

Okaloosa County

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John Hofstad Selected as Okaloosa County Administrator

John Hofstad was unanimously supported as the next Okaloosa County Administrator at Tuesday's, December 4th county commission meeting. Hofstad was Public Works director for the county for the nearly five years, and has served as county administrator on a temporary basis twice in recent years.

Mr. Hofstad has been a resident of Okaloosa County most of his life and has nearly 30 years experience in local government service, which includes 10 years with the City of Mary Esther and 14 years with the City of Fort Walton Beach, prior to his employment with Okaloosa County. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management from The University of West Florida and a Graduate Certificate in Florida City and County Management from the Askew School of Public Policy and Administration at Florida State University.

As the county administrator, Mr. Hofstad will manage day-to-day operations of all departments under the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners. Okaloosa County government consists of departments and constitutional officers within three categories:

Public Safety: Corrections, Inspections, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Sheriff

Essential Services: Airports, Constitutional offices, Extension Services, Facilities Maintenance, Growth Management, Information Systems, Judicial Costs, Health Dept., Transit (WAVE bus), Public Works, Water & Sewer

Quality of Life: Museums, Libraries, Parks, Tourist Development Dept., Veterans Services

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