* In an effort of continuous improvement of Wayne County’s emergency services and to reduce cost, the Wayne County EMS and EMA functions will be combined. This will provide a common direction for all non-deputized emergency services of the county. Richard Johnson will be named to lead the Wayne County Emergency Services function as Director. All Ambulance, Fire, and EMA functions of the county will fall underneath the WCES Director. This combined organization will provide a more comprehensive approach toward emergency services in the county, including planning for Wayne County’s future emergency service’s needs. In addition, this organization change will also eliminate one full time position.
* Lamar “Spec” Echols has been named as the Wayne County Recreation Director, effective July 18, 2018. As the interim Recreation Director since March, Spec has lead Wayne County Recreation activities in an exceptional manner. As the Recreation Director, Spec will continue to enhance and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Wayne County’s recreational programs and services for the citizens of Wayne County, while promoting Wayne County’s recreational assets outside our county. Also, Spec will continue with the responsibilities of maintaining Wayne County’s park facilities.
* To improve the services provided to the public at Wayne County’s Parks, Cristy Lamb will be named Wayne County Park Services Specialist reporting to the Wayne County Administrator. The WCPSS will be responsible all recreational concession operations as well as all Wayne County Park Services contracts. This position will provide a more comprehensive and uniformed approach in improving the Wayne County park services, as well as, overseeing contracts for services provided at Wayne County parks. These contracts include, but are not be limited to, concession operations, Jaycee Landing Bait Shop operations, all county owned campground operations, and any other events and rentals associated with Wayne County Parks. This position will be derived from an existing position at the Wayne County Recreation department; therefore, there will be no overall positions added. In addition to moving this one position from the recreation department to the County Administrator there will be one position, the Wayne County Recreation Athletic Coordinator, will be eliminated.