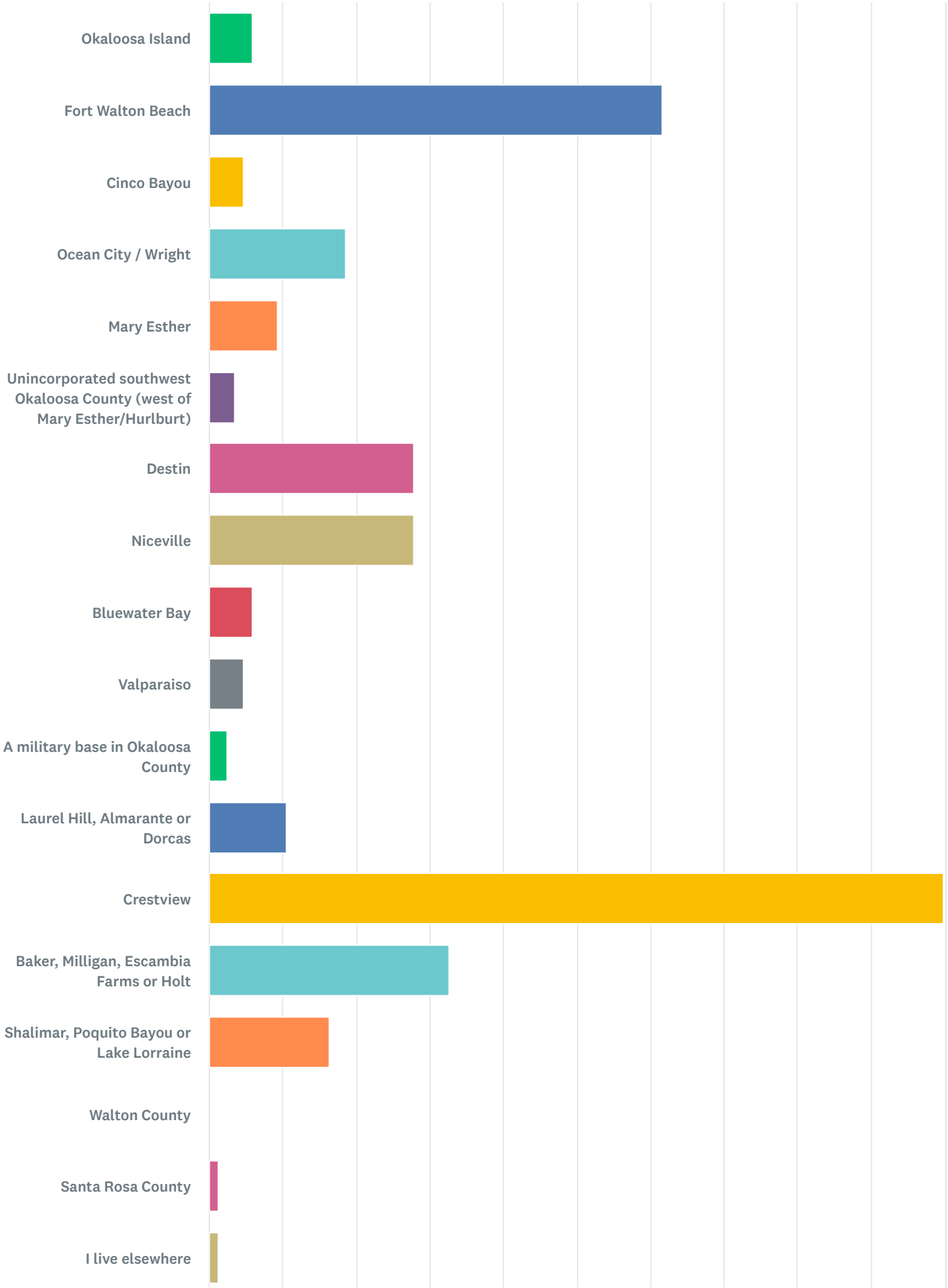
Q1 287 responses

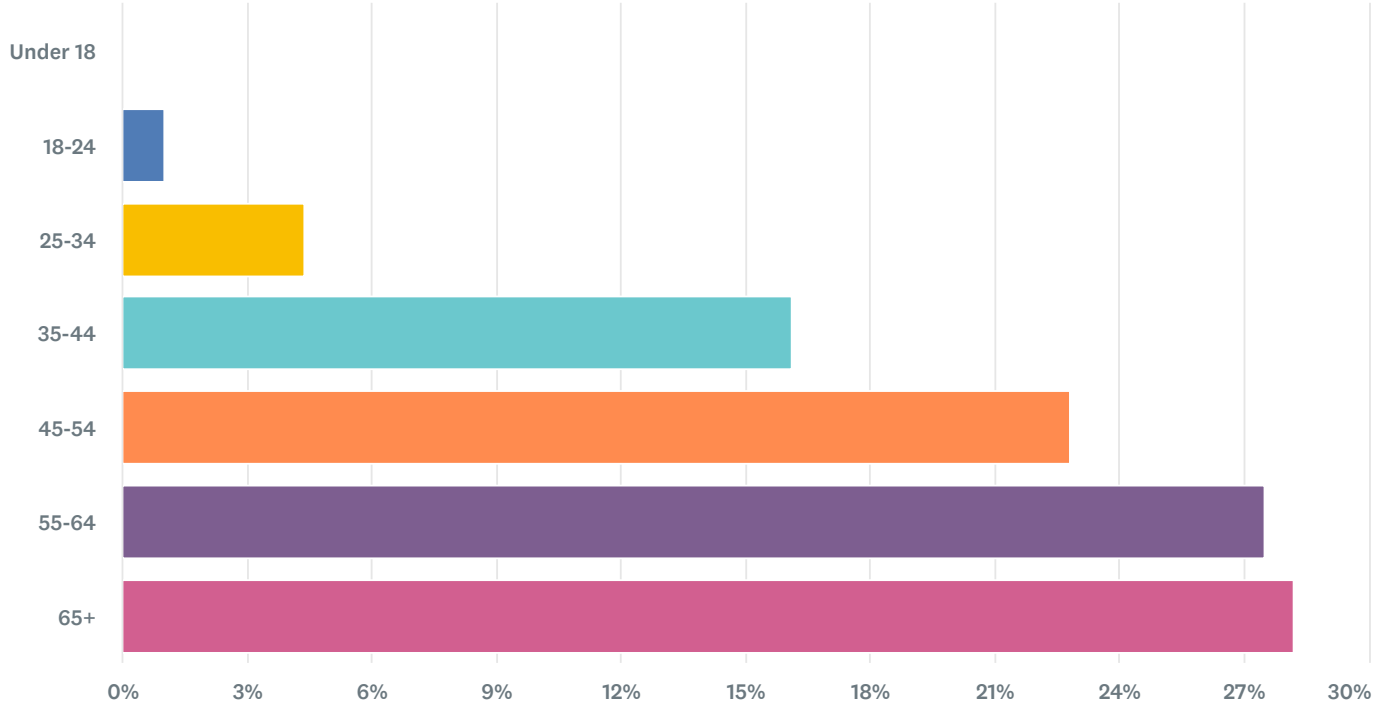
What area best describes the part of the County where you live?


Okaloosa Island
Fort Walton Beach
Cinco Bayou
Ocean City / Wright
Mary Esther
Unincorporated southwest Okaloosa County (west of Mary Esther/Hurlburt)
Destin
Niceville
Bluewater Bay
Valparaiso
A military base in Okaloosa County
Laurel Hill, Almarante or Dorcas
Crestview
Baker, Milligan, Escambia Farms or Holt
Shalimar, Poquito Bayou or Lake Lorraine
Walton County
Santa Rosa County
I live elsewhere



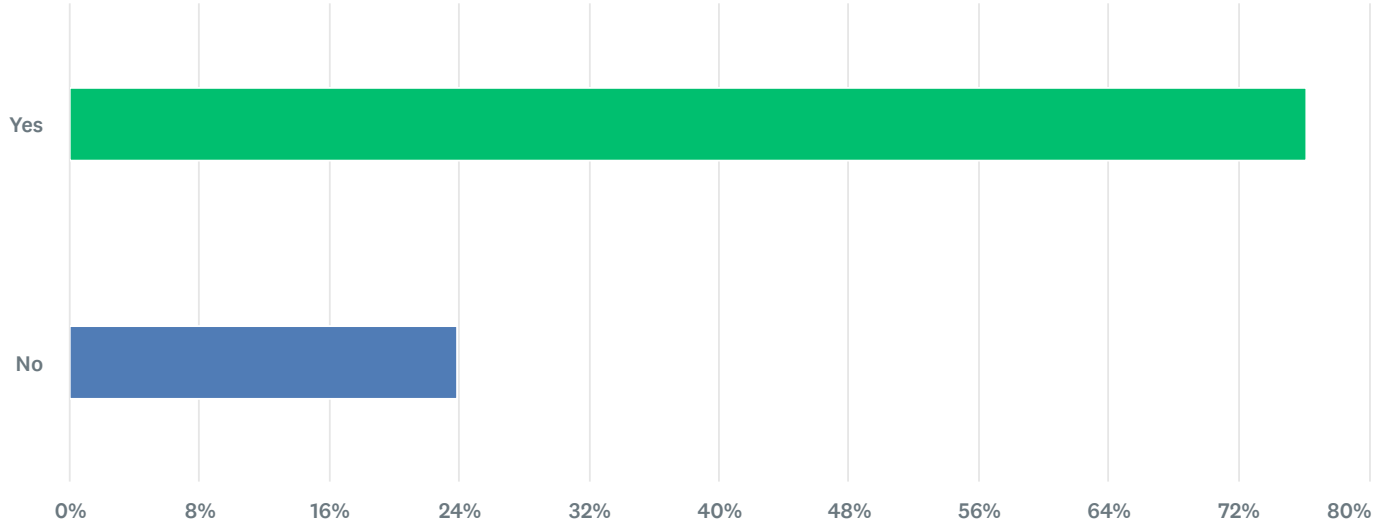
Q2 298 responses

What is your age group?



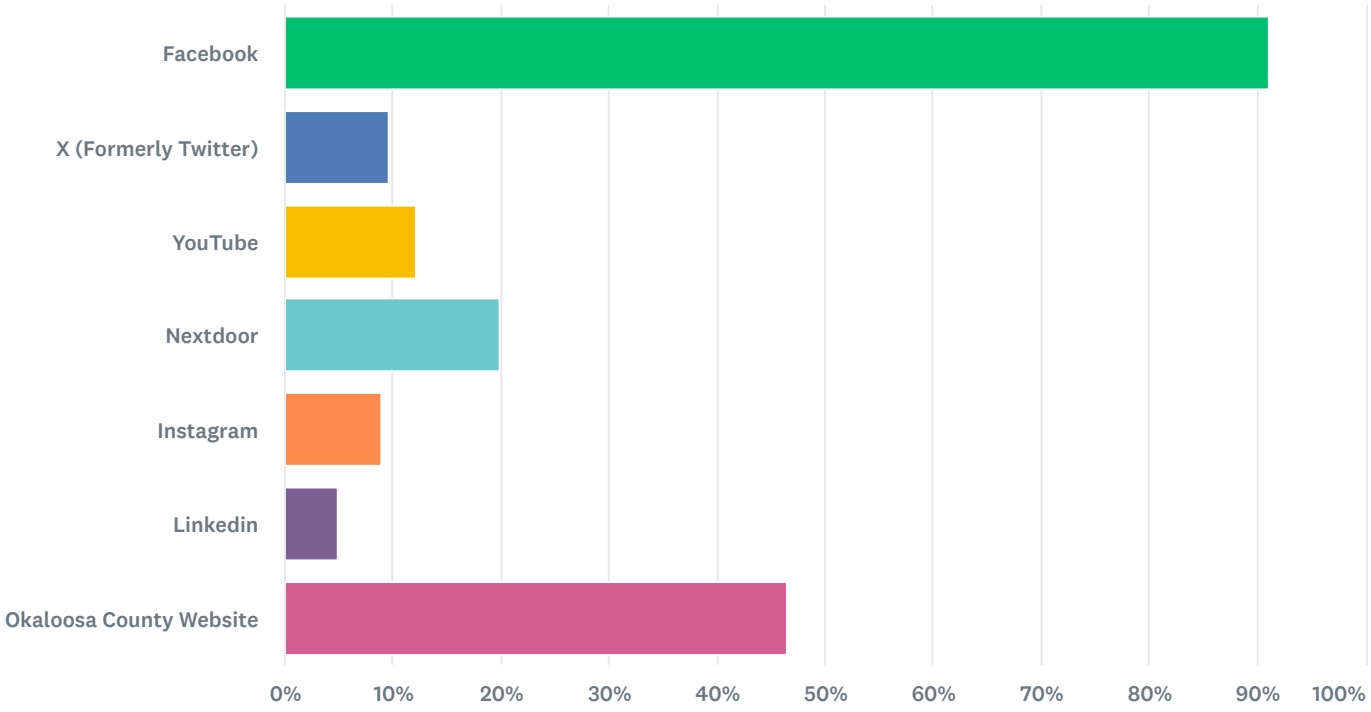
Q3 298 responses

I know which County Commissioner represents the district in which I live or how to find out at Find out who your Commissioner is.



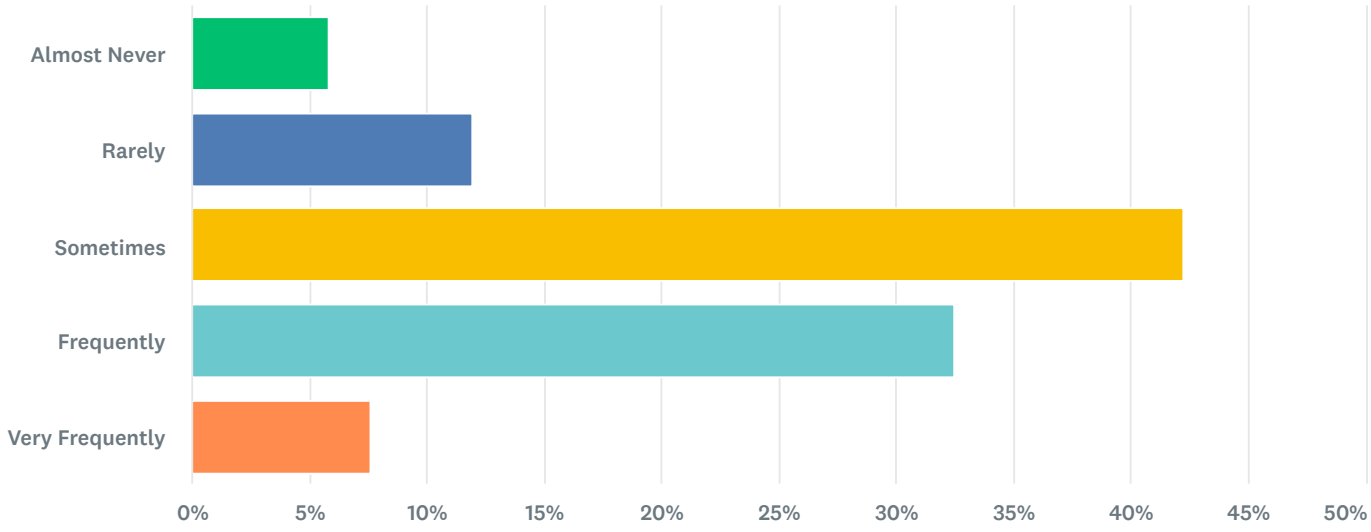
Q4 271 responses

I follow Okaloosa County on the Following: (select all that apply)



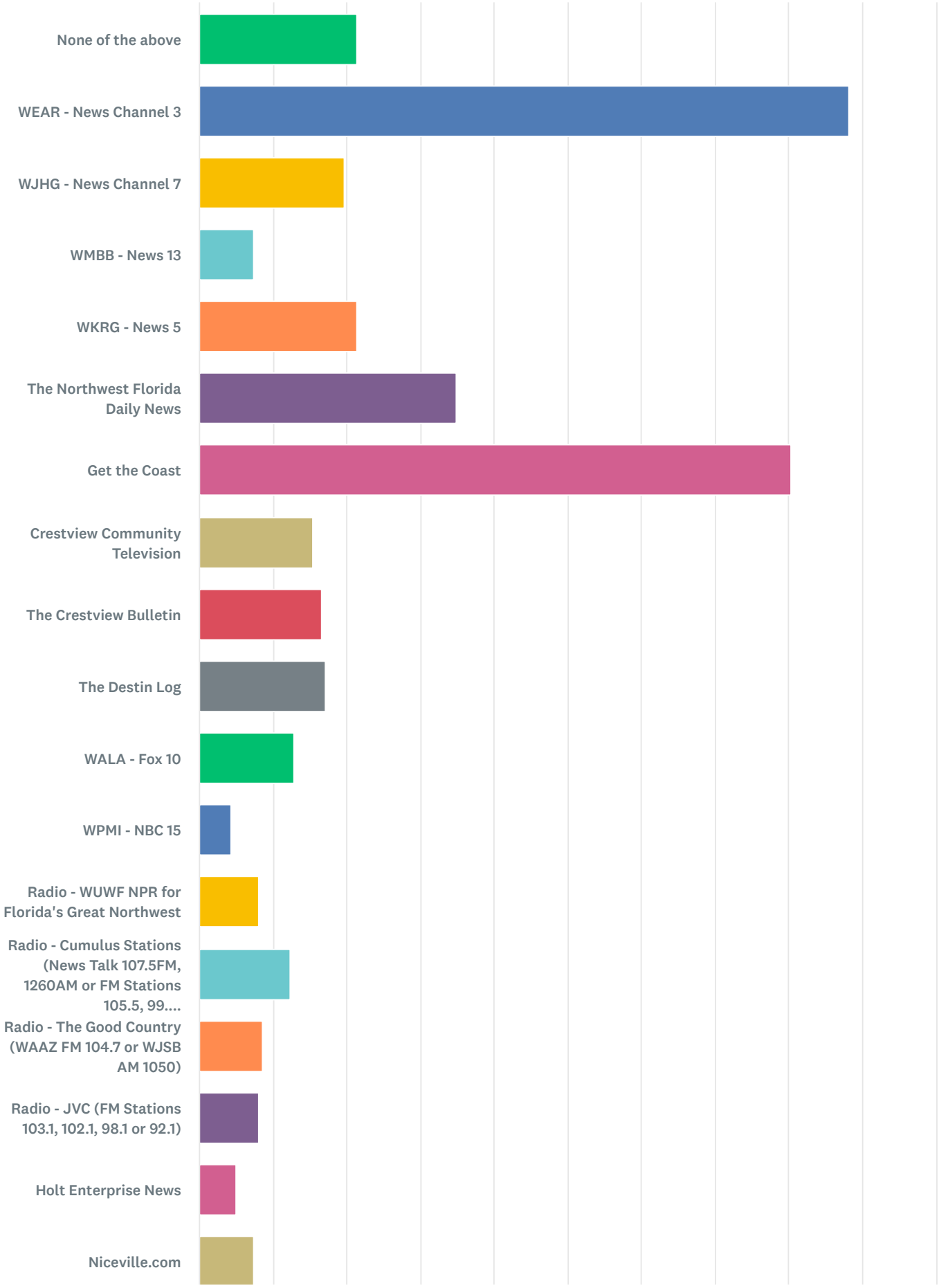
Q5 277 responses

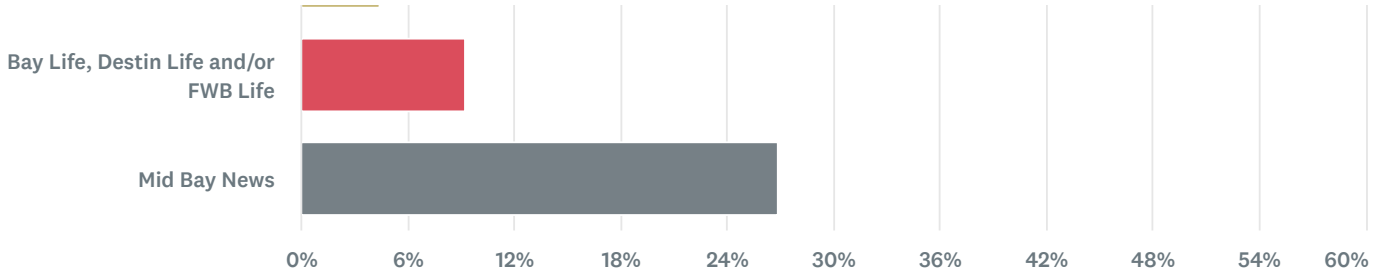
How often do you see Okaloosa County social media posts?



Q6 272 responses

What primary LOCAL NEWS sources have you used in the past 30 days. (select all that apply)


None of the above
WEAR - News Channel 3
WJHG - News Channel 7
WMBB - News 13
WKRG - News 5
The Northwest Florida Daily News
Get the Coast
Crestview Community Television
The Crestview Bulletin
The Destin Log
WALA - Fox 10
WPMI - NBC 15
Radio - WUWF NPR for Florida's Great Northwest
Radio - Cumulus Stations (News Talk 107.5FM, 1260AM or FM Stations 105.5, 99....
Radio - The Good Country (WAAZ FM 104.7 or WJSB AM 1050)
Radio - JVC (FM Stations 103.1, 102.1, 98.1 or 92.1)
Holt Enterprise News
Niceville.com



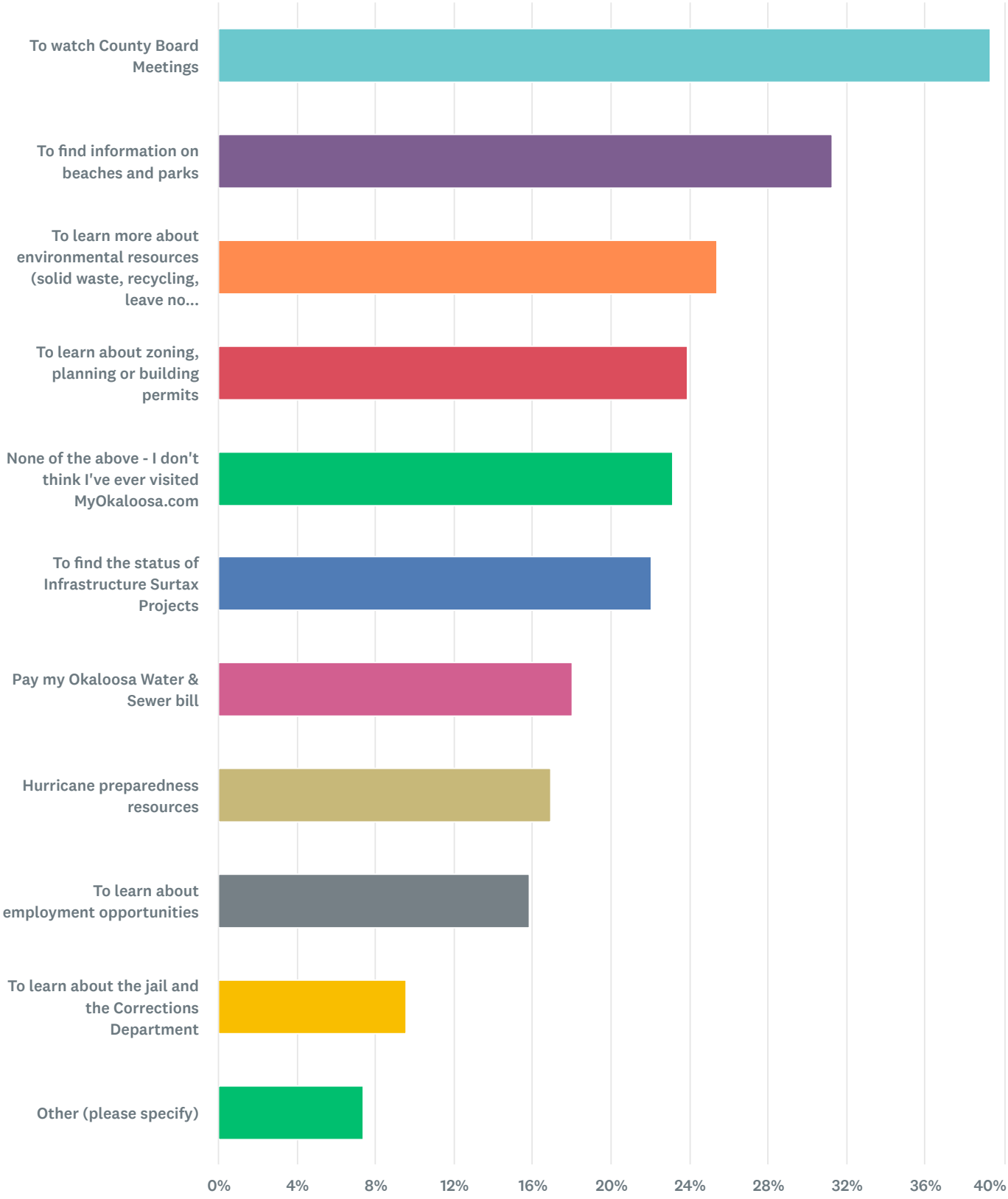
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
None of the above	12.87%	35
WEAR - News Channel 3	52.94%	144
WJHG - News Channel 7	11.76%	32
WMBB - News 13	4.41%	12
WKRG - News 5	12.87%	35
The Northwest Florida Daily News	20.96%	57
Get the Coast	48.16%	131
Crestview Community Television	9.19%	25
The Crestview Bulletin	9.93%	27
The Destin Log	10.29%	28
WALA - Fox 10	7.72%	21
WPMI - NBC 15	2.57%	7
Radio - WUWF NPR for Florida's Great Northwest	4.78%	13
Radio - Cumulus Stations (News Talk 107.5FM, 1260AM or FM Stations 105.5, 99.5, 93.9 or 96.5)	7.35%	20
Radio - The Good Country (WAAZ FM 104.7 or WJSB AM 1050)	5.15%	14
Radio - JVC (FM Stations 103.1, 102.1, 98.1 or 92.1)	4.78%	13
Holt Enterprise News	2.94%	8
Niceville.com	4.41%	12
Total		**732**

Bay Life, Destin Life and/or FWB Life	9.19%	25
Mid Bay News	26.84%	73
Total		**732**

#	EMERGING NEWS OR NICHE MEDIA SOURCES TO WATCH:	DATE
1	midbay news	9/1/2026 7:51 PM
2	Concerned Citizens is full of malarkey but people do post relevant articles sometimes	8/20/2026 9:23 PM
3	Fox News	7/31/2026 5:22 PM
4	Crestview Community News	7/30/2026 10:01 PM
5	Marcie Bell Destin City Advocate offers excellent coverage	7/28/2026 9:22 PM
6	News aggregation on Roku	7/28/2026 9:19 AM
7	Get The Coast	7/23/2026 9:21 AM
8	Note: The FWB Chamber promotes County activities too that is how I discovered this survey request.	7/20/2026 8:54 AM
9	Crestview word of mouth Facebook page	7/17/2026 6:05 PM
10	telegram and alternate news	7/12/2026 2:09 PM
11	88.1 WUWF	7/9/2026 7:46 AM
12	Crestview Community News Group	7/4/2026 4:10 PM
13	None	7/4/2026 7:13 AM
14	Independent journalist. They are honeat	7/1/2026 7:02 PM

Q7 272 responses

I visit MyOkaloosa.com for the following purpose(s):


To watch County Board Meetings
To find information on beaches and parks
To learn more about environmental resources (solid waste, recycling, leave no...
To learn about zoning, planning or building permits
None of the above - I don't think I've ever visited MyOkaloosa.com
To find the status of Infrastructure Surtax Projects
Pay my Okaloosa Water & Sewer bill
Hurricane preparedness resources
To learn about employment opportunities
To learn about the jail and the Corrections Department
Other (please specify)
0%
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36%
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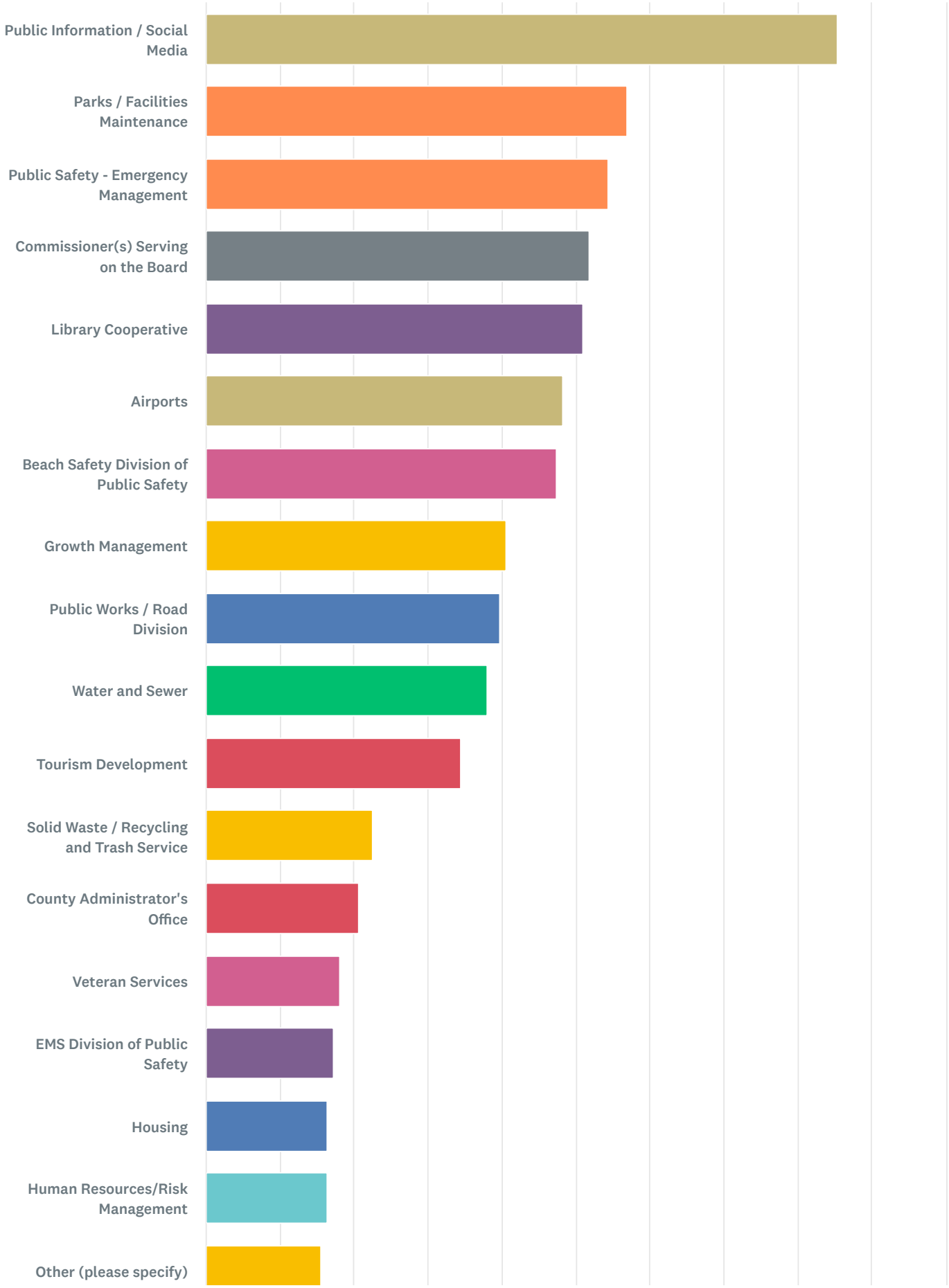
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
To watch County Board Meetings	39.34%	107
To find information on beaches and parks	31.25%	85
To learn more about environmental resources (solid waste, recycling, leave no trace, mosquito control)	25.37%	69
To learn about zoning, planning or building permits	23.90%	65
None of the above - I don't think I've ever visited MyOkaloosa.com	23.16%	63
To find the status of Infrastructure Surtax Projects	22.06%	60
Pay my Okaloosa Water & Sewer bill	18.01%	49
Hurricane preparedness resources	16.91%	46
To learn about employment opportunities	15.81%	43
To learn about the jail and the Corrections Department	9.56%	26
Other (please specify)	7.35%	20
Total		**633**

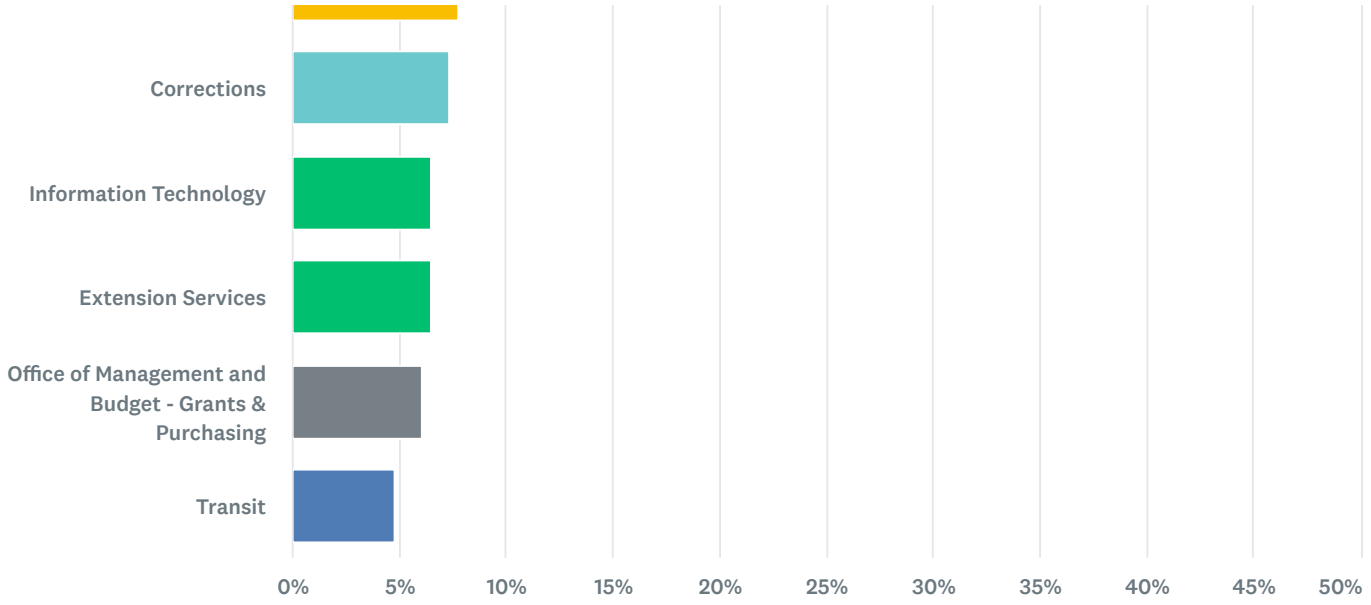
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Library sometimes	8/14/2026 11:07 PM
2	I don’t	8/13/2026 11:12 PM
3	Events	8/13/2026 1:53 PM
4	Okaloosa gis map	7/31/2026 12:46 AM
5	Retiree issues	7/26/2026 8:08 AM
6	To stay apprised on the actions of the sheriffs office based on their unlawful killing of a fellow servicemember.	7/22/2026 11:20 PM
7	To check on the SHIP program	7/17/2026 12:18 PM
8	Looking for resources on how to deal with harassment and unprofessional conduct by county employees; could not locate anything helpful and anonymous FYI; anonymous is needed as retaliation is a reasonable concern in this county).	7/15/2026 7:22 AM
9	Growth Management, Property Assessment/Tax, Miscellaneous	7/12/2026 12:23 PM
10	Only if I have to.	7/10/2026 7:24 AM
11	Property Appraiser's site & Who Owns My Road	7/9/2026 7:46 AM
12	Community paramedicine	7/4/2026 7:22 PM
13	Learn how the county is working to support animal control.	7/4/2026 1:09 PM

14	Tel numbers	7/4/2026 7:13 AM
15	Code enforcement	7/3/2026 1:43 PM
16	To see what you people are destroying next.	7/2/2026 6:06 AM
17	General information-all of the above	7/1/2026 6:21 PM
18	Budget, ordinances, North Okaloosa Study, comp plan, land development plan and etc.	7/1/2026 4:00 PM
19	Voter info	7/1/2026 3:56 PM
20	Find dept phone numbers	7/1/2026 2:26 PM

Q8 232 responses

Select the Departments or Divisions you interact with the most.


Public Information / Social Media
Parks / Facilities Maintenance
Public Safety - Emergency Management
Commissioner(s) Serving on the Board
Library Cooperative
Airports
Beach Safety Division of Public Safety
Growth Management
Public Works / Road Division
Water and Sewer
Tourism Development
Solid Waste / Recycling and Trash Service
County Administrator's Office
Veteran Services
EMS Division of Public Safety
Housing
Human Resources/Risk Management
Other (please specify)



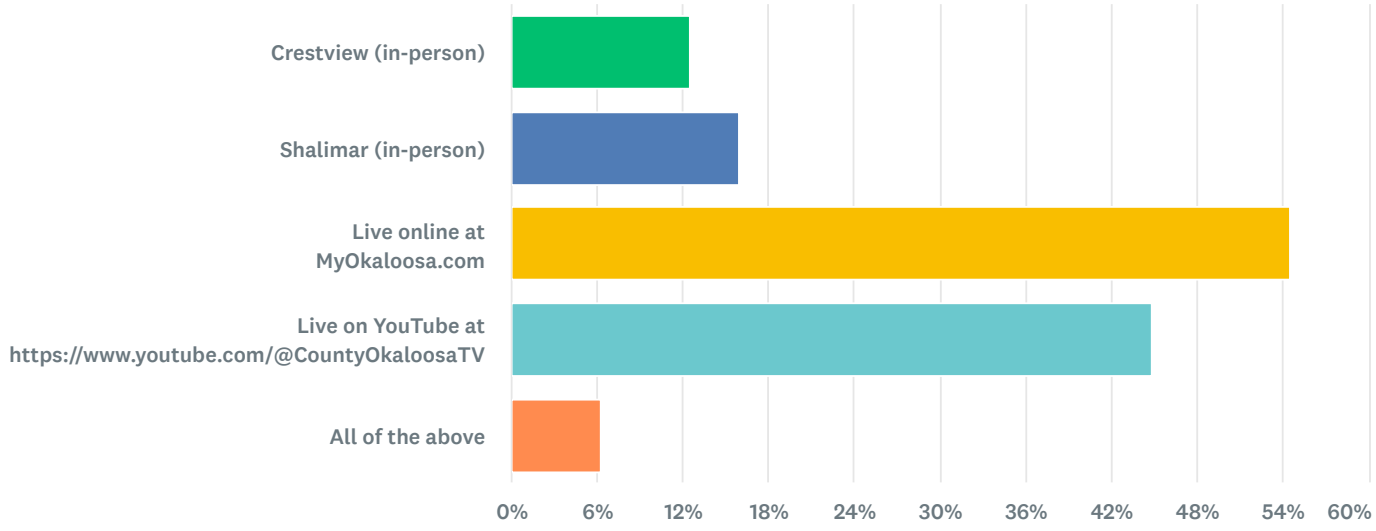
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Public Information / Social Media	42.67%	99
Parks / Facilities Maintenance	28.45%	66
Public Safety - Emergency Management	27.16%	63
Commissioner(s) Serving on the Board	25.86%	60
Library Cooperative	25.43%	59
Airports	24.14%	56
Beach Safety Division of Public Safety	23.71%	55
Growth Management	20.26%	47
Public Works / Road Division	19.83%	46
Water and Sewer	18.97%	44
Tourism Development	17.24%	40
Solid Waste / Recycling and Trash Service	11.21%	26
County Administrator's Office	10.34%	24
Veteran Services	9.05%	21
Total		**854**

EMS Division of Public Safety	8.62%	20
Housing	8.19%	19
Human Resources/Risk Management	8.19%	19
Other (please specify)	7.76%	18
Corrections	7.33%	17
Information Technology	6.47%	15
Extension Services	6.47%	15
Office of Management and Budget - Grants & Purchasing	6.03%	14
Transit	4.74%	11
Total		**854**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None of the above	9/6/2026 8:02 AM
2	None of the above	8/13/2026 7:09 PM
3	None	7/30/2026 9:39 PM
4	I don’t interact with any department. I feel confident the majority of my neighbors would say the same thing. It’s a very odd question.	7/28/2026 8:56 PM
5	All of the above	7/25/2026 10:07 AM
6	None, because the county only cares about tourists	7/24/2026 4:45 PM
7	Sheriffs department	7/22/2026 11:20 PM
8	To number 9 below I did not know there was a way to watch the meetings online	7/17/2026 6:08 PM
9	Clerks Office, Sheriff's Office	7/17/2026 12:48 PM
10	Code and building permits	7/12/2026 2:13 PM
11	None	7/10/2026 7:25 AM
12	Animal control	7/8/2026 8:33 PM
13	Animal Control Issues	7/5/2026 10:15 PM
14	Eglin AFB	7/2/2026 3:08 AM
15	Tag/license	7/1/2026 4:47 PM
16	None	7/1/2026 3:37 PM
17	Code Enforcement	7/1/2026 3:05 PM
18	None	7/1/2026 2:34 PM

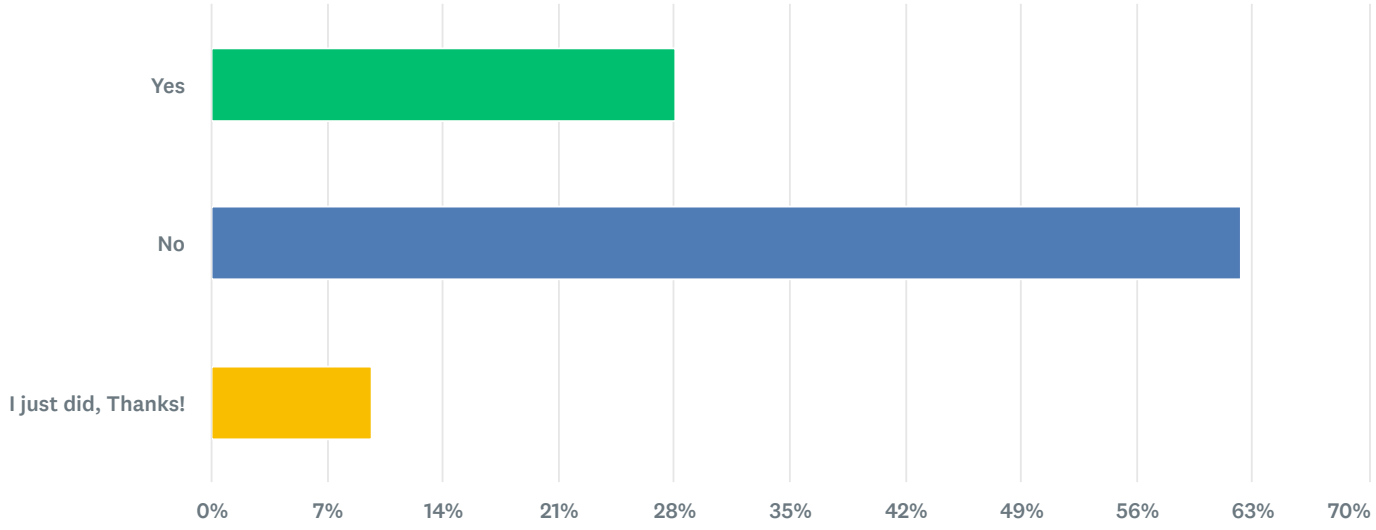
Q9 176 responses

Where do you view Okaloosa County Commission meetings?



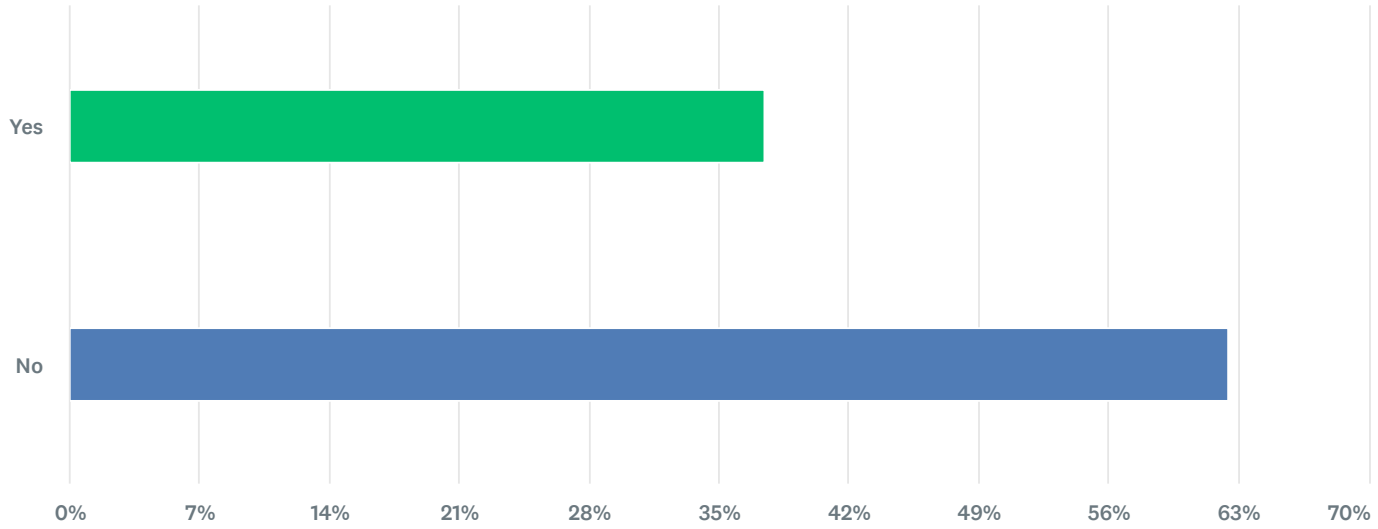
Q10 249 responses

Have you viewed all of the completed and in-progress infrastructure projects on our infrastructure website?



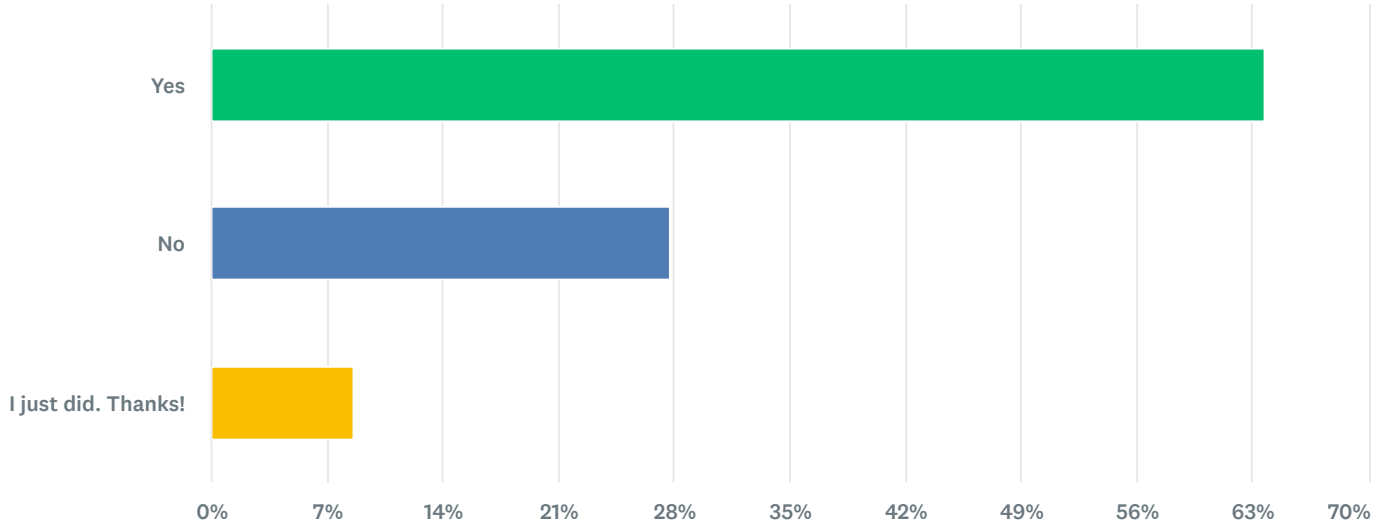
Q11 240 responses

Do you approve of the job Okaloosa County Government is doing?



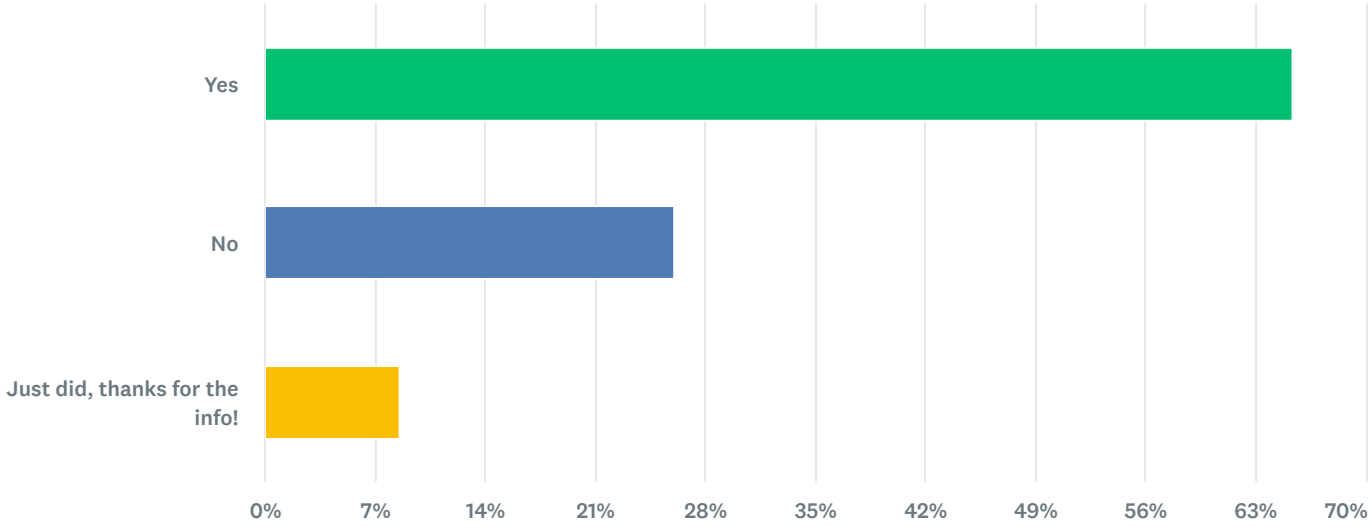
Q12 234 responses

I have learned about which items CAN and CANNOT be recycled at KeepOkaloosaBeautiful.com



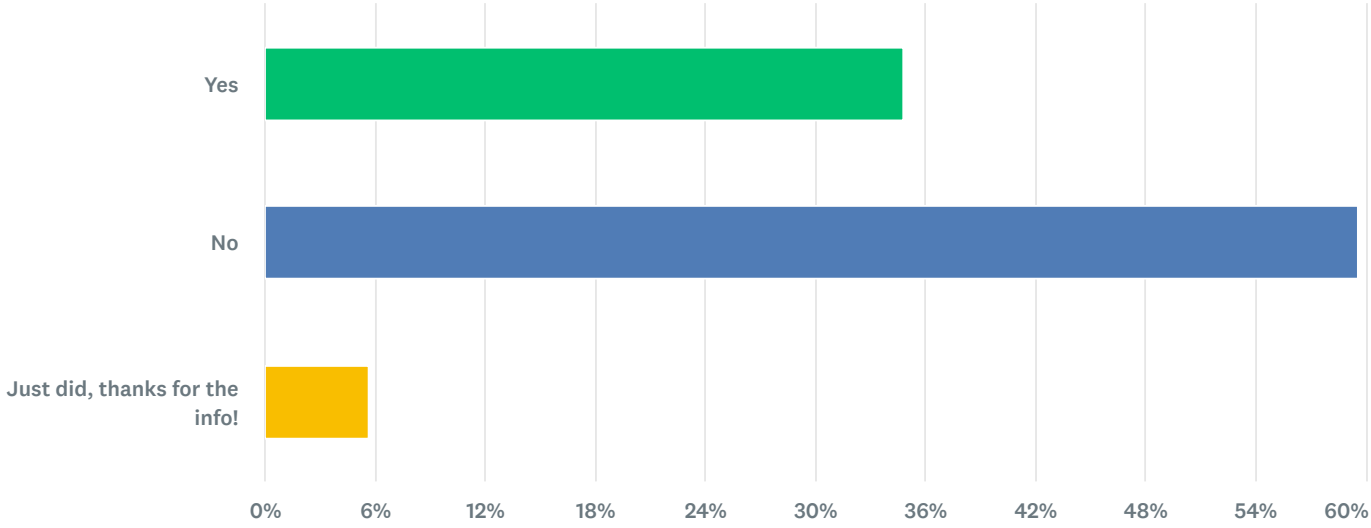
Q13 234 responses

I've already signed up for the local alerting system by texting OKALOOSAFL TO 888777 or by visiting AlertOkaloosa.com.



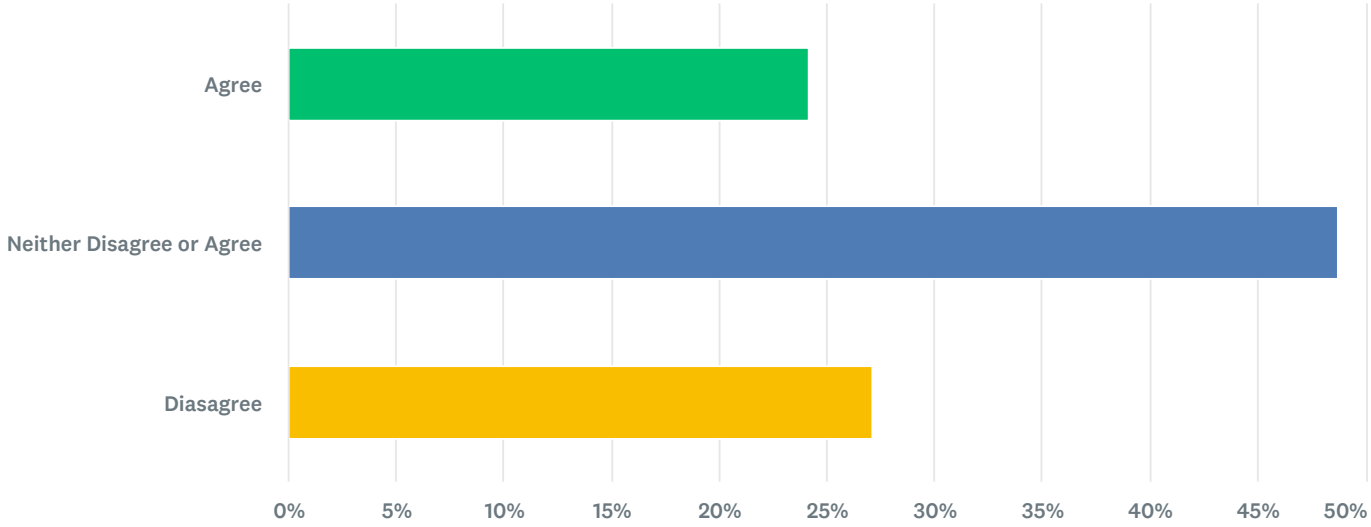
Q14 230 responses

I've already signed up for Daily Beach Flag Updates by texting BEACH TO 44144.



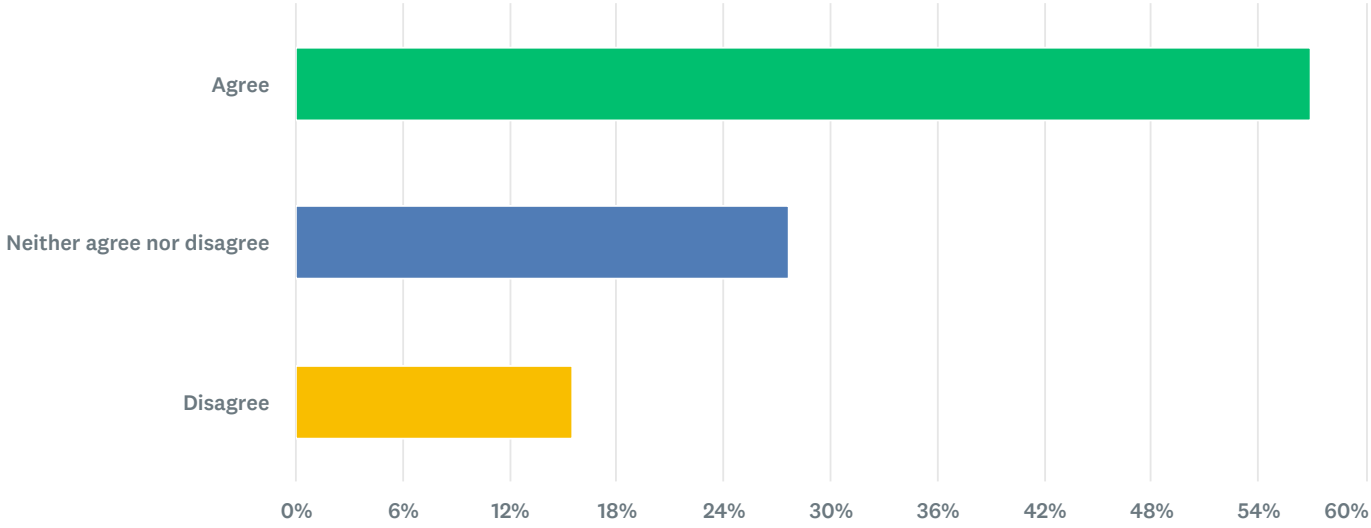
Q15 236 responses

Okaloosa County communicates well with me.



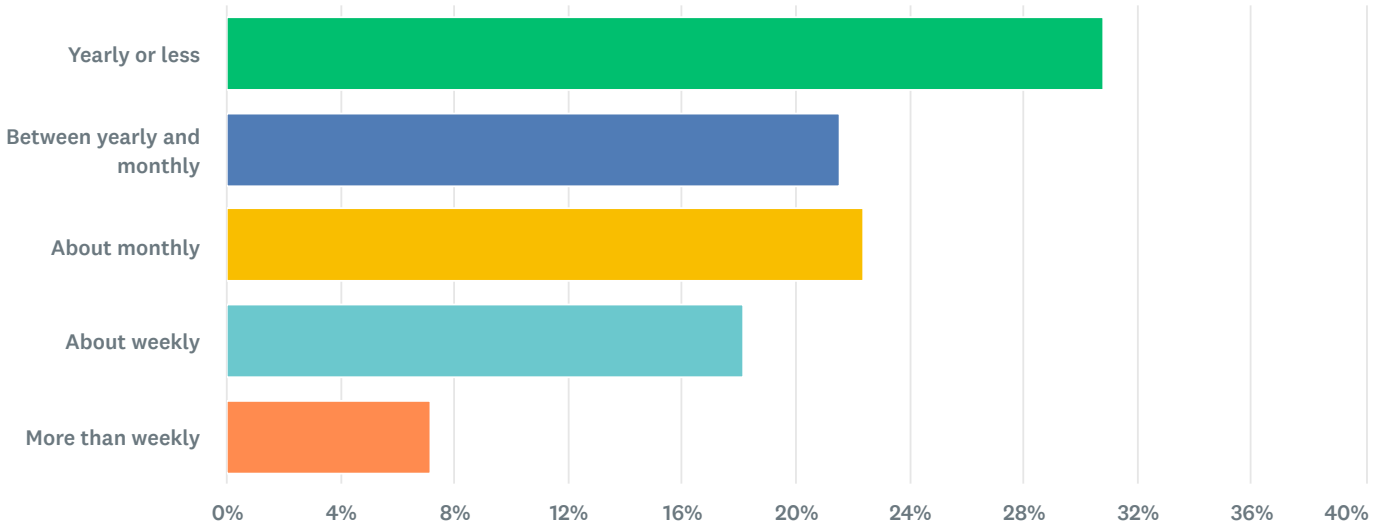
Q16 239 responses

Okaloosa County is a good place to live.



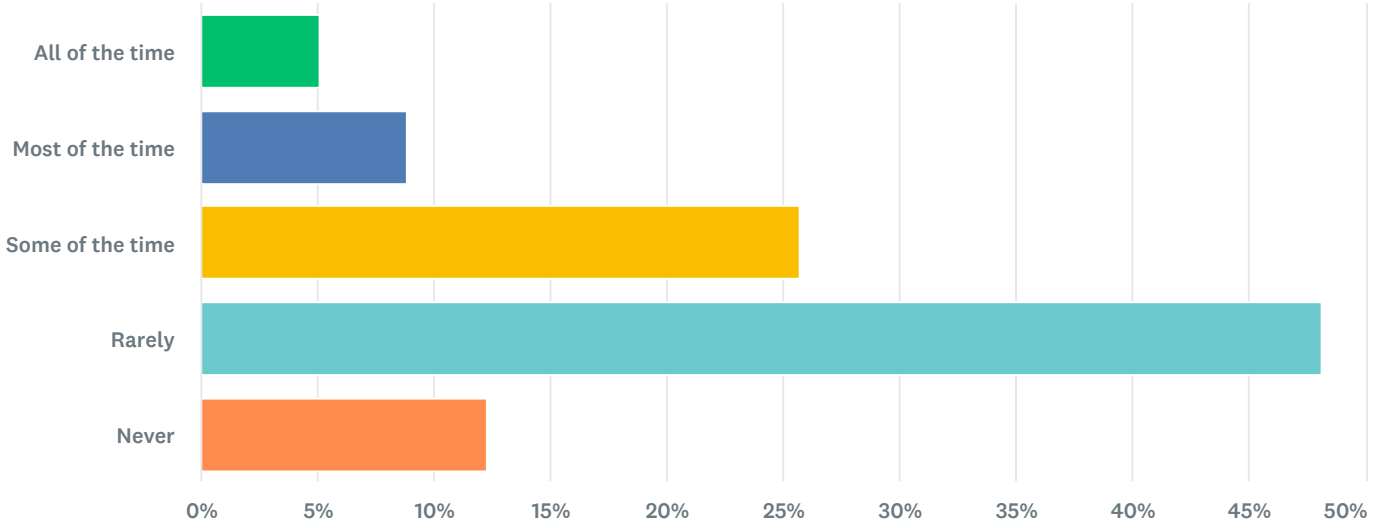
Q17 237 responses

How often do you visit Okaloosa County beaches and parks?



Q18 237 responses

How often do you feel unsafe in Okaloosa County?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
All of the time	5.06%	12
Most of the time	8.86%	21
Some of the time	25.74%	61
Rarely	48.10%	114
Total		**237**

Never	12.24%	29
Total		**237**

#	IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE, TELL US WHY.	DATE
1	Unsafe driving around here some roads over burdened with excessive traffic (moved here in 2004 got reared ended twice)	9/6/2026 8:39 PM
2	Our neighborhood is overrun with druggies and thieves	9/1/2026 7:53 PM
3	I have called or contacted via email the Okaloosa County sheriffs department several times and have gotten no help!	9/1/2026 3:44 PM
4	Because when you call the non emergency number for Niceville PD a lot of times they don't answer. Also the Niceville city manager and police chief lied and told me they had done an investigation when in fact I have a recording of the city manager admitting they had not. How can you trust liars. And what about law enforcement using flock cameras to stalk people? And using speed cameras instead of being on the roads doing their jobs. I had an incident with a road rage driver because they couldn't get over to make their turn due to the speed of traffic.	9/1/2026 1:36 PM
5	Traffic, homelessness, refuse offfenders not sent out as when a person who has to register come to the area, ZERO public safety information if there is something suspicious happening like in our schools, fear of interaction with police bc they are not nice in any situation good or bad, not friendly.	9/1/2026 12:24 PM
6	Scared of deputies they are always shooting people	9/1/2026 11:01 AM
7	To many illegal aliens at Walmart and Sams concern me greatly.	8/14/2026 5:17 PM
8	I live at 201 Alden in FWB. The homeless encampment at 202 Alden has attracted drug users and dealers, rats, and people engaging in petty theft into our formerly quiet & safe neighborhood. How has this been allowed to continue for 7 years?!	8/14/2026 2:49 PM
9	Homeless in the area can be a little intimidating sometimes	8/14/2026 11:49 AM
10	Bad, low income neighborhoods	8/14/2026 7:57 AM
11	FWB is run-down, so sad	8/14/2026 1:25 AM
12	Poor lighting at some apartments. As a process server, it prevents me from attempting serves in the early evening.	8/13/2026 11:20 PM
13	Homeless people wandering close to residential neighborhoods and too many reckless drivers on Eglin Pkwy	8/13/2026 9:22 PM
14	Homeless panhandlers	8/13/2026 7:17 PM
15	homeless / panhandlers	8/5/2026 4:09 PM
16	There are not enough Sheriff's Deputies assigned to cover the entire North Okaloosa district.	7/31/2026 7:25 AM
17	Lots of people have moved here with some being really sketchy, see homeless on the streets daily. Have had encounters on the road at night with people driving crazy trying to run you over.	7/31/2026 12:53 AM
18	Because our law enforcement seems to suffer from corruption alongside our school board and some of our comissioners. I dont know who to trust and that feels very unsafe. Look on haveibeenflocked.com and you can clearly see documentation of misuse by ocso. Instead of resolving the problem they shut off access and continue to lie. That is not transparency it is corruption and abuse of authority.	7/31/2026 12:52 AM
19	Sheriffs Office has weak policies and they allow criminals to just do whatever.	7/30/2026 10:06 PM

20	Too many people moving in from different parts of the country amd world. Making our once small county not safe at all.	7/30/2026 9:43 PM
21	Illegals and niggers	7/30/2026 8:20 PM
22	We all of a sudden have homeless drug addicts walking the streets.	7/30/2026 3:37 PM
23	I sometimes fear the state government exerting too much control over my community and my local government does not question it or push back against it. It worries me that my local government does not challenge state government decisions that are not in our county's interests.	7/28/2026 9:24 PM
24	Drug users.	7/28/2026 10:56 AM
25	To many druggies	7/25/2026 4:25 PM
26	On the roads in town. Driver's speeding, running red lights and stop signs, tailgating and zigzagging in traffic…need I go on?	7/25/2026 12:03 PM
27	Why? Take a look around. Crack heads are around every corner and traffic tries to kill me 3-5 times per day.	7/24/2026 4:53 PM
28	The corrupt and inept law enforcement.	7/22/2026 11:22 PM
29	Homelessness, unsolved crimes, lighting and infrastructure inadequate	7/22/2026 12:58 PM
30	Rise in crime, homelessness and illegal aliens	7/21/2026 1:30 PM
31	The area has overgrown the infrastructure is horrible and there is a lack of public safety	7/20/2026 10:33 PM
32	The young people here are rude and disrespectful. I am not sure but it is worse during spring break. Older people are targeted.	7/17/2026 6:12 PM
33	Always aware of my surroundings and conceal carry everywhere.	7/17/2026 12:51 PM
34	You keep expanding in ways and places that don't need to be or shouldn't be. The infrastructure and budgets can't support the people who already live here so stop building more and more and more encouraging an even higher population that cannot be supported!	7/14/2026 12:24 PM
35	It's more of feeling unsafe on roads..,	7/12/2026 2:16 PM
36	Crime	7/12/2026 12:06 PM
37	No county shelters for protection from tornadoes.	7/10/2026 3:15 PM
38	A lot of shootings lately, individuals on drugs walking the streets without the help they needed, bodies found throughout local areas and unsolved shootings in Shalimar	7/10/2026 9:25 AM
39	Homeless and thieves	7/10/2026 7:33 AM
40	Big brother everywhere. Too many flock cameras. Judges let the bad people out of jail	7/10/2026 12:05 AM
41	At night where there are no street lights	7/9/2026 5:31 PM
42	Have you driven on these streets?	7/9/2026 2:56 PM
43	Bc I believe black lives matter, I believe in abolishing ICE and defunding police. I can't say that out loud anywhere around here	7/9/2026 11:05 AM
44	Flock cameras make me feel unsafe.	7/9/2026 10:24 AM
45	Homeless	7/9/2026 9:55 AM
46	Okaloosa sheriff will not update on serious crimes. Shooting on Susan Drive, has never been discussed again.	7/9/2026 8:03 AM
47	Have you seen the traffic? All the homeless shit and crack heads.	7/9/2026 7:46 AM
48	Influx of crime	7/8/2026 8:39 PM
49	Large (44 bed) STR in our single family residential neighborhood	7/8/2026 3:55 PM
50	Driving w/ tourists in traffic	7/7/2026 9:06 PM

51	Because crime has increased and you can no longer leave your door unlocked.	7/6/2026 8:01 AM
52	Homeless, prostitution, drugs	7/5/2026 2:49 PM
53	The local police departments don’t care about stopping crime, just eating at chick fil a	7/4/2026 7:27 PM
54	Drugs and guns seem to be high	7/4/2026 3:32 PM
55	There does not seem to be a clear plan on how to handle stray animals. Response to situations seem to be leave it / move on which is not realistic.	7/4/2026 1:15 PM
56	I will now with the upcoming reduced animal control services	7/4/2026 11:13 AM
57	Lots of homeless and lots of shootings	7/4/2026 10:48 AM
58	Going into poor neighborhoods with poor lighting	7/2/2026 10:07 PM
59	Crime with violence as gotten worse and can’t trust people. Traffic road rage can be scary	7/2/2026 9:40 AM
60	Traffic is terrible and dangerous.	7/2/2026 8:19 AM
61	Homeless meth heads trolling at night and stealing.	7/2/2026 6:10 AM
62	Because of ICE and I am an American Citizen	7/2/2026 3:12 AM
63	To many drugs	7/1/2026 9:41 PM
64	Lots of intoxicated and inebriated folks all over	7/1/2026 6:55 PM
65	Depends on how many road pirates are out raising revenue for politicianss' pockets	7/1/2026 4:50 PM
66	Gangs	7/1/2026 3:56 PM
67	Crime is getting out of control. Driving is nerve wracking with the road rage.	7/1/2026 3:42 PM
68	Not much of a police presence	7/1/2026 3:31 PM
69	Roadway infrastructure	7/1/2026 3:11 PM
70	Crime seems to be increasing with the population increase. Roads are too congested.	7/1/2026 3:07 PM
71	Specific individuals to me	7/1/2026 2:58 PM
72	Corruption	7/1/2026 2:35 PM
73	I have asked for help from OCSO on numerous occasions and have been treated like I am a bother and they respond slowly or not at all!	7/1/2026 2:30 PM
74	Traffic is eating unsafe situations	7/1/2026 2:27 PM
75	N Antioch road is dangerously neglected to drive	7/1/2026 2:18 PM
76	Road Rage, Speeders, Drugs	7/1/2026 2:08 PM
77	Law enforcement is very aggressive and speak down to people.	7/1/2026 2:02 PM

Q19 What is the biggest challenge Okaloosa County faces today?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Growth management excessive out of control building with no increase in infrastructure to accommodate it. I’m retired military have lived in several other states and countries never seen it managed as bad as in this area especially since living in Crestview it seems most of infastructure spending goes to the South end of the county to accommodate the tourists visiting this area verses the residents.	9/6/2026 8:39 PM

2	Not enough opportunity. Close to the beach seems to have really nice businesses and things to do however once you travel inwards buildings are run down - see a lot of homeless. Recently moved here and surprised how hard it is to find a decent job.	9/6/2026 8:08 AM
3	Data Centers and our Commissioners ignorance of their hazards in our county!	9/4/2026 10:18 AM
4	Over development, lack of transparency and accountability by commissioners/ some other county workers, special interests.	9/3/2026 5:17 AM
5	Infrastructure keeping pace with rapid growth in housing.	9/2/2026 12:47 PM
6	Funding due to the upcoming property tax referendum.	9/2/2026 8:15 AM
7	Druggies and over building for the lack of infrastructure.	9/1/2026 7:53 PM
8	Animal welfare	9/1/2026 3:44 PM
9	What I hear around town is frustration with how the commissioners are conducting business, not in the public eye. The public speakers at the meetings are ignored and their concerns are rarely addressed. When a citizen calls a commissioner or emails, we are dismissed, except Councilwoman Mrs. Ketchell. She listens and returns calls to hear the concerns. The fellow representing Destin, Drew Palmer has completely misrepresented his own town in the discussions. He held a "town hall" meeting to get feedback on the Norregio property plans and then once questioned, said nothing had been decided yet, despite the fact that he introduced the "park" to the audience. Destin area is a jewel for those of us who live in Niceville and want to travel down the the seashore for the day. The commissioners need to listen to the general public on what they want to see or not see. Example, when Cinco Bayou had a bad smell, Goodwin said "he jumped in his car with county folks immediately to go investigate the issue on the waterway HE LIVES ON." Where is this impetus to help when his constituents have a concern? Ms. Cox represents Crestview area, yet does not live in the district...again...everyone knows including the lawyer lady for the county, yet nothing is done about it. So to ask how the OCC communicates with the public is difficult to answer when basic tenants aren't met.	9/1/2026 2:03 PM
10	Okaloosa County is more worried about the tourist than they are the citizens. The citizens can't go to Destin to the beaches, parks, or to dine out anymore. If you even try to go it's more paid parking and fees. It's terrible, we are second class citizens when Okaloosa County makes decisions.	9/1/2026 1:36 PM
11	Tourism, traffic, services Teen facilities- Open gyms.	9/1/2026 12:24 PM
12	Overcrowding at Crestview High School is out of control.	9/1/2026 11:56 AM
13	Roads, traffic, trash and ugly run down homes and buildings.	9/1/2026 11:35 AM
14	Road congestion due to over population. Eglin needs to allow another North/south road from Crestview to ease traffic jams. After all Eglin's large number of employees/retirees are problem by allowing over building in the north end!	8/21/2026 1:10 PM
15	Investment that improve quality of life such as libraries (which are essential) and parks, museums, and beaches	8/20/2026 9:31 PM
16	Homeless people. There doesn’t seem to be enough facilities for homeless people to stay at during the night. Also 2 elementary schools closed recently. I think they need to keep an elementary school near Mary Esther.	8/20/2026 9:09 PM
17	Transportation, especially getting permission from Eglin AFB to widen 85 between Niceville and Crestview.	8/17/2026 1:33 PM
18	Homeless, misinformation, commissioners spending money on remodels, then in 6-12 months remodel the same area again.	8/16/2026 9:33 AM
19	self control on building permits	8/15/2026 5:31 PM
20	The headlong destruction of the north end of the county by the uncontrolled building of residential sub-divisions.	8/15/2026 3:08 PM
21	Alternate roads in and around Crestview	8/15/2026 7:27 AM
22	Road/traffic congestion. High cost of living versus low local wages.	8/15/2026 2:08 AM

23	Too much traffic. Not enough shade trees.	8/14/2026 11:11 PM
24	crazy drivers, and dark tinted windows, and jacked up vehicles. loose dogs. speeders	8/14/2026 7:02 PM
25	Possible funding challenges with the upcoming tax referendum on property tax.	8/14/2026 5:17 PM
26	Growth	8/14/2026 3:56 PM
27	Ongoing development without adequate ecological impact studies. To wit: ongoing pollution & bacterial hazards in our bay and bayous. Bears & other wildlife being hemmed in by asphalt, & losing critical habitat. Lack of comprehensive recycling facilities.Ineffectual code enforcement-one example: folks burning in residential neighborhoods during fire season, etc.	8/14/2026 2:49 PM
28	Over development of homes and construction	8/14/2026 11:49 AM
29	Lack of Infastructure, hwy 85 traveling is a nightmare over building for the area	8/14/2026 8:07 AM
30	Over building residential subdivisions. Infrastructure. Traffic issues.	8/14/2026 7:57 AM
31	Restoring integrity and shopping to Fort Walton Beach. And stop calling us Destin! We do not like Destin and Destin doesn't like anyone but Destin!	8/14/2026 1:25 AM
32	Where do I begin? If you upset the wrong people, they will come after your reputation, ability to get a job. It's a small "town" and you must go along to get along otherwise you're ostracized in one way or another. Wasteful spending.	8/13/2026 11:20 PM
33	Homeowners Insurance Not Affordable; businesses closing; vacant buildings; pot holes; inadequate airport parking	8/13/2026 9:22 PM
34	Traffic!!!!!	8/13/2026 8:41 PM
35	Over-tourism, short-term rentals, traffic.	8/13/2026 7:17 PM
36	The lack of infrastructure and the destruction of wildlife habitat for more housing.	8/13/2026 5:44 PM
37	Poor animal control policies, poor animal control funding	8/13/2026 2:34 PM
38	Crestview traffic	8/13/2026 2:27 PM
39	Overdevelopment	8/13/2026 1:59 PM
40	Growth. Tree protection.	8/13/2026 1:55 PM
41	Divisive politics and city governments that are poorly ran.	8/11/2026 3:39 PM
42	drugs, homelessness, violent crimes like shootings / breaking	8/5/2026 4:09 PM
43	OVER DEVELOPMENT!!	8/5/2026 1:30 PM
44	Crime drugs and homeless	8/3/2026 7:15 AM
45	Inadequate road infrastructure. The traffic on 85 is a nightmare. Homeless having adequate resources. Low income families (single parents) with insufficient affordable housing (section 8), pay and childcare.	8/2/2026 9:02 AM
46	The residents of, and visitors to, this county are paying a private company, through the Sheriff's office, to conduct surveillance against all of us. This appears to be an 80/20 to upwards of a 90/10 issue with the population. While we can rarely agree on most things, we very largely agree that we don't want to have warrantless surveillance conducted against us, even if it is sold to us as being for "Public Safety". I look forward to hearing from you about this.	8/1/2026 8:17 AM
47	Illegal Aliens	7/31/2026 5:23 PM
48	Animal control	7/31/2026 8:25 AM
49	road quality	7/31/2026 8:01 AM
50	Overdevelopment with regard to housing. The majority of the new houses sit empty, yet new developments keep popping up. We continue to destroy natural habitats in our rural areas for needless development.	7/31/2026 7:25 AM
51	Infrastructure isn't built for the growth. A real sports complex is needed in the Crestview area to support youth and adult sports	7/31/2026 7:10 AM

52	Too much growth for the infrastructure. I bought a home that is agricultural, yet the county approves subdivisions next door to me which isn't fair to me. It changes my way of life. Plus all the new construction has dried my creek up and my pond which is fed by natural springs is low. Our clean water is facing a challenge if growth continues at the present rate.	7/31/2026 12:53 AM
53	See response to previous question. Our leaders can not be trusted.	7/31/2026 12:52 AM
54	Growth, infrastructure and corruption on the board of commissioners. Mixon is highly suspicious and Palmer is a disappointment.	7/31/2026 12:02 AM
55	Overdevelopment (the same things over and over) without proper infrastructure, especially roads!!! Deforestation is sad and devastating for wildlife, pushing them into neighborhoods.	7/30/2026 10:49 PM
56	Rembering that we are full time residents, we are here to live normal lives, we are not here as vacationers just to visit the beach for a week. We can't even park or find much of an open beach even if we wanted to fight the traffic or the nightmare mid bay bridge to get there. Fund the other parts of the county, support families and kids here. We don't even have a public pool to host competition swim meets. We are not all tourists, stop catering to them!	7/30/2026 10:11 PM
57	Funding to keep the criminals locked away	7/30/2026 10:06 PM
58	Okaloosa County is growing faster than anyone seems prepared for. New neighborhoods are popping up everywhere, more and more people are moving in, but where is the planning for the roads, schools, traffic, water, and other needed infrastructure? Growth is going to happen, but throwing up houses without a real plan is not progress — it’s a problem waiting to happen. The charm and small-town feel that made this county special is getting harder to find. We need responsible planning, not just approving more and more development while the people who already live here are left dealing with the consequences.	7/30/2026 9:43 PM
59	Lack of animal services with no plan Not pushing to remove all flock, red light, and speeding cameras which all illegal Not blocking data centers Doing nothing to fix the Crestview traffic situation, just creating a bypass that doesn’t bypass anything instead of working with Eglin to put back up the old bridge on log lake and push military traffic through that corridor.	7/30/2026 8:15 PM
60	Growing too fast without infrastructure.	7/30/2026 3:37 PM
61	Poor leadership, Infrastructure, and rapid deforestation.	7/30/2026 11:46 AM
62	Transparency in their commission and Sheriff's department	7/30/2026 10:47 AM
63	Finances	7/30/2026 7:12 AM
64	The traffic lots building going on.	7/29/2026 11:08 AM
65	Roads/Infrastructure	7/29/2026 9:30 AM
66	Infrastructure	7/29/2026 8:55 AM
67	Okaloosa County is a great place to live and work with abundant natural resources and good people. The concerns I have are with BCC commissioners who are NOT listening to their citizens. I live in Crestview, but have watched with interest and been particularly disappointed in "Destin's" commissioner not being forth coming and working with the Destin city team on the beach park on Destin's Holiday Isle. If this is how he conducts business for his own district, imagine how he will handle those of us who live north of the bay. Mr. Palmer has said there is no agreement in place on the parcel, yet he is trying to negotiate parking for all county residents. Seems odd to think he had a say, if indeed no agreement is in place. I wouldn't want to give all county residents FREE parking in Crestview...just the Crestview locals. During the meeting's public speaking time, the commissioners do not even give the appearance of listening or caring about what is said or the opinions or concerns shared with them. The guys in particular seem to not want to hear the public's thoughts and rarely engage with the citizen on their concern shared. It's "thank you" for your comment, are there any other comments...time to move on. The Commissioner's Minute should come BEFORE public commenting time, so the citizens can give feedback on what each commissioner says. Several of the commissioners have known conflict of interests and they are allowed to participate in the discussions and decisions. The county attorney was made aware that a commissioner does not and did not live here in her Crestview district and has done nothing to address the matter publicly. I am also troubled by the chairman wanting to defund the SRO in schools. Keeping our children and the staff in Okaloosa County safe should be a top priority.	7/28/2026 9:41 PM

68	Greed by the wealthy and powerful. Corporations getting kickbacks and tax breaks because they bring in 30 new jobs but our schools are operating on reduced budgets in severely outdated and crumbling buildings. Spending millions of dollars to convert a parcel of land at the foot of the Shalimar bridge into a park no one asked for. No one wants all those trees cut down. I am 48 years old and was born and raised here. Ft. Walton used to be such a vibrant, thriving economic city and it has become so rundown and dilapidated. Mary Esther was booming with the mall and movie theaters and so many nearby shops and restaurants and entertainment areas. It was THE place to be on Fridays and Saturdays. Eglin Parkway between the Shalimar bridge and the Cinco Bayou bridge is so sad and depressing now. Frankly, you just drive through that area now, there is nothing worth stopping for anymore. You guys have successfully developed the beaches - we get more tourists than we can handle and millions in revenue from their visits. It's time to step back from the beaches and develop the cities and towns the every day locals live in. Invest in our towns, invest in our schools, invest in bettering our local environment. The tourists go home after a week - the rest of us live here and continue to support our community long after the summer is over. Invest in and prioritize us.	7/28/2026 9:24 PM
69	Infrastructure (roads/traffic)	7/28/2026 1:16 PM
70	Traffic, housing cost, and taxes	7/28/2026 11:47 AM
71	Illegal public surveillance using ai ALPR cameras.	7/28/2026 10:56 AM
72	Undocumented persons	7/28/2026 9:09 AM
73	Understanding the very different needs in the north vs south ends of the county. The upcoming animal welfare plan is a significant problem as well. There was already not enough services provided and now we're reducing them further. Local animal welfare non-profits can't assume the load. They are all struggling too.	7/28/2026 8:57 AM
74	boat ramps	7/28/2026 8:50 AM
75	Over development Lack of infastructure- roads to/from north to southend	7/25/2026 4:25 PM
76	Traffic and infrastructure Overbuilding …pushing military out…	7/25/2026 12:03 PM
77	The Commissioners spend well out of their means.	7/25/2026 10:09 AM
78	Over development. The next hurricane that causes any kind of evacuation will be a tragic loss of life. Not to mention all the subpar homes that are being approved that will crumble.	7/24/2026 4:53 PM
79	Affordable housing and the challenges that will come with the proposed homestead tax exemption.	7/23/2026 9:27 AM
80	Corruption	7/23/2026 3:41 AM
81	Keeping citizens alive	7/22/2026 11:22 PM
82	Traffic congestion …	7/22/2026 5:52 PM
83	Tight budgets: balancing the needs of the community with limited tax dollars. I expect my County Commissioners to focus on a safe community with good infrastructure and access to a comprehensive education system with schools, colleges and libraries.	7/22/2026 1:52 PM
84	Lack of infrastructure to support the growing population needs. Slow construction.	7/22/2026 12:58 PM
85	Growth	7/21/2026 1:30 PM
86	maintain public safety	7/20/2026 10:33 PM
87	Financial burdens brought about by State government/Governor.	7/20/2026 8:57 AM
88	Overdevelopment	7/17/2026 6:12 PM
89	Roads and reliable cell/internet services for north county. Lack of reliable animal services I am honestly an ashamed of okaloosa county's response to animal service needs.	7/17/2026 3:31 PM
90	Lack of affordable housing	7/17/2026 3:29 PM
91	Commissioners that don't listen Develop too much for tourists only	7/17/2026 1:56 PM
92	Over development and compromised public officials	7/17/2026 1:07 PM

93	Crooked Politicians	7/17/2026 12:51 PM
94	Properly spending our money to support the people who live here. We focus too much on the tourists because they do bring in a lot of taxes, but we citizens live here year-round. We need proper animal care and control like our neighboring counties have!!	7/17/2026 9:52 AM
95	Concerned with the leadership on the dais. Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Mixon seem to be serving the needs of special interests and not listening to the needs of the citizens, who elected them. The ongoing issue with Destin's Gulf Shore property and Mr. Palmer is an issue. He "hosted" a town hall to get direction on what the county "should do with the public park" and now says the county has no authority of said park as it relates to the City of Destin's request. It is also concerning that a member of the commission, Cox, does not and did not reside in the area she was elected to serve in. The county attorney was made aware of this and has done nothing. Again, this points to a lack of leadership from the top down. Okaloosa County needs leadership and leaders who have integrity and take the oath of office to heart.	7/17/2026 9:50 AM
96	Transparency, over regulation, and general political corruption.	7/17/2026 9:30 AM
97	The loss of the property tax.	7/16/2026 6:37 AM
98	ANIMAL CONTROL!!!!!!!!!!! Your plan for Animal Control Lite is a joke! And once that snowball starts rolling downhill and everyone in the county is affected, and will ALL will be, you will spends YEARS trying to correct something that should have been made a priority from the beginning instead of focusing on the bogus and frivolous things you all have been focusing on for the past year. It's infuriating to those of us who live here, work here, volunteer here and are scraping to get by see the county commissioners punt the huge burden of animal control back onto an already struggling population of people who are not equipped to deal with it. You said you all could do it better, SO DO IT BETTER!!!!	7/14/2026 12:24 PM
99	Spending - this is a time we need to be focussed on needs not wants.	7/13/2026 8:25 AM
100	Large infrastructure projects that will most likely need extra funding	7/13/2026 6:19 AM
101	Lack of zoning. Affordable housing.	7/12/2026 8:07 PM
102	Traffic and over crowding	7/12/2026 2:16 PM
103	Over development. Not responsive to residents and the planning study.	7/10/2026 3:15 PM
104	All of the choas the bridge construction has caused, lights not being timed properly to keep the flow moving to Destin promptly. Officers assisting individuals who are on drugs, AFFORDABLE HOUSING not having affordable housing is driving all the actual workers out and lowering standards. Unsolved shootings like the Shalimar young kid.	7/10/2026 9:25 AM
105	Traffic congestion/accidents Inadequate Infrastructure/urban sprawl/urban decentralization	7/10/2026 7:33 AM
106	We already can’t handle the amount of tourists that come here, but yet you people keep building and building and building for them, not for your local people. You don’t give a crap about your local people.	7/10/2026 7:30 AM
107	People care more about money than anything else.	7/10/2026 12:05 AM
108	Getting good representation on the BOCC and not the special interest. Underhanded sale of the sand in Destin.	7/9/2026 5:47 PM
109	Affordable housing, prevalence Of drugs	7/9/2026 5:31 PM
110	Too many hotels and tourists. Not enough beach access for locals. Horrible traffic in the summer/spring break seasons.	7/9/2026 5:02 PM
111	Neglecting traffic issues including funding patrols to stop the madness	7/9/2026 2:56 PM
112	Allowing rampant housing development by known definition builders. DR HORTON	7/9/2026 1:19 PM
113	Allocations of resources and funds in prudent manners	7/9/2026 12:21 PM
114	The fact that our leaders never plan for infrastructure for all the houses and people they want to add and the lack of education helps us vote against ourselves	7/9/2026 11:05 AM
115	Stop raising taxes, cutting government spending needs to be a priority. All departments that aren't self-funding need to be cut minimum 10%.	7/9/2026 10:24 AM

116	Far too much housing growth in N Okaloosa! No infrastructure to support the additional vehicles. Not enough shopping opportunities.	7/9/2026 9:55 AM
117	Money issues. Threat to our public library and city recreation services. QUALITY OF LIFE MATTERS. NOT JUST EXISTING. VOTE NO ON DELETING PROPERTY TAXES IF IT DIMINISHES OUR LIVES THIS MUCH.	7/9/2026 8:51 AM
118	Democrats moving here from California, New York etc.	7/9/2026 8:48 AM
119	Overdevelopment	7/9/2026 8:17 AM
120	Crime, drugs, gangs	7/9/2026 8:03 AM
121	Reasonably priced housing ($1,000 or <) for people who don't qualify for low-income housing, but also don't make much more. Stop spending money on more parks and facilities when there are not enough people to maintain them.	7/9/2026 7:54 AM
122	Population and Traffic	7/9/2026 7:54 AM
123	Traffic, homeless,crackeads,crooked ass cops. The dumb fucks that run the city.	7/9/2026 7:46 AM
124	State legislation, Property Tax Bill, Surtax Tax Referendum	7/9/2026 7:35 AM
125	traffic and seemingly not well thought out growth	7/8/2026 9:32 PM
126	Influx of crime Lack of accountability	7/8/2026 8:39 PM
127	Housing , road conditions related pot holes and drainage	7/8/2026 6:35 PM
128	Proposed property tax elimination	7/8/2026 3:55 PM
129	Adequate roads	7/8/2026 8:42 AM
130	Controlling growth	7/7/2026 9:06 PM
131	Overabundance of new subdivisions.	7/7/2026 1:15 PM
132	Manageing growth, traffic and keeping taxes low	7/7/2026 4:47 AM
133	Unreasonable spending, Destin new park is a huge waste of money, available only for people with boats. You can't call it public if you need to spend money to visit it. Rules for electric bikes and scooters are not enforced, they are dangerous both for walkers and drivers.	7/7/2026 12:16 AM
134	Affordable housing	7/6/2026 8:16 PM
135	Budget	7/6/2026 1:20 PM
136	Crime, roads in need of repair, people driving erratically and not enough law enforcement and people to work/handle all of these situations. That being said, I believe you do a good job with what you have.	7/6/2026 8:01 AM
137	Animal Control & Protective Services	7/5/2026 10:17 PM
138	Traffic from poorly maintained roads and too many cars on them.	7/5/2026 7:51 PM
139	Corrupt county commissioners	7/5/2026 2:49 PM
140	Mosquitoes and roads.	7/4/2026 8:10 PM
141	The Good Ol Boy system in its politics.	7/4/2026 7:27 PM
142	Roads and schools	7/4/2026 6:13 PM
143	Traffic during tourist season	7/4/2026 5:59 PM
144	Housing/traffic/rising crime	7/4/2026 4:51 PM
145	Too much development and not enough emphasis on saving our environment or ensuring our infrastructure can adequately handle the current levels of development	7/4/2026 4:13 PM
146	We need more for animals (shelters, etc), homeless/low income families, veterans, and family activities especially those for older children.	7/4/2026 3:59 PM

147	Overdevelopment and poor infastructure	7/4/2026 3:32 PM
148	The rapid expansion of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office's "Flock Safety" camera network constitutes the most significant challenge facing our community today. By creating a continuous, warrantless dragnet that tracks the physical movements of everyday citizens, this technology compromises the fundamental constitutional rights of our residents. While local law enforcement champions these automated license plate readers (ALPRs) as efficient tools for criminal investigations, the permanent deployment of dozens of fixed cameras across public right-of-ways shifts the paradigm of policing from targeted suspicion to mass surveillance. By tracking vehicle models, colors, and unique features, the private Flock network compiles a comprehensive database of law-abiding individuals going to church, medical appointments, and political gatherings. This pervasive data collection directly challenges the Fourth Amendment, which guarantees freedom from unreasonable searches. The U.S. Supreme Court established in Carpenter v. United States (2018) that individuals maintain a reasonable expectation of privacy in the entirety of their physical movements. Aggregating systemic, long-term location history without judicial oversight infringes upon this boundary. Furthermore, the high-profile 2026 Supreme Court decision in Chatrie v. United States confirmed that modern, persistent digital tracking requires strict constitutional boundaries. Public safety must not demand the surrender of localized civil liberties. Okaloosa County must implement rigorous and PUBLIC oversight, require independent JUDICIAL warrants for historical database queries, or suspend the Flock program entirely to protect the privacy rights guaranteed to its citizens.	7/4/2026 2:04 PM
149	Animal Contol- support for lost pets & owners, strays, neuter & spay program	7/4/2026 1:15 PM
150	Animal control light	7/4/2026 11:13 AM
151	Traffic- to many houses being built and not enough roads to support it! Animal control needs to be supported better!	7/4/2026 10:48 AM
152	The terrible leadership that is putting residents and visitors in danger by cutting the animal services.	7/4/2026 10:16 AM
153	Attracting retail business and restaurants, NOT more car washes and storage places. Also, infrastructure.	7/4/2026 10:15 AM
154	Ineffective animal control and all the stray dogs/cats; spending on tourism instead of local improvements	7/4/2026 9:46 AM
155	Upkeep and lack of restaurants	7/4/2026 7:16 AM
156	Increasing traffic and aging roads with active construction.	7/3/2026 8:10 PM
157	The county commissioners	7/3/2026 1:46 PM
158	Public health and safety, road maintenance, traffic flow, and population growth	7/2/2026 10:39 PM
159	Not responding to emails. The only one who does is Carolyn Ketchel. They have assistants, there is no excuse not to. A person was talking about a problem she was experiencing on Facebook in a group I belong to. I said her county commissioner could help with that. I asked who it was and she said Sherri Cox. I informed her the best ways to connect with her and she said she has several times and was ignored. I was very sad for her because it involves her being a single mother. This was months ago so I don't really remember who it was. She ended up getting blocked from the commissioner on social media which is not right. Mixed-Use Accounts: If an account is used for both official government business and personal posts, the commissioner cannot block followers on the posts where they are acting in their official government capacity. She has blocked numerous people of who she disagrees with.	7/2/2026 10:07 PM
160	Overdevelopment	7/2/2026 9:05 PM
161	Here is one for you…. How about your elected commissioner communicating with her constituents what they need and is she working on for us. Let's do a town hall on social media since she is too scared to meet them in person	7/2/2026 11:02 AM
162	Roads need help, housing(rentals and owning) prices are too high, young families can't survive in south end, stop focusing on tourist and bring help for locals, leave destin in destin: airport/fair grounds don't need the destin name	7/2/2026 9:40 AM
163	Infrastructure but you guys keep letting businesses off the hook with taxes.	7/2/2026 9:35 AM

164	Stopping the County Commissioners approving new housing developments.	7/2/2026 8:19 AM
165	Crowding population and weak infrastructure. Stop approving new homes	7/2/2026 8:16 AM
166	Unfettered growth in the north end without the infrastructure to support it.	7/2/2026 6:10 AM
167	Public confidence in the way our tax dollars are spent.	7/2/2026 6:10 AM
168	Special Education School Board decisions	7/2/2026 3:12 AM
169	Homeless and housing costs	7/2/2026 12:59 AM
170	Over development, especially around Crestview. Thousands of homes being built, just outside CV city limits so no city tax revenue to pay for infrastructure, but increased traffic.	7/1/2026 10:08 PM
171	TRAFFIC!!!!	7/1/2026 9:41 PM
172	Traffic	7/1/2026 9:35 PM
173	Aging infrastructure and too much money being sent to the north end bypass for almost a decade	7/1/2026 9:27 PM
174	The rise of fascism. The lack of officials recognizing this. The constituents do not like flock cameras. End 287(g). Quit over policing and put money back into the county.	7/1/2026 7:04 PM
175	Cleaning up vagarant camps	7/1/2026 6:55 PM
176	Blight, retail shopping is lacking, affordable housing	7/1/2026 6:29 PM
177	Over building in the rural areas.	7/1/2026 4:50 PM
178	only 2 commissioners have a true & honest interest in the county...	7/1/2026 4:32 PM
179	Not hearing locals concerns, clarity on certain issues, excessive growth that the local residents do not want. Purchasing property with TDC money for parks and such, a good hurricane could alter TD dollars and push maintenance to ad valorem that has a unknown future.	7/1/2026 4:10 PM
180	Wasting taxpayer funds on unimportant “projects” and participating in shady land deals (Noriego Point, etc.)	7/1/2026 4:00 PM
181	Infrastructure	7/1/2026 3:56 PM
182	Infrastructure, lack of affordable housing for people who work	7/1/2026 3:44 PM
183	Traffic,	7/1/2026 3:43 PM
184	Too many people, no infrastructure to handle them.	7/1/2026 3:42 PM
185	Money and liars	7/1/2026 3:34 PM
186	Traffic taxes	7/1/2026 3:31 PM
187	Infrastructure keeping up with growth. Lack of variety in entertainment	7/1/2026 3:11 PM
188	Unruly tourists. People not offering beach rules and laws.	7/1/2026 3:10 PM
189	The out of control development and destruction of natural resources. Lenar and DR Horton will destroy this county!	7/1/2026 3:07 PM
190	Growth	7/1/2026 3:05 PM
191	Traffic congestion on State Road 85, road infrastructure not keeping pace with housing development.	7/1/2026 2:59 PM
192	Out of touch old white people	7/1/2026 2:58 PM
193	Overdevelopment, service for visitors/tourists instead of residents, poor leadership by County Commissioners.	7/1/2026 2:49 PM
194	Corrupt county members doing back room property deals ignoring Destin citizens	7/1/2026 2:43 PM
195	Corruption	7/1/2026 2:35 PM
196	Public safety and animal welfare!	7/1/2026 2:30 PM

197	Crooked politicians	7/1/2026 2:27 PM
198	Elected officials and hired officials not being paid off by developers! The tax payers have made it clear...NO MORE CRACKER JACK HOUSING!! Zero lot line and postage stamp houses are killing our home values. There are plenty of affordable housing in Okaloosa now. Stop allowing the developers to strip the land to build 250 houses on acreage that probably shouldn't have than 100 houses. We the people have repeatedly told our county commissioners to stop issuing new home/apartment permits. Crestview doesn't have the infrastructure to support anymore housing.	7/1/2026 2:27 PM
199	Leadership	7/1/2026 2:18 PM
200	Corruption	7/1/2026 2:16 PM
201	Icebergs	7/1/2026 2:15 PM
202	Over population with ABYSMAL management	7/1/2026 2:11 PM
203	Population and Traffic Growth.	7/1/2026 2:08 PM
204	Over development of houses, 85 traffic, 98 traffic, tourism taking priority over local residents, Commissioners refusal to do a town hall in Baker.	7/1/2026 2:02 PM
205	Infrastructure needs	7/1/2026 1:11 PM

Q20 Additional comments for Okaloosa County government, departments and/or services?

Answered: 128 Skipped: 172

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Would like to know how my property taxes have more than doubled since I have moved here in 2004? Yet there’s no improvement with regard to growth (especially in Crestview)? Thanks for giving us an opportunity to voice our opinions. Please consider surveying the local population at least once a year in the future.	9/6/2026 8:39 PM
2	I’ve seen talk on next door about the library, park renovation and a few other things however I would think the money should go to cleaning up Fort Walton Beach. Being new to the city I live close to downtown and enjoy that area. But driving inward it just seems so run down and uninviting. With the new bridge more people will migrate to this city. Especially tourist. Definitely need more opportunity.	9/6/2026 8:08 AM
3	NO DATA CENTERS!! We're tired of being sold out!	9/4/2026 10:18 AM
4	Who ever was in charge of the cinco bayou boat ramp needs to publicly apologize for the months of inactivity, lying to the boating community and should never be allowed to spearhead another project. That “tourism” building is a complete waste of money and valuable waterfront land similar to the one in crestview. The locals deserve better since we are the actual people you serve and not yourselves or your tight group of business buddies. Our county officials should also be calling every day trying to get the state to hurry up and resurface Eglin Pkwy. This is ridiculous !! The mayor of shalimar calls constantly trying to help. Seems like a lot of opportunities yall pass the buck and just ultimately don't care. Please know that locals are watching and will not be voting again for current commissioners seeking reelection. We have lost our faith and feel like you simply do not care what the public actually want/need.	9/3/2026 5:17 AM
5	The airport is being run by ex-military members who have a very poor management style concerning dealing with "partners" at the airport. I will be contacting the board regarding the multiple issues.	9/2/2026 8:15 AM
6	Look at doing away with vacant Alleys in neighborhoods like behind Southside School. It’s a highway for Drug deals and the movement of stolen property 1 block behind an Elementary School. The other downfall is Hoarder houses overflowing onto city and County property	9/1/2026 7:53 PM

7	If someone calls one of the departments for information or for help, it would be nice if the phone calls were returned as promised!	9/1/2026 3:44 PM
8	Steps to plant trees, palms and florals to beautify the entrance to Okaloosa county would be nice. We need to amplify the natural beauty our town has. The county right of ways need to be maintained more timely. When calling the desk person always says, "the BCC is shorthanded and only has a few folks to cut the entire county on a schedule." Let's take pride in our piece of paradise.	9/1/2026 2:03 PM
9	Just think more of how your decisions will affect the citizens that live and spend money here year round as much as you do. for just a tourist that visits for a week. Also we pay county taxes, let us enjoy our beaches and parks.	9/1/2026 1:36 PM
10	Do better.	9/1/2026 12:24 PM
11	With all the new housing areas being constructed why do we need another 1/2 cent sales tax for infrastructure? New residents should fit the bill.	8/21/2026 1:10 PM
12	I don’t think your job is easy, but I need I need you to spend less money on development and more money on libraries, parks, and community resources. We need to have fair taxes for the wealthy and corporations and less tax breaks for business. There can be a fair balance for encouraging economic growth that doesn’t sabotage the infrastructure and putting money into the library system and the gorgeous environment down here in this wonderful county.	8/20/2026 9:31 PM
13	The Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC) is one of the best resources for the public in Okaloosa county. It services families, seniors, singles, young adults with free programs, books, media, online resources such as newspaper archives, ebooks, statewide digital resources, and much more like summer reading programs. OCPLC helps Okaloosa County citizens be well informed, entertained, and helps build community through its programs.	8/20/2026 9:09 PM
14	Quit taking money from departments that make the county infrastructure run. Facility maintenance, IT.	8/16/2026 9:33 AM
15	stop encroaching on farmland by approving growth in the north end. It's overcrowded and not needed.	8/15/2026 5:31 PM
16	Look at what Pinellas County did with Hwy 19 thru St. Petersburg, Largo, and Clearwater. The use of overpass's and service roads is the only way to long term fix Hwy 98 Destin thru Navarre and Hwy 85 thru Crestview. There should be a moratorium on any new construction in the county until the road system is improved to handle the increase in traffic.	8/15/2026 2:08 AM
17	The TDD is doing a great job attracting persons to their venues.	8/14/2026 5:17 PM
18	I grew up in San Diego, CA, and watched as unrestrained development: a.)destroyed irreplaceable wild habitat, b.)polluted waterways and c.)created ongoing drought & fire conditions. This is such a beautiful area, with so many natural resources. I hope we can wisely grow without destroying the very beauty that attracts folks to this region.	8/14/2026 2:49 PM
19	Stop growth until infastructure in olace	8/14/2026 8:07 AM
20	Animal services lacking. Not enough police presents. No ICE agents have been seen.	8/14/2026 7:57 AM
21	Make everything financially transparent in a layperson’s way.	8/14/2026 1:25 AM
22	Make the commissioner answer emails! Ketchel is basically the only one who does. Why do they have assistance if they won’t respond to us? I’d like to see an ordnance passed to prevent my neighbor from parking next to my property everyday. He does it to be a jerk. I know there’s a 48 hour rule but omg.	8/13/2026 11:20 PM
23	Better planning around roads and infrastructure to make smarter commutes	8/13/2026 8:41 PM
24	The county should have a "quality of life" surcharge tax (10%) on all non-permanent Okaloosa residents (tourists) added to all sales purchases in the county. Must have proof of Okaloosa residence to be exempt.	8/13/2026 7:17 PM
25	Whats the point?	8/13/2026 5:44 PM
26	Stop putting in shit stores for old ass people, like Ross, get us a box store, target, another hardware store.	8/13/2026 2:27 PM

27	STOP RUNAWAY OVER DEVELOPMENT!	8/5/2026 1:30 PM
28	Need less housing and more jobs and things to do besides drinking and the beach	8/3/2026 7:15 AM
29	I understand that you will never be able to please everyone. However, you have not done anything to appease even the majority. You ask for our feedback and ignore it when it goes against what you have already decided you want to do. You don't seem to actually care about the citizens of this county.	7/31/2026 7:25 AM
30	As a realtor I love to help people with their home purchases. Please quit allowing companies like DRHorton to build homes with less than average quality for tax dollars.	7/31/2026 7:10 AM
31	We must slow down growth some how. Stop changing agricultural land to subdivisions. Our fresh water is running out, our wildlife have no where to live. The roads are crowded, our insurance rates are out of control due to growth.	7/31/2026 12:53 AM
32	Do better.	7/31/2026 12:52 AM
33	Stop being so difficult on the Norriego park issue.	7/31/2026 12:02 AM
34	We need better communication about severe storms outside of hurricanes. Why no tornado sirens? Notifications of tornado warnings are not specific enough regarding location. The county is huge, from the Gulf to Alabama state line, we need more precise location information.	7/30/2026 10:49 PM
35	The library system is great, but we need recreational facilities for families and kids who are older than playground age.	7/30/2026 10:11 PM
36	You should look at taking care of your employees. A cost of living adjustment is not a raise. You've given a certain employee over a 60,000 raise in the last 10 years while other employees struggle to provide for their families. Okaloosa County should be a place where employees would be proud to work. #employeesfirst	7/30/2026 10:06 PM
37	It's hard not to notice how quickly Okaloosa County is changing. New houses are being built everywhere, more people are moving in every day, but our roads, schools, and infrastructure don't seem to be keeping up with the growth. Progress is important, but growth without proper planning creates bigger problems for the communities that have called this place home for generations. Traffic gets worse, resources get stretched thin, and the small-town character we love slowly starts to disappear. Development should come with a plan — not just more homes packed in with no thought about the future. We need leaders who will protect the quality of life for the people who are already here while preparing wisely for those who are coming.	7/30/2026 9:43 PM
38	Stop allowing development when your roads can't handle it. There is no infrastructure.	7/30/2026 8:15 PM
39	If you all could care more about the people that live here rather than the tourists, that would be great….	7/30/2026 11:46 AM
40	Sheriff's Department will not take public comment or criticism. That needs to be addressed now.	7/30/2026 10:47 AM
41	Please don't raise the taxes more	7/30/2026 7:12 AM
42	It would nice to have Okaloosa County have a nice landscaped area around the official welcome to Okaloosa County signage at each entry point, to set our beautiful county apart from others and roll out the welcome mat for residents and guests arriving. Idea to continue to ask FDOT to add tree and landscaping to medians, ramps and other areas to beautify our part of the state.	7/28/2026 9:41 PM
43	Listen to your citizens. Let them all speak at meetings. Reach out to the every day citizen. Go into the modest neighborhoods and find out what is important to those people. People in big, waterfront homes have completely different priorities than the other 90% of Okaloosa County residents. Make the communities of Niceville, of Baker, of Laurel Hill be as well cared for as Destin is. What is the saying: happy employees make businesses thrive. Happy citizens make communities thrive. And happy citizens are heard, valued and invested in.	7/28/2026 9:24 PM
44	Need more than once a day beach flag reports.	7/28/2026 3:21 PM
45	Is there a monthly newsletter we can subscribe to brace-mail?	7/28/2026 1:16 PM
46	Remove flock cameras and be more transparent with citizens.	7/28/2026 10:56 AM

47	Storm runoff is still a problem on Mainsail Drive, Niceville. After a hard rain, water stands for many days in the ditch at 4199 Mainsail Drive. It is a health hazard to residents.	7/28/2026 9:09 AM
48	Please engage with public more on every level.	7/28/2026 8:57 AM
49	For our planning purposes we would like to see earlier where our retiree health insurance will be.	7/26/2026 8:11 AM
50	Need to work more for the people then themselves	7/25/2026 4:25 PM
51	Stop spending so much money. Just because you have it, doesn’t mean you have to spend it so fast!!!	7/25/2026 12:03 PM
52	I've lived in the county for 10 yrs ajd its only gotten worse. The county is ran by dishonest people who are only focused on revenue. Traffic on 98 is about to push AFSOC to a new location and local are being pushed off our own beaches. We haven't been to Destin between May through October in 5 years! Pensacola is attracting more business from ppl on the north side of the county than ever before.	7/24/2026 4:53 PM
53	Clean house with OCSO. There needs to be a major overhaul in training, leadership and policy. THE MILITARY DOESN'T TRUST THE LOCAL COPS.	7/22/2026 11:22 PM
54	Thank you for asking. Part time resident - second home.	7/22/2026 5:52 PM
55	Taxes are the cost of a civilized society with safety, well maintained communities, parks and libraries.	7/22/2026 1:52 PM
56	A lot of people get info from the Nextdoor app, your PIO usually posts there but I did not see that listed as an option on where we would find news.	7/22/2026 12:58 PM
57	public safety cannot be maintained without taking care of the people that work at	7/20/2026 10:33 PM
58	The County Commissioners and the County admin staff are doing a great job. The guy in PIO is also really cool.	7/20/2026 8:57 AM
59	Whoever is approving all these new housing projects in Crestview they are destroying our town! I will be voting to oust you from your position. Greedy people and taking developers money invading our once quaint town.	7/17/2026 6:12 PM
60	Frustrated because my district elected officials won’t return email	7/17/2026 1:56 PM
61	I was born here over 40 years ago and unfortunately have seen a lot of poor decisions in approving various unnecessary developments and lack of upkeep in the last 5 years. We need stronger infrastructure before more subdivisions are built.	7/17/2026 1:07 PM
62	We're watching 👀	7/17/2026 12:51 PM
63	You have kicked the can down the road on animal care long enough, trying to get by. Little has improved since I moved here in 1993. No matter what happens in November voting, find the money to fix this concern of many people. Tourist money could be considered because they could encounter dog, cat wildlife problems too. What would the news look like if a tourist was bite by a stray and the response was as messed up as we will be this fall?	7/17/2026 9:52 AM
64	We have one of the most beautiful places in the USA to call home. Let's work for the good of the county, to make Okaloosa the envy of the state. Support the cities in the county and work as a TEAM to accomplish great things for NW Florida. That mission seems to be lost with the men currently sitting on the commission.	7/17/2026 9:50 AM
65	There is serious concern that county commissioners aren’t representing constituents and are using their positions to enrich themselves, their friends, and donors.	7/17/2026 9:30 AM
66	Transparency is completely lacking. And you have a total disregard for what anyone in the public has to say. It's completely dismissive to see your reactions during meeting videos. Also, you seem to not want the public to actually attend meetings and have a say because you hold them in the middle of the week during the workday when parents are trying to get kids to school and the rest of us are working and cannot attend. What is that about?? How about holding meetings when people can actually be there to have a say in the decisions you're all making for all of us who live here.	7/14/2026 12:24 PM

67	Yes…we appreciate the massive time that all of you spend on keeping our county in the best shape as possible - on every level.	7/13/2026 1:28 PM
68	Transparency.....	7/13/2026 8:25 AM
69	Keep the public informed. Stop spending so much money!!!' Enforce speed laws. Lower traffic speeds everywhere by 5 miles, please!	7/12/2026 2:16 PM
70	Finish one project before starting 30 others. Understanding it creates jobs but its created absolute traffic choas	7/10/2026 9:25 AM
71	County politicians are unresponsive to citizens complaints and often violate public trust (ethical misconduct)	7/10/2026 7:33 AM
72	I've lived here almost my whole life, and I do not like good ole boy systems, dirty deals and greasing each others palms. Fort Walton beach looks hideous but let's put in some more storage units, car washes oil, change, places, mattress places, and let's let step one come in here and take over everything and Aldi too.	7/10/2026 7:30 AM
73	Better protection for native plants. We should be allowed to have native wildflower yards. There are Florida statutes for Florida friendly yards, yet the county and city doesn't have ordinances protecting us. Our parks should have native plants. Artificial turf is bad and doesn't allow for proper drainage. Those of us living in FWB City have to pay twice for things like BTRs. This is wrong. We need to hire better Leo's. Ones with morals and not bullies who use excessive force.	7/10/2026 12:05 AM
74	Time for three new commissioners for sure. Time to sit and be honest with constituents.	7/9/2026 5:47 PM
75	Take better care of your streets and storm drains. Maintenance is key not waiting for a crisis.	7/9/2026 2:56 PM
76	NA	7/9/2026 1:19 PM
77	Some commissioners more concerned with allocating funds towards concerns of their own personal interests more than ensuring necessary entities maintain adequate funding I.e. maintaining levels of funding for particular parks vs. maintaining concern for adequately funding public safety entities.	7/9/2026 12:21 PM
78	Airport needs more people working there. The airlines always seem undermanned. I sure as heck do NOT like the "Destin FWB" logo all over the county. Why the heck do we have that logo in Crestview, Baker, etc? It's a real slap in the face to see it plastered all over the county like no other cities matter in Okaloosa county.	7/9/2026 10:24 AM
79	It is very unfair to give a 100% property tax reduction to disabled military but NOT to other 100% disabled civilians! Support your local citizens not just the military.	7/9/2026 9:55 AM
80	Most of you fcks in charge should quit. Youre a bunch of suck dick steal from the community mither fuckers. Youre all did damned crooks. And you should all go to prison right before your lengthy stay in hell. Fuck every last one of you boot licking nigga loving scum.	7/9/2026 7:46 AM
81	County needs to help with animal control as residents, shelters, and some local businesses are doing their part; County should also	7/8/2026 8:39 PM
82	Did NOT like that Gov DeSantis paid Guidry $83million for land purchase, I no longer trust Mixon or Drew Palmer, they got influenced by money and power.	7/8/2026 6:35 PM
83	Keep doing what you're doing and keep improving	7/8/2026 11:27 AM
84	Commissioners, Please stop rezoning agricultural land to R-1 residential. If the proposed property tax changes become law, counties could face reduced property tax revenue. This is another reason to preserve agricultural land and prioritize economic development that creates long term revenue through business growth, job creation, and commercial investment rather than continued residential expansion. I encourage the County to focus on attracting and supporting businesses that diversify our tax base and strengthen our local economy while protecting the agricultural character of Okaloosa County.	7/7/2026 1:15 PM
85	We do not need a light at Poquito	7/6/2026 9:26 AM
86	Please do something about our roads, the potholes need to be repaired. I'm having car issues because of bad roads, two new tires thus far.	7/6/2026 8:01 AM

87	ACPS are essential and can be provided with little yo no extra extra expenses if done compassionately and correctly.	7/5/2026 10:17 PM
88	Need to clean up the homeless and actually provide code enforcement to derelict properties	7/5/2026 2:49 PM
89	Patrick Maddox is not a good person, his idea of caring for people is yelling and intimidating them. He plays into the good ol boy system and our county commissioners are all about letting him bully people.	7/4/2026 7:27 PM
90	Should be more transparent in spending funds	7/4/2026 6:13 PM
91	Thank you for your time and all you do for us!	7/4/2026 5:59 PM
92	I would like to see our commissioners respond more to citizens that take the time to attend and comment during the board meetings. It’s frustrating when it feels like none of them listen to our concerns.	7/4/2026 4:13 PM
93	Need to get better ways to get around. Overcrowded and allowing development continually	7/4/2026 3:32 PM
94	We are in crisis mode and it does not appear to be going well in regards to animal and resident safety.	7/4/2026 1:15 PM
95	Stop building more and start fixing the road problems!	7/4/2026 10:48 AM
96	Animal Services is very important and cutting the budget and services provided has already proven to be a dangerous and ignorant choice.	7/4/2026 10:16 AM
97	PLEASE invest funding in building a state of the art animal control facility with plenty of officers. Follow through. Consider building a better dog park somewhere. Continue to help our homeless population rather than viewing them as nuisances. Find ways to encourage affordable decent housing.	7/4/2026 9:46 AM
98	Commissioners made more public. Get commissioners in that care about our county	7/4/2026 7:16 AM
99	Code enforcement doesn't follow through on complaints if its someone that knows someone on the board	7/3/2026 1:46 PM
100	Very grateful for all our public servants, but I have true concerns regarding responsible growth. Growth is a part of life, but how we grow sustains a life for others coming after us. Following the rules for growth that have been established should not be ignored. Rural areas don’t need more subdivisions. They need responsible individuals that take time to assess the land for storm water and flooding issues so we can establish quality built homes not quantity. Our woodlands should have plans to be preserved not laid flat for subdivisions.	7/2/2026 10:39 PM
101	Children’s park need to be like Niceville, parks need shade, deal with homeless so parents feel safe bringing their kids to parks, get a splash pad at Stillwell park or landing for hot summer days with nice bathrooms like Niceville childrens park	7/2/2026 9:40 AM
102	Actually make buisness pay taxes for improvements in infrastructure. Stop kissing Desantis ass and stop republicans asses. Other fucking people live here to.	7/2/2026 9:35 AM
103	Stop approving housing developments in areas zoned as agricultural!!	7/2/2026 8:19 AM
104	Stop approving so many new housing projects. The roads and services are already over crowded. The high school is in desperate shape and severely overcrowded. Take care of the people currently here paying taxes before expanding the population.	7/2/2026 8:16 AM
105	Stop approving sub-divisions and ruining our way of life. Stop with the personal grift. And for God's sake make decisions that are smart and not money driven.	7/2/2026 6:10 AM
106	Poor customer service. I’ve emailed my commissioner multiple times, left messages and received no response. Not expressly blaming Paul Mixon, but apparently his staff is not performing their job adequately.	7/2/2026 6:10 AM
107	Safety for our children of color with special needs	7/2/2026 3:12 AM
108	Work with Walton County and Eglin AFB to get 285 four laned.	7/1/2026 10:08 PM
109	This was informative. Keep up the communication. I tried get updated information on volunteer opportunities bug checking hasn’t been updated.	7/1/2026 6:29 PM

110	Fix existing roads instead of building new ones then hollering from on high how it alleviates traffic when it was done to open up more land for development. Be honest.	7/1/2026 4:50 PM
111	Palmer, Goodwin & Mixon need to resign! The entire county is disgusted with the crooked dealings of Norriego Point. The truth will come out!	7/1/2026 4:32 PM
112	Shouldn’t have taken away the transportation services	7/1/2026 4:24 PM
113	How is it that so many illegals have taken over rental housing?	7/1/2026 3:44 PM
114	Stop encompassing the locals when you are gouging the tourists. I live here, I will not pay to park here. I avoid Destin like the plague in summer. Traffic is beyond ridiculous.	7/1/2026 3:42 PM
115	Stop being sneaky.	7/1/2026 3:34 PM
116	If we have rules and laws that have fines attached to them, then I want to see more tickets being handed out. Word of mouth will deter those who don't want to obey laws.	7/1/2026 3:10 PM
117	We need to do better to protect our trees and farmland. Stop focusing on tourists as your first priority and make the citizens your priority instead. Housing costs are out of control, even the commander at HAFB says so, as is the traffic. This used to be a nice cozy and friendly county but you all are destroying it with your greed.	7/1/2026 3:07 PM
118	Inadequate animal control services is about to become a big challenge for Okaloosa County.	7/1/2026 2:59 PM
119	Do not commercialize the Holliday isle property. Keep it natural for beach access.	7/1/2026 2:43 PM
120	If a taxpayer calls to get information or help from one of the departments, at least return the phone call or follow up when you make promises that you will!	7/1/2026 2:30 PM
121	Do better	7/1/2026 2:27 PM
122	Why did the county ruin the green space across from the libray in North Crestview? There are plenty of empty lots/buildings in Crestview that could have housed a new county tax/dmv/elections building. The county ruined a great park to now bring more congestion to a small area that was utilized by many families. Again, Okaloosa Commissioners do not listen to the people that trusted them to properly represent the citizens of Okaloosa County.	7/1/2026 2:27 PM
123	I would run if younger for office, builders should have to pay more and conform to areas going into. Citizens should know in advance what is coming and have their input heard	7/1/2026 2:18 PM
124	Get Dr.Horton and Flock out of here stop approving housing on a two lane road like Antioch those new houses are so close to the street there’s just about no damn room to widen the Antioch in the future, speaking of future wasn’t Antioch supposed to be widen just like Pj Adam’s all the way down to hwy90. Get it together, citizens convenience is more value then the money in your pocket. Also make small business great again, Crestview is just about close to coving in to corporate takeover allow small business the chance to be better then let’s say, McDonald’s	7/1/2026 2:16 PM
125	Nick Tomecek Rawks!!!	7/1/2026 2:15 PM
126	Need to setup actual public transit to take pressure off roads. Tourists can't get from airport to hotels without a car/uber. Cant get to beaches unless drive. So much more to add - but its all been said before and 1000 surveys done - but still nothing actually changed	7/1/2026 2:08 PM
127	Baker residents have requested interactions with Sheri Cox. She refuses to visit Baker or hold a town hall.	7/1/2026 2:02 PM
128	Keep up the great worl	7/1/2026 1:11 PM