

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING RECAP

Jackson County, FL. -

On February 8, 2022, at 9:00 am, 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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PRESENTATION: EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Human Resources Director, Judy Austin, requested Board approval for the presentation of the "Employee of the Month" for February of 2022. The employee of the month was named Mr. William McCrone. William (Bill) received a \$50 check along with a paid day off. The board also adopted a proclamation recognizing Mr. McCrone for his hard work and dedication to the County. William goes above and beyond when he is tasked with any projects by the County, he is quick to address our needs with a smile and a "can-do" attitude. He is always pleasant and ensures that he asks if there is anything else he can do to help. County Administrator, Wilanne Daniels says, "Bill is always ready to help. We are so grateful to have employees like him on our team."



REQUEST: LAKE SEMINOLE LETTER

On January 11, 2022, during a regular meeting, John Petrie approached the Board with the request to adopt a joint resolution with Gadsden County to the United States Corps of Engineers regarding Lake Seminole. Mr. Petrie cited the many impacts on Lake Seminole by natural forces which have ultimately prevented the full use of the Lake and its shorelines. Thus, leading to negative economic and social effects. The Board voted to pass the resolution. At the regular meeting on February 8, 2022, Mr. Petrie requested Board approval of a letter to US Senators and Congressmen Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock, Al Lawson, Neal Dunn, and Sanford Bishop detailing the issues surrounding Lake Seminole. The letter requests \$2,000,000 to fund restoration efforts for the Lake and \$1,000,000 annually to maintain it. This would be hugely beneficial to the County in the way of economic impact, cultural impact, tourist development, natural resource preservation, etc. The Board approved this request.



REQUEST: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AREA

Kwentin Eastberg, Planning Manager at Apalachee Regional Planning Council, requested Board approval of an interlocal agreement re-establishing a Regional Transportation Area. The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major Growth Management legislation enacted during the 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of the program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners. Eligible partners must form a regional transportation area, pursuant to an interlocal agreement, and develop a regional transportation plan that identifies and prioritizes regionally significant facilities. A Regional Transportation Area was previously in existence over a decade ago. There exists an agreement between Calhoun-Gulf-Jackson counties and an agreement between Franklin-Liberty counties. This proposed agreement seeks to combine both areas into an interconnected Region across multiple contiguous counties and has the potential to allow counties to apply for regional transportation projects. The Board approved this request.

REQUEST: GRANT MATCH FUNDS

GRAND RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DPT.

Jackson County Fire Chief, Charlie Brunner requested Board approval for grant match funds to the Town of Grand Ridge Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$7,500.00 for fire bunker gear, fire hose, and fire equipment contingent on the submission of an application for consideration. Jackson County's first responders are a high priority to the Board of County Commissioners. Fire Chief, Charlie Brunner says, "We are grateful to have dedicated Volunteers on the job in Jackson. These funds will serve the Grand Ridge Volunteer Fire Department well, which will allow them to serve Jackson County well." The Board approved this request.

REQUEST: GRANT AGREEMENT

DEO RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Administrative Services Director, Hunter Potts, requested Board approval of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement D0188. The Rural Infrastructure Fund was created to facilitate the financing of infrastructure projects in rural communities, which will encourage job creation, capital investment, and strengthening and diversification of rural economies by promoting tourism, trade, and economic development. The funding from this grant will be used to pursue Industrial Site Certifications for the Endeavor Commerce Site and the Spanish Trail Commerce Site. Deliverables include Site Boundary and Digital Topographic Survey, Phase I Environmental Assessment and Wetland Identification, Master Site Plan, Site Utility and Access Design, and Final Site Certification Application and Submission. The Board approved this request.

REQUEST: HMGP AGREEMENT

CITICAL FACILITIES - GENERATORS

Administrative Services Director, Hunter Potts, requested Board approval of two Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project agreements. These agreements involve installing generators and transfer switches at Critical Facilities and lift stations throughout the County.

The generators will be placed on concrete pads in protective enclosures which are rated for hurricane and storm event impacts. They will be purchased, delivered, and installed by a properly procured vendor. This will allow for Critical Facilities and lift stations to remain operational during potential power outages/natural disasters. The Board approved the request. Jackson County's Critical Facilities are listed as follows:

- Jackson County Administration Building
- Jackson County Emergency Management
- Jackson County Finance Office
- Jackson County Courthouse
- Jackson County Fire Rescue – Main
- Jackson County Road Department
- Jackson County Fleet Maintenance
- Jackson County Agriculture Complex/Extension Office
- Jackson County Agriculture Center
- Jackson County Maintenance/Utilities
- Jackson County Supervisor of Elections

REQUEST: CDBG-DR FUNDING AGREEMENT

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Administrative Services Director, Hunter Potts, requested Board approval of the CDBG-DR Funding Agreement. This agreement is for a grant that has been awarded to Jackson County from the Department of Economic Opportunity's Disaster Relief program for DR-4399 Hurricane Michael, to replace the roof of the Jackson County Correctional Facility. The Board approved this request.

REQUEST: TASK WORK ORDERS

FDOT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Road & Bridge Director, Jeffrey Register, requested board approval of multiple Task Work Orders for FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) grant application document completions. On January 11, 2022, during a special meeting, the Board approved the submission of applications to FDOT under various grant programs including SCRAP (Small County Road Assistance Program), SCOP (Small County Outreach Program), B-SCOP (Bridge Repairs w/ Small County Outreach Program), and CIGP (County Incentive Grant Program.) The County must first determine which roads/bridges are both in need of work AND eligible for funding. This is done based on FDOT's criteria, not the County Commission's. As this is a grant application and not guaranteed funding, the County must comply with the criteria set by FDOT. Then, FDOT will review the application, and determine whether to award the grant. County Administrator, Wilanne Daniels states, "Jackson County is thankful to have the support of FDOT through grant opportunities like these. We are always looking for ways to improve the roadway infrastructure in Jackson County." On February 8, 2022, the Board approved the following Task Work Orders:

- Melvin Engineering to complete FDOT B-SCOP grant application documents for Prim Avenue Bridge and Reddick Mill Road Bridge.
- Alday Howell Engineering to complete FDOT SCRAP grant application documents for Blue Springs Road and SCOP grant application documents for Kynesville Road.
- Capital Engineering to complete FDOT SCOP grant application documents for River Road.
- HMB Profession Engineers, Inc. to complete FDOT CIGP grant application documents for Old Spanish Trail.

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