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### **Okaloosa County Approved for \$2.5 Million in State Funding for Priority Projects**

**Shalimar, Fla.** – Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners top priorities, totaling over \$2.5 million in the State budget, have been approved by Governor Ron DeSantis. On Wednesday June 2, 2021, Governor DeSantis signed the roughly \$100 billion State budget confirming the funding of all four Okaloosa County priority projects.

Projects include \$854,100 for a new Okaloosa County Agriculture Center. This achievement is exceptionally rewarding as the previous agriculture center in the South end of the County has suffered storm damage and is in need of significant repair.

“We are thankful that Okaloosa County will receive a much-needed Agricultural Extension Office as the facilities had been damaged by Hurricane Sally. Our Master Gardeners will now have a place to hold community classes as well as for the youth to meet for 4-H and other activities,” said Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners Chairman Carolyn Ketchel.

Additional approved projects include Okaloosa-Walton Mental Health and Substance Abuse Pre-trial Diversion Program for \$200,000 and Okaloosa County Live Oak Church Road Bridge and Intersection Improvements of \$1,500,000.

The Governor vetoed numerous projects across the State, so Okaloosa County is very fortunate to have gained approval for these much-needed improvements for our community.

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