

# JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING RECAP

Jackson County, FL. -

On January 11, 2022 at 9:00am, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners held a Regular Meeting. This is a recap of some of the reports and requests included in that meeting.

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## *RESOLUTION:* LAKE SEMINOLE

Lake Seminole has been severely impacted by natural forces, including Hurricane Michael and invasive aquatic vegetative growth, which prevents the full use of the Lake and its shorelines. The prevention of such uses has and continues to cause major economic and social effects. John Petrie, requested that the JCBOCC join Gadsden County in urging the United States Corps of Engineers to prioritize its efforts, resources, and manpower to participate in corrective and preventative measures in curing the conditions that prevent the full realization of the Lake's benefits. Seminole County and Decatur County, Georgia have adopted a similar joint resolution. The Board voted to pass this resolution.



## *PRESENTATION:* EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Human Resources Director, Judy Austin, requested Board approval for the presentation of the "Employee of the Month" for January of 2022. The employee of the month was named as Julie Warren, of Veteran Services. Julie received a \$50 check along with a paid day off. The board also adopted a proclamation recognizing Mrs. Warren for her hard work and dedication to the County. County Administrator, Wilanne Daniels says, "Employee of the Month is a small way that we are able to recognize Jackson County BOCC employees that go above and beyond. Ms. Warren is always willing and eager to help the veterans in Jackson County. We are proud that she is on our team."

## *RATIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS* "FLORIDA PLAN"

Last year, The State of Florida filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties also filed an action In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") as a result of the opioid epidemic. Jackson County is not a litigating participant in that action. The State of Florida proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation. The Florida Memorandum of Understanding (the "Florida Plan") set forth a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds. Participation in the Florida Plan by a large majority of Florida cities and counties will materially increase the amount of funds to Florida and should improve Florida's relative bargaining position during additional settlement negotiations.

On August 24, 2021, the Board approved the Florida Plan MOU and its accompanying Resolution 2021-28 pertaining to the Opioid litigation.

County Attorney, Michelle Jordan, requested Execution of these Participation Agreements to serve as the County's acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement dated November 15, 2021. The Board approved this item.



# JACKSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## QUARTERLY REPORT

Director of Business Development, Zach Gilmore, presented the Board with a quarterly report detailing the status and happenings of the Jackson County Economic Development Council. The Report included 22 current leads and 32 current projects in the areas of advanced manufacturing, logistics/distribution, aerospace/aviation, medical/healthcare, entrepreneurship, and value added ag. Mr. Gilmore also informed that board that January 1st Tiffany Garling began representing JCEDC on the Florida's Great Northwest Executive Committee and is serving as the Marketing Chair for that organization. She also began serving as the alternate state director for Florida on the Southern Economic Development Council Board which represents 17 states. JCEDC has had a busy start to the year. Last week JCEDC met with 3 potential projects. 2 of those projects have interest in the County owned Endeavor Park property. Additionally, a few projects are in a due diligence period with pending property sales. Gilmore hopes to announce those during the 2nd quarter of the year.

## BOARD APPROVAL: CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

### PEACOCK BRIDGE TRACT

Public Works Director, Rett Daniels, requested board approval of a Confidentiality Agreement between Northwest Florida Water Management District and Jackson County for Peacock Bridge Tract. Under the conditions of this agreement, as required by the provisions of Section 373.139(3)(a) Florida Statutes, the confidentiality of all appraisals, offers and other negotiation matters for the Peacock Bridge tract in Jackson County, Florida shall be maintained by all parties. This is a step forward for the County in the process of acquiring the property for use of its citizens. The Board approved this request.

## BOARD APPROVAL: SANDERS AVENUE SPEED BUMPS

Road and Bridge Director, Jeffrey Register, informed the Board that residents in the area of Signature Healthcare in Graceville have noted an increase in speeding on Sanders Avenue. Many residents have requested the installation of speed bumps to reduce speeding. Before the board voted on the matter, Chief Charlie Brunner was invited to speak on the matter. He informed the board that his team responds to calls from that facility on a regular basis, and that speed bumps are very hard on elderly passengers inside of an ambulance. After much discussion of alternative solutions, the Board tabled this request for a later date.

## BOARD REQUEST: GENERAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER

Wendy Schlesinger, Director of Community Development requested board approval to set a public hearing for construction of a 10,750 square foot building to be known as Dollar General and a 26,000 square foot vehicular use area and sidewalks. The developer is also requesting a variance from Code of Ordinances Sec. 74-103(g)(3) to allow their driveway access to be 229 feet to the nearest driveway access point on Lakepoint Road. The project is to be located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Lakepoint Road and Hwy 231 in unincorporated Jackson County. The Board set a public hearing for the next Board of County Commission meeting scheduled for January 25, 2022, at 6:15 p.m.