

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Sumter County Agricultural Alliance

REQUESTED ACTION: **Recommendation to appoint Commissioner Doug Gilpin to serve on the Sumter County Agricultural Alliance (Staff Recommends Approval)**

Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 5/24/2011
 Regular Meeting Special Meeting

CONTRACT: N/A Vendor/Entity: _____
Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: _____
 Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** _____
 Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** _____
 N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Sumter County Agricultural Alliance is interested in shaping the future of the agriculture industry in Sumter County.

The Mission Statement of the Sumter County Agricultural Alliance:
To be an advocate for all agriculture in Sumter County by educating our citizens about the economic and environmental benefits that Sumter County Agriculture provides.

The Ag Alliance consists of the following member organizations:

- Farm Bureau
- Cattlemen's Association
- Chamber of Commerce
- Cattlegoman's Association
- Sumter County Farmer's Market Board
- Ex-Officio Member - University of Florida/IFAS

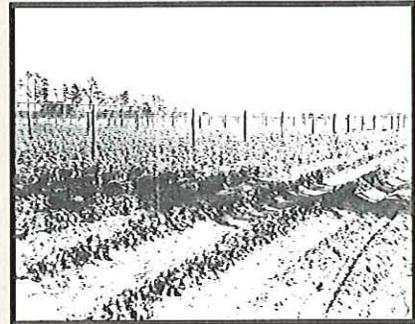
The term of appointment is for a trial period and will end at the end of the calendar year on 12/31/2011.

At the end of the trial period, the Board of County Commissioners will reassess the progress of the Ag Alliance and determine if there is a need to participate in the Ag Alliance and the appropriate appointee to serve.



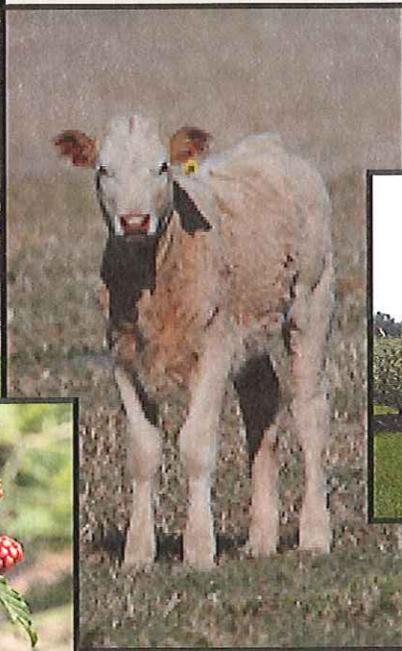
Agriculture

Our past...



Bean Field Bushnell—1929

Our present...

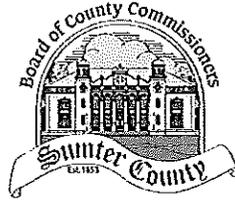


Our future?

**Join the Sumter County Agricultural Alliance in
shaping the future of our agriculture industry.
Get involved today!**

**For Information Call:
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Nate Jameson (352) 793-6861**

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BOARD OF SUMTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman - Don Burgess - District 3
Vice Chairman - Garry Breeden - District 4
2nd Vice Chairman - Doug Gilpin - District 2
Richard Hoffman - District 1
Randy Mask - District 5

May 12, 2011

5:30 PM

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Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrators Office, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785 (352) 689-4400 at least two days before the meeting.

Bright Leaf Nursery, (480 CR 416 S Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538, Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538)

AGENDA

THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN
INVOCATION
FLAG SALUTE

1. Welcome and Presentation of House Rules and Requirements by Mr. Nate Jameson, Host of the meeting location (Bright Leaf Nursery, LLC)
2. Introduction of attending Board Members and attending Organizations
3. Agribusiness presentations
4. Board to Board questions and discussion
5. Adjourn for refreshments and tour