provided through parks and recreation programs and the countywide library system.

Summary Financial Information

The government-wide financial statements present an overall picture of the County's financial position and results of operations. The government-wide financial statements are the statement of net assets and the statement of activities.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

September 30, 2008

Assets	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total 2008	Total 2007
Cash and Investments	$581,380,032	$181,731,090	763,111,122	$788,858,464
Receivables, net	43,846,209	7,253,077	51,099,286	51,499,540
Capital assets, net	3,473,828,290	399,275,105	3,873,103,395	3,792,689,221
Other assets	1,835,601	1,755,571	3,591,172	3,045,524
Total assets	4,100,890,132	590,014,843	4,690,904,975	4,636,092,749
Liabilities				
Payables and other short-term liabilities	72,869,954	10,489,237	83,359,191	76,697,492
Bonds, notes and other long-term liabilities	363,255,501	177,618,204	540,873,705	516,835,878
Total liabilities	436,125,455	188,107,441	624,232,896	593,533,370
Net assets	$3,664,764,677	$401,907,402	$4,066,672,079	$4,042,559,379

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

September 30, 2008

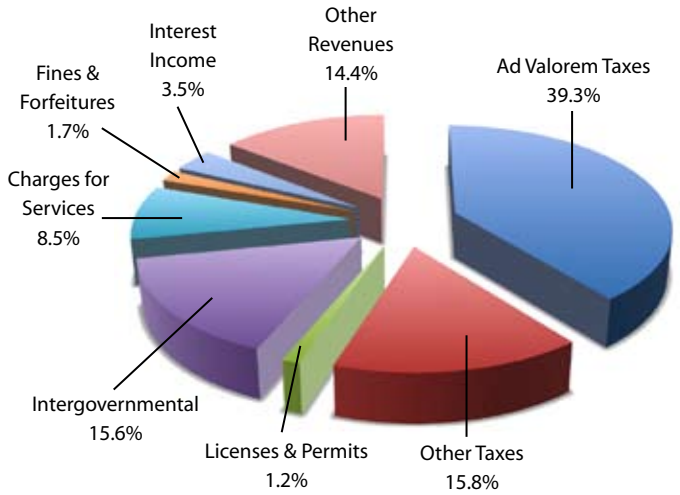
Expenses	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total 2008	Total 2007
General Government	$146,956,229	$ -	$146,956,229	$125,791,731
Public Safety	213,834,783	-	213,834,783	192,070,367
Physical environment	10,553,907	-	10,553,907	12,967,889
Transportation	141,560,765	-	141,560,765	113,049,037
Economic environment	27,464,886	-	27,464,886	24,633,535
Human services	85,404,926	-	85,404,926	71,788,805
Culture and recreation	14,249,488	-	14,249,488	12,788,510
Debt Service	12,462,892	-	12,462,892	12,938,853
Water and Sewer	-	48,766,613	48,766,613	40,936,467
Solid Waste	-	40,854,107	40,854,107	38,492,109
Nursing Home	-	4,840,680	4,840,680	4,407,184
Total	652,487,876	94,461,400	746,949,276	649,864,487
Revenues				
Program Revenues	219,135,461	106,569,434	325,704,895	322,958,232
General Revenues	433,329,792	12,027,289	445,357,081	470,667,769
Total Revenues	652,465,253	118,596,723	771,061,976	793,626,001
Change in net assets	(22,623)	24,135,323	24,112,700	143,761,514
Beginning net assets	3,664,787,300	377,772,079	4,042,559,379	3,898,797,865
Ending net assets	$3,664,764,677	$401,907,402	$4,066,672,079	$4,042,559,379

Governmental Revenues & Expenditures

The fund financial statements present financial information for the County's various funds. Polk County government functions and operations are divided into general government and proprietary. Governmental functions include general government, public safety, physical environment, human services, and culture and recreation. Propriety functions are those services that are fully supported by user fees.

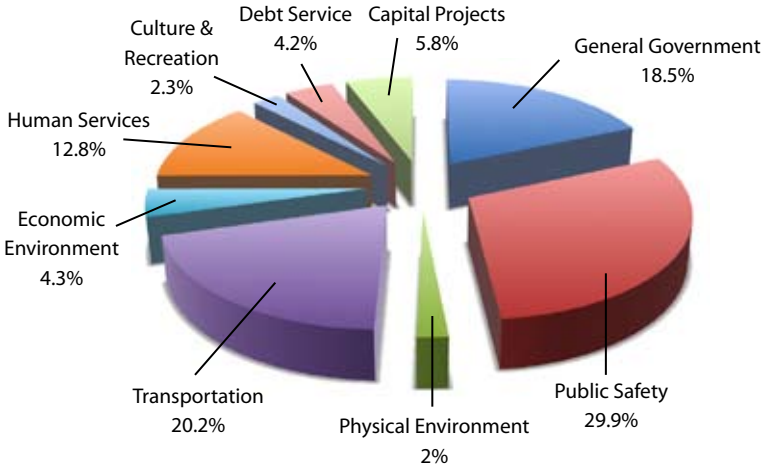
Governmental Funds Revenues FISCAL YEAR 2008

	2008	2007
Ad valorem taxes	39.3%	40.2%
Other taxes	15.8%	15.8%
Licenses and permits	1.2%	1.1%
Intergovernmental	15.6%	16.3%
Charges for services	8.5%	8.1%
Fines and forfeitures	1.7%	1.7%
Interest Income	3.5%	5.1%
Other Revenues	14.4%	11.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%



Governmental Funds Expenditures FISCAL YEAR 2008

	2008	2007
General government	18.5%	19.1%
Public safety	29.9%	30.5%
Physical environment	2.0%	2.1%
Transportation	20.2%	17.6%
Economic environment	4.3%	4.1%
Human services	12.8%	11.7%
Culture and recreation	2.3%	4.9%
Debt service	4.2%	4.2%
Capital projects	5.8%	5.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%



Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder, and Auditor and Accountant to the Board of County Commissioners

In accordance with Section 16 of The Florida Constitution, the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court is to be established in each county and shall be selected pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII Section I. Polk County's Clerk of Courts has three major responsibilities:

Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts,

County Recorder, and

Auditor and Accountant to the Board of County Commissioners

Richard M. Weiss has served as Polk County Clerk of the Circuit Court since August 1997. Prior to his serving as Clerk, he was the Chief Deputy Clerk for 19 years, directing and overseeing the operations of the office. During his tenure as Clerk and Chief Deputy Clerk, he has always been committed to utilizing cutting-edge technology in carrying out his responsibilities. Weiss sums up his mission as "Excellence in service through team effort and cutting-edge technology."

Other Constitutional Officers

PROPERTY APPRAISER

Marsha M. Faux, CFA, ASA

- Annually appraises real and tangible personal property in Polk County
- Maintains current property ownership records
- Maintains the county section maps and aerial photos
- Administers all property tax exemptions
- Produces the ad valorem tax roll annually
- Maintains GIS base parcel map
- Provides online property records at: www.polkpa.org

SHERIFF

Grady Judd

- Maintains district commands and offices throughout Polk County to provide personal service to all citizens
- Provides patrol, investigative and law enforcement services, executes legal processes, and administers and serves warrants
- Operates all Polk County jail facilities and provides statewide prisoner transport.
- Provides bailiffs for all court hearings, security for all judges, and school crossing guards at all designated school crossings within Polk County
- Provides Crime Prevention education and community awareness at: www.polksheriff.org

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Lori Edwards

- Conducts elections
- Maintains voter registration records
- Presents voter education programs
- Hires and trains poll workers
- Qualifies and assists candidates running for office
- Offers election results information
- Compiles voter turnout information
- Provides early voting and vote-by-mail
- Provides voter, candidate and educational information at: www.polkelections.com

TAX COLLECTOR

Joe G. Tedder, CFC

- Collects ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments
- Titles and registers motor vehicles, mobile homes and vessels
- Issues disabled persons parking permits
- Collects county occupational license taxes
- Collects county tourist development taxes
- Issues hunting and fishing licenses
- Collected over $736 million in taxes
- $7.8 million of unused revenues remitted to BoCC
- Check for property, vehicle and occupational taxes at: www.polktaxes.com

Board of County Commissioners

Sam Johnson, Chairman • Edwin Smith • Randy Wilkinson
Bob English • Jean Reed

The Board of County Commissioners governs and legislates Polk County. It has five members elected on a county-wide basis for a four-year term.

Board meetings are scheduled on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and are open to the public.

The board makes policy decisions, which are implemented by the appointed county manager who directs the activities of county employees. Michael Herr serves as county manager.

The Board of County Commissioners provides budget and funding for the various county departments and some of the operations of the constitutional officers. Fees collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Tax Collector provide partial funding for the budgets of those offices.

The Board of County Commissioners website is www.polk-county.net

Proprietary Operations

UTILITIES

Polk County Utilities provides water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services to over 55,700 residential and commercial customers. The goal of Utilities is to provide safe, reliable, and satisfactory water, wastewater, and reclaimed water service to existing and future customers at reasonable rates.

The division operates and maintains 55 water plants, 10 wastewater plants, over 300 wastewater lift stations and water pumping stations, and approximately 800 miles of distribution and collection pipelines.

	2008	2007
Operating revenues and interest income	$ 57,273,211	$ 56,957,129
Grants and contributions	10,242,891	12,756,466
Total expenses	(40,848,903)	(33,980,968)
Excess of revenues over expenses	26,667,199	35,732,627
Transfers In	477,659	45,750
Transfers Out	(11,333)	
Depreciation	(7,875,352)	(7,283,503)
Net after depreciation	$ 19,258,173	$ 28,494,874

Proprietary Operations

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Polk County adopted an ordinance which provides for universal residential garbage collection. One refuse company is currently contracted to provide collection services of household garbage twice a week, with yard waste and recycling collection once a week. Besides administering curbside collection, the Solid Waste Division operates a 2000-acre landfill that is centrally located between Winter Haven and Lakeland. Property owners are assessed an annual collection and disposal fee through their property tax bills to pay for these services. The Solid Waste division assists residents in properly disposing household hazardous waste through Mobile Collection Events and its Used Oil and Paint Collection Program. Also, household hazardous waste materials are accepted at the North Central Landfill. Hazardous Waste Specialists are available to assist businesses and residents with any questions. Polk County Solid Waste offers a variety of types of disposal to better service its customers.

	2008	2007
Operating revenues and interest income	$ 45,301,495	$ 46,880,232
Grants and contributions		
Total expenses	(35,359,737)	(35,946,027)
Excess of revenues over expenses	9,941,758	10,934,205
Transfers In	221,605	223,415
Transfers Out	(8,485)	(57,553)
Depreciation	(5,497,661)	(2,742,364)
Net after depreciation	$ 4,657,217	$ 8,357,703

Proprietary Operations

ROHR HOME

Polk County's Community Health and Services operates the Rohr Home, a 60-bed skilled nursing facility located in Bartow. The Rohr Home provides a 24-hour long-term and sub-acute nursing service. Wound care, IV, physical, occupational and speech therapy are offered. Podiatry, optometry, radiology, and laboratory services are provided on site. A registered dietitian is available to assist with nutritional needs. A social service worker and activities director are on staff to meet the needs of residents. Daily activities and monthly field trips are provided.

	2008	2007
Operating revenues and interest income	$ 5,228,424	$ 4,575,188
Grants and contributions		
Total expenses	(4,768,344)	(4,374,691)
Excess of revenues over expenses	460,080	200,497
Transfers In		
Transfers Out	(2,036)	
Depreciation	(61,663)	(61,607)
Net after depreciation	$ 396,381	$ 138,890

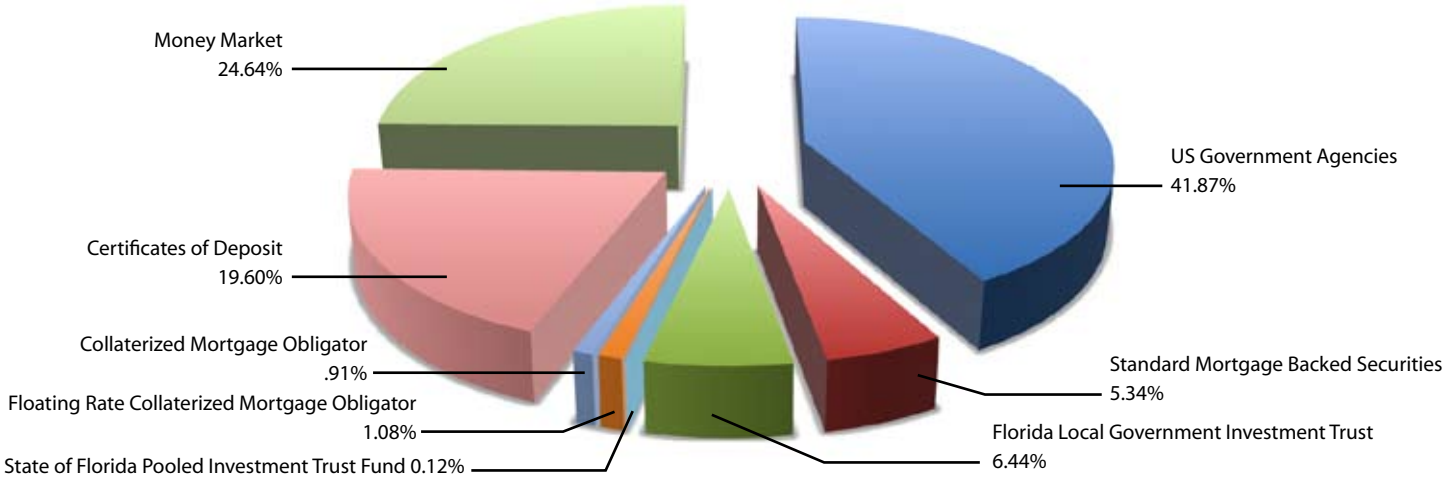
Investment Policy

During fiscal year 2008, the County's investment portfolio ranged from $708 - $842 million. Although most of this money is obligated to various projects, it is invested to provide interest income as a revenue source. The Clerk of the Circuit Court, as Auditor and Accountant to the Board, invests this money according to a written investment policy approved by the Board.

This policy dictates how the County's money, or portfolio, can be invested. The policy first assures that any investments are of a minimum risk. Although sometimes higher interest rates are bypassed to do this, the primary concern is to prevent any loss of principal through unsafe investments. The policy also assures liquidity, or that cash will be available as needed to pay bills. The third criteria to be considered is yield or interest rate. Given risk and liquidity are the same for different investments, the final selection will be based on the highest yield.

The Clerk invests frequently, diversifying the portfolio to generate the highest yield possible. During fiscal year 2008, the investments made by the Clerk earned an average of 4.14% and generated $28.6 million in investment earnings. The chart below is a breakdown of the portfolio by types of investments at September 30, 2008.

POLK COUNTY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO



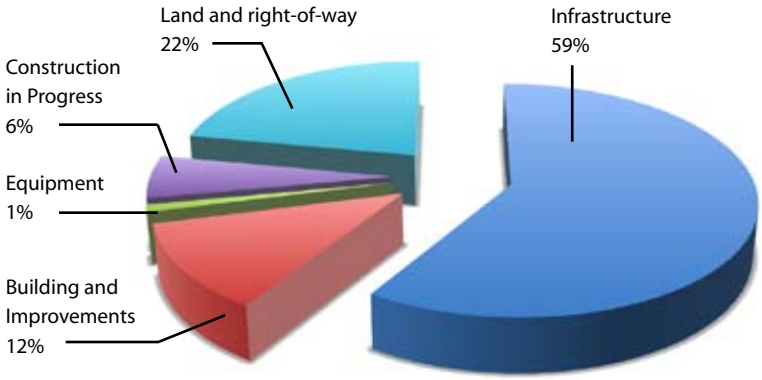
Investments	
US Government Agencies	$306,391,904
Standard Mortgage Backed Securities	39,068,210
Florida Local Government Investment Trust	47,103,068
State of Florida Pooled Investment Trust Fund	890,360
Commercial Deposit	31,364
Floating Rate Collaterized Mortgage Obligator	7,939,865
Collaterized Mortgage Obligator	6,641,701
Certificates of Deposit	180,351,616
Money Market	143,403,189
Total	731,821,277

Capital Asset Activity

The County's total investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2008, amounted to $3,873.1 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes land, infrastructure, buildings & improvements, equipment, furniture & vehicles, and construction in progress. Major additions during the year were:

Purchased $32.7 million of Land and Right-of-way
Completed $29.6 million in Infrastructure Projects
Completed $8.8 million in Utility System Improvements
Received $12.6 million in Donated Infrastructure from Development

CAPITAL ASSETS
(in millions)



Long-Term Debt

At September 30, 2008, the County had $540.9 million in debt outstanding of which $27.8 million will mature during fiscal year 2009.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Bonds Payable	$240.0	$251.6	$111.5	$113.5	$351.5	$365.1
Interlocal Agreements	13.3	7.1	-	-	13.3	7.1
Notes Payable	22.1	25.3	-	-	22.1	25.3
Contracts payable	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Capitalized lease obligations	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.7
Closure and long-term care	-	-	62.4	62.4	62.4	62.4
Compensated Absences	25.5	31.2	0.9	0.8	26.4	32.0
Postemployment healthcare	37.8	-	2.5	-	40.3	-
Self-insurance Claims	23.8	23.1	-	-	23.8	23.1
Other long-term liabilities	-	-	0.1	-	0.1	-
Total	$363.3	$339.9	$177.6	$176.9	$540.9	$516.8

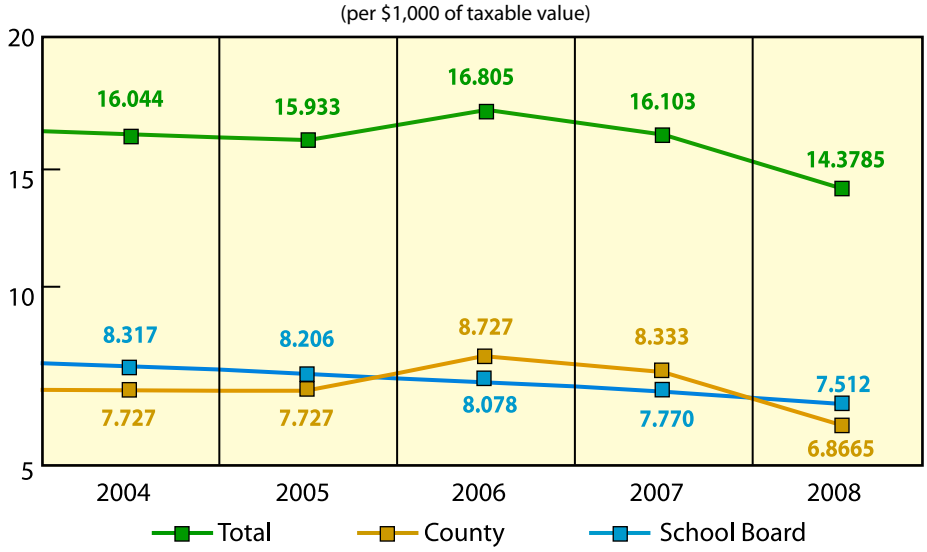
Property Tax Information

PROPERTY VALUES

Fiscal Year	Taxable Value	Tax Collections
1999	14,104,395,915	108,780,333
2000	14,413,372,568	111,218,250
2001	15,425,909,406	115,139,805
2002	16,307,182,017	125,934,427
2003	17,920,439,412	134,695,383
2004	18,945,532,820	143,467,171
2005	20,593,847,972	154,512,060
2006	23,802,764,583	201,112,472
2007	30,319,158,885	244,238,670
2008	35,647,269,320	236,373,352

PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES

(per $1,000 of taxable value)

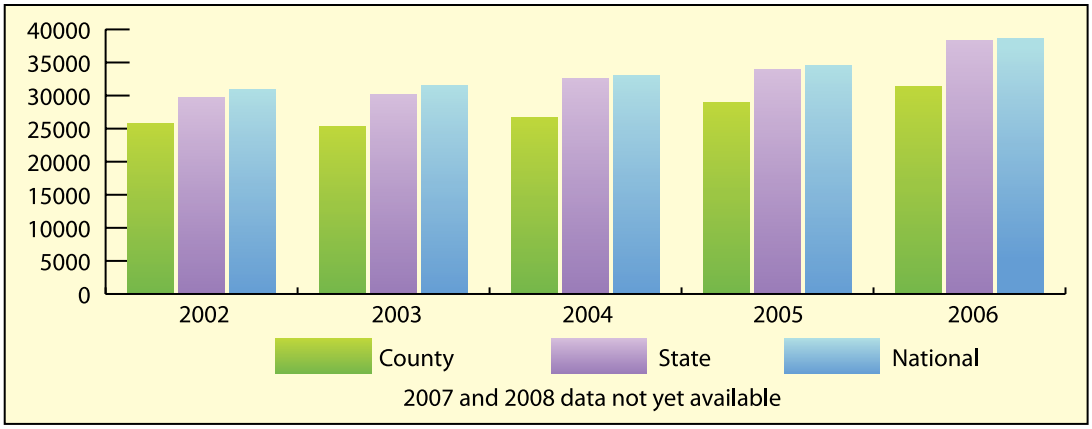


TOP TEN TAXPAYERS

Taxpayer	Taxable Property Value	Estimate of Tax Amount
1. Progress Energy	$486,736,041	$7,886,389
2. Tampa Electric	432,459,638	6,990,785
3. Publix	339,220,002	6,427,975
4. Cargill	281,973,197	4,581,608
5. Florida Power Corp	265,717,146	4,407,701
6. Verizon	256,083,303	4,624,615
7. Mosaic	228,291,481	3,717,851
8. Osprey Energy	181,855,317	3,346,411
9. Gulfstream Natural Gas	174,065,723	2,835,013
10. Walmart	143,502,564	2,982,332
Totals	$2,789,904,412	$47,800,680

Demographics/Economics

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME



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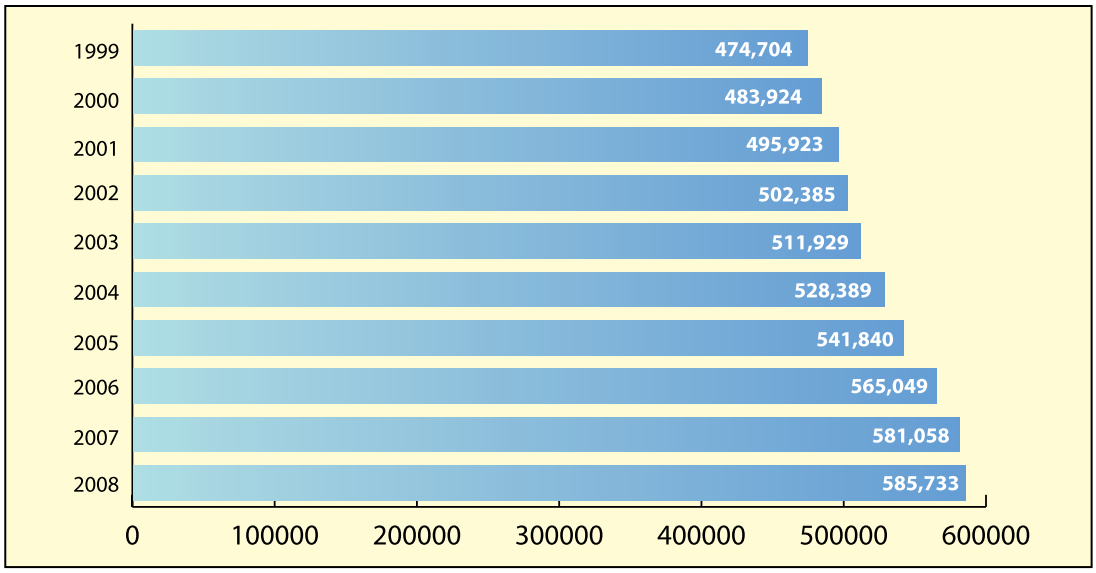
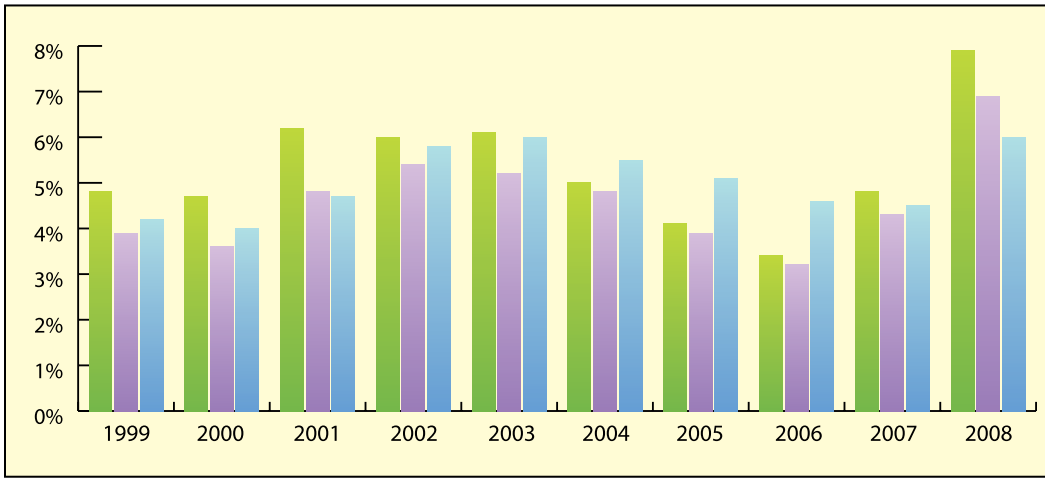


COUNTY, STATE, AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



Year	County	State	National
1999	4.8%	3.9%	4.2%
2000	4.7%	3.6%	4.0%
2001	6.2%	4.8%	4.7%
2002	6.0%	5.4%	5.8%
2003	6.1%	5.2%	6.0%
2004	5.0%	4.8%	5.5%
2005	4.1%	3.9%	5.1%
2006	3.4%	3.2%	4.6%
2007	4.8%	4.3%	4.5%
2008	7.9%	6.9%	6.0%

County State National

How to Contact Polk County Government

Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder, and Auditor and Accountant to the Board
County Courthouse
255 North Broadway
Bartow, FL 33830
www.polkcountyclerk.net
(863)534-4000
Services offered at other locations:
Lake Wales Government Center
Lakeland Government Center
Northeast Government Center

Board of County Commissioners
Neil Combee Administration Building
330 West Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830
www.polk-county.net
(863)534-6000
Services offered at other locations:
Lakeland Government Center (Bldg. Permits)
Northeast Government Center (Bldg. Permits)

Property Appraiser
255 North Wilson Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830
www.polkpa.org
(863)534-4777
Services offered at other locations:
Lakeland Government Center
Northeast Government Center

Sheriff
455 North Broadway Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830
www.polksheriff.org
(863)533-0344

Supervisor of Elections
250 South Broadway Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830
www.polkelections.com
(863)534-5888
Services offered at other locations:
Lakeland Government Center
Northeast Government Center

Tax Collector
430 East Main Street
Bartow, FL 33830
www.polktaxes.com
(863)533-4700
Services offered at other locations:
Lake Wales Government Center
Lakeland Government Center

Haines City Branch Office
74 Maxcy Plaza Circle
Haines City, FL 33844

Winter Haven Tag Office
300 Avenue M, Northwest
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Other Government Centers:

Lake Wales Government Center
642 State Road 60 West
Lake Wales, FL 33838
(863)678-4002

Lakeland Government Center
960 East Parker Street
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863)603-6418

Northeast Government Center
Gils Jones Plaza
3425 Lake Alfred Road
Winter Haven, FL 33881
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