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Press Release: BoCC Staff Participate in Food Drive Competition

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BRONSON, Fla. — The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) staff held a friendly — yet fiercely competitive — contest to see which department could donate the most food to Tri-County Community Resources' Thanksgiving Food Drive. The winning department would receive a homemade dessert prepared by County Manager Mary-Ellen Harper.

Departments were invited to drop off donations at the BoCC Office from Wednesday, November 4th, through Friday, November 14th. Early on, the BoCC Office, Emergency Management, Human Resources, the Road Department, and the Landfill were steadily contributing. Then, Development Services arrived with more than 200 items, quickly taking the lead. Not to be outdone, the Landfill rallied with 305 donated items. Development Services responded with an additional 420 items to secure their lead.

In total, BoCC departments contributed an impressive **1,215 food items** to Tri-County Community Resources. Beverly Goodman, Manager of Tri-County Community Resources, said the unexpected generosity from BoCC staff made a meaningful difference. "These donations have helped us provide Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to many families who may not have received one otherwise."

County Manager Mary-Ellen Harper praised staff for their enthusiasm and good-natured rivalry. "Competition was fierce! Staff were spotting each other in grocery stores loading carts with canned goods after work — and immediately texting photos to their coworkers, who then went out and bought even more to keep their department ahead," she said. "I truly appreciate the generosity of all of our departments."

Development Services won the competition with **715 donated items**, surpassing the Landfill's **305 items**. As winners, Development Services will receive the dessert of their choice, but Harper added that she'll be making a surprise dessert for Landfill Staff as well.

Both Divisions will be recognized at the November 24, 2025, BoCC Meeting.



Top: Development Services Director Bo Cox, Landfill Office Manager Ophelia Lockhart, and BoCC Administrative Assistant Savannah Lamica load food to deliver to Tri-County Community Resources. **Bottom:** Savannah is shown with all 1,215 donated items.



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