

## **“Transitions”**

**The cooler weather of recent days reminds us that every year about this time a long, hot, dry summer has transitioned into fall then quickly turns into winter. When we were young, we learned that a cocoon transitions into a beautiful butterfly - and later in life we discovered how grapes begin to ferment and transition into wine. Life is all about change. Change sometimes comes to county government. Henry County is currently in a period of transition.**

**Ronnie Dollar has worked for Henry County since 2012 – serving as our EMA Director, Human Resources Director and Safety Director. For the past two years he has been the Henry County Administrator. About six weeks ago he was offered, and has accepted, the position of county administrator in Clay County, Georgia. His last day with us was October 20<sup>th</sup>. We have promoted Dawn Shirley to Interim Henry County Administrator and Ashley Eiland to Dawn’s former position of Henry County Commission Clerk.**

**Henry County Sanitation Supervisor Matthew Quincey has advised us that he plans to take a leave of absence to run for the office of Henry County Probate Judge. Matthew was also serving as our Safety Director and Maintenance Supervisor. Chris Champion and Chad Granberry will help fill the void in the sanitation and safety departments during Matthew’s absence while Henry County EMA Director Matt Hatcher will take over as Maintenance Supervisor for the next few months. We are fortunate and thankful that Dawn, Ashley, Chris, Chad and Matt have not only the experience but the commitment to fill in wherever they are needed as we continue to serve our citizens. We wish Ronnie and Matthew well in their new endeavors.**

**To paraphrase William Bridges, “Change is situational. Transition, on the other hand, is psychological. It’s not really the events themselves but rather the inner reorientation or self-redefinition that we must go through in order to incorporate any of those changes into our lives. Without a transition, a change is just a rearrangement of the furniture.”**

**As we ‘transition’ from cool to cold, from the ‘horrors’ of Halloween to the warmth and togetherness of Thanksgiving and into the magic of Christmas, from one season of life to another, it’s how we adjust to change that defines our future.**

### Thirty Day Review:

- November is the final month to renew commercial tags.
- Probate Cases for September: five wills probated, three administrations, two final settlements, seven miscellaneous hearings, seven guardianships, four involuntary commitments, four name changes and seven marriage certificates recorded.
- Oct. 11 – meeting with architects regarding jail renovation options
- Oct. 12 – Wallace College Foundation Scholarship gala – Dothan Civic Center
- Oct. 18 – Henry County Youth Leadership ‘Agriculture Day’
- Oct. 19 – administrative meeting and commission meeting
- Oct. 23 – initial meeting to discuss options/funding for animal control issues
- Oct. 25 – Wiregrass RC&D annual meeting – Ozark
- Oct. 25/26 – ACCA legislative workshop – Montgomery
- Oct. 27 – Wiregrass Forum breakfast – Ozark (Wes Allen, speaker)
- Oct. 30 – second meeting about animal control issues
- Oct. 31 – Henry County Youth Leadership ‘Spirit of Community Day’
- Nov. 1 – HCEDA breakfast

### Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 8 – ACCA board meeting – Montgomery – 10:00 AM
- Nov. 8 – HCYLP board meeting – Headland – 3:30 PM
- Nov. 9 – induction of Jimmy Rane - Alabama Business Hall of Fame – B’ham
- Nov. 10 – final day to qualify as a candidate for public office
- Nov. 10 – Veterans Day holiday
- Nov. 16 – November Administrative meeting – Herndon Building – 10:00 AM
- Nov. 16 – November Commission meeting – Annex Building – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 17 – HCEDA board meeting – HNB-First (Headland) – 11:00
- Nov. 23/24 – Thanksgiving holidays
- Nov. 29/30 – ACCA Legislative Conference – Auburn
- Dec. 6-8 – Judicial Mental Health Summit – Point Clear

