



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Escambia County, Florida

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**ORGANIZATION:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Commissioner Kevin W. White, District 5 *KW*  
**DATE:** January 18, 2012  
**ISSUE:** Resolution in opposition to closing of the USDA Farm Service Agency Office

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board take the following action:

- A. Adopt a resolution opposing the closure of the USDA Farm Service Agency office in Escambia County; and
- B. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution.

**BACKGROUND:** The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is a division of the United States Department of Agriculture and due to increasing budgetary concerns, the USDA issued a proposal to streamline operations and decrease costs that included the consolidation of 131 county FSA offices in 32 states. The local FSA office serving Escambia County is one of the 6 county FSA offices in Florida recommended for immediate closure.

Attachments

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2012-\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING CLOSURE OF THE USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY OFFICE IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Farm Service Agency (FSA), as a division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), serves to administer farm commodities, crop insurance, credit, environmental conservation, and emergency assistance programs for farmers and ranchers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, due to increasing budgetary concerns, the USDA issued a proposal to streamline operations and decrease costs that included the consolidation of 131 county FSA offices in 32 states throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, under the proposal, the local FSA office serving Escambia County is one of 6 county FSA offices in Florida recommended for immediate closure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Escambia County FSA office is a vital resource to address the claims and concerns of citizens in Escambia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida hereby find the above recitals to be true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** That the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County hereby opposes closure of the Escambia County Farm Service Agency Office located at 151 Highway 97, Molino, Florida.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

**SECTION 4.** That the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Bill Nelson, Congressman Jeff Miller, Tony Jackson, Director, USDA Farm Service Agency, Timothy Manning, Executive Director, Florida State Farm Service Agency, and Jeff Barber, District 1 Director, Florida State Farm Service Agency.

ADOPTED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

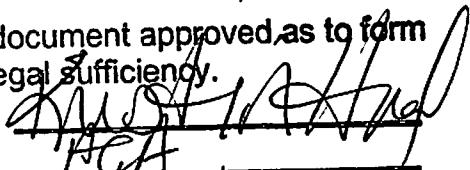
ATTEST: Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

(SEAL) BY: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wilson B. Robertson, Chairman

This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: 

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/17/12

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CLOSURE OF THE USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY OFFICE IN  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

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