

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-204

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR A COST SHARE AGREEMENT FOR A MULTI-COUNTY COURTESY AGRICULTURE AGENT WITHIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida and Putnam County, Florida, (hereinafter 'the Counties') are body politics of the State of Florida, are charged with promoting agriculture, family life, horticulture, natural resources, Sea Grant and youth development in co-ordination with the University of Florida Board of Trustees in the Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Counties are interested and supportive of Northeast Florida agriculture education and growth; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has appropriated funds for the purpose of a Multi-County Courtesy Agriculture Agent; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County desires to enter into an agreement with Putnam County for the purpose of funding a Multi-County Courtesy Agriculture Agent to assist the people of the Counties with planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs for alternative crop producers, and for other purposes that benefit the Counties, and their residents (collectively the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Counties have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (attached hereto, and incorporated herein), which sets forth the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements associated with the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have reviewed the terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have determined that the provision of said Services, set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding is a proper public purpose, and is in the overall interests of the citizens of the Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Johns County, Florida, and Putnam County for the purpose of funding a Multi-County Courtesy Agriculture Agent to assist the people of St. Johns County and Putnam County, and authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of St. Johns County.

Section 3. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 7 day of August, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest:


Deputy Clerk

By:


Mark P. Miner, Chair

RENDITION DATE 8/9/12



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Board of County Commissioners of Putnam and St. Johns Counties

Regarding University of Florida Extension


Multi-County Courtesy Agriculture Agent

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish, articulate, and enhance the collaborative relationship between the Putnam and St. Johns County Extension Service. This agreement states the responsibilities of each county as it relates to the Multi-County Courtesy Agricultural Agent.

The Putnam and St. Johns Counties Board of County Commissioners agree to fund the multi-county agriculture agent position as long as county budget conditions allow support for the commitments specified in this MOU.

The parties agree as follows:

1. The Multi-County Courtesy Agricultural Agent will plan, develop, implement, and evaluate educational programs for alternative crop producers in Putnam and St. Johns Counties. The duties for this position were agreed upon by Extension Advisory Committee members in Putnam and St. Johns Counties.
2. Additionally, the agent is expected to be a resource for general agriculture in Putnam County.
3. The agent will assume other assignments and responsibilities as directed by the County Extension Directors in Putnam and St. Johns Counties in support of the total Extension program.
4. The home base county for this position is Putnam, with an office in the municipality of East Palatka.
5. Putnam County will fund 55% of the Multi-County Agricultural Agent position, including salary, benefits and travel.
6. St. Johns County will fund 45% of the Multi-County Agricultural Agent position, including salary benefits and travel.
7. St. Johns County will reimburse Putnam County on an annual basis for its share of the Multi-County Agricultural Agent position.
8. The Multi-County Agricultural Agent will follow the personnel policies of Putnam County.
9. This MOU shall be amended only by written amendments, which must be signed by all parties involved.



County Administrator, Putnam County

6-25-12
Date

Deputy County Administrator, St. Johns County

Date