

MEETING RECAP

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS

October 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. Workplaces

welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy. Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm Jackson County's commitment to an inclusive community that increases access and opportunities to all, including individuals with disabilities. NextStep at Endeavor Academy Director, Tammy Dasher Requested Board approval to adopt a Proclamation commemorating National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Board approved this request.

WHEREAS October 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress declared the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to recognize the contributions made by individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS a diverse workforce creates opportunity for growth and helps toward building an inclusive community and stronger economy for our county; and

WHEREAS these organizations have an overwhelming impact on the lives of many of Jackson County's citizens with autism by offering services including instruction, job coaching, and support services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of Jackson County and the citizens of our community, take great pride in recognizing October 2022, as "Disability Employment Awareness Month" a month of special importance and worthy of the recognition of the citizens of Jackson County.

PROCLAIMED this 11th Day of October, 2022.

JEFFREY BAKER
EOM SEPTEMBER



DANIEL DARBYSHIRE
EOM OCTOBER

In December of 2021, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners saw Daniel Darbyshire step in the role of Interim Tourist Development Council Director. In this role, Mr. Darbyshire (known to his colleagues as "D3"), showed wisdom beyond his years through tremendous responsibility and adaptability. He not only maintained his daily duties while navigating a learning curve, but also lead the County effort in a large-scale Community event, the "Bicentennial Celebration Festival." Mr. Jeffrey Baker of Road & Bridge, has been serving Jackson County since 1988. He consistently produces quality work and exhibits reliability and diligence. For these reasons, Human Resources Director, Judy Austin, requested Board approval to recognize Mr. Darbyshire as Employee of the Month for October of 2022 and Jeffrey Baker for the Month of September. The Board approved this request and adopted the following Proclamations.

WHEREAS, Jackson County has established an “Employee of the Month Program” to recognize one employee to represent the various departments; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Darbyshire began his employment with Jackson County on May 26, 2018 and currently serves in the position of Environmental Service Tech for the Parks and Recycling Department; he also served as the Interim Director of the Jackson County TDC from March 2, 2022 until October 4, 2022. Daniel has been selected as the “Employee of the Month” for October 2022 for the standards that he has displayed in the performance of his job duties; and

WHEREAS, His loyalty and commitment to Jackson County are noticed and admired by his coworkers. He always goes above and beyond his everyday duties to assist the public and co-workers. He comes to work with a can-do attitude and is always willing to handle any task that is presented to him; and

WHEREAS, During his time as Interim Director of the Jackson County TDC, Daniel worked tirelessly to make Jackson County’s Bicentennial celebration a total success. He showed incredible maturity and wisdom as he strove to coordinate staff, vendors, and the public to make the event flawless. Also, as Interim Director of the Jackson County TDC, he was levelheaded, showing a maturity beyond his years in his interactions with Commissioners and the public. Daniel is a great example of what it means to be FOR Jackson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed that the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Florida, commends and congratulates Mr. Daniel Darbyshire on his selection as “Employee of the Month” for October 2022.

WHEREAS, Jackson County has established an “Employee of the Month Program” to recognize one employee to represent the various departments; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Baker began his employment with Jackson County on May 12, 1988 and currently serves in the position of Equipment Operator IV for the Road & Bridge Department, and has been selected as the “Employee of the Month” for September 2022 for the standards that he has displayed in the performance of his job duties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is an exemplary employee who demonstrates professionalism in every task he faces. His loyalty and commitment to Jackson County are noticed and admired by his co-workers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is a dedicated employee that handles issues that arise in a timely and efficient manner. He always goes above and beyond his everyday duties to assist the public and co-workers. He comes to work with a can-do attitude and is always willing to handle any task that is presented to him. Mr. Baker has over 34 years of service with the County and throughout the years he has proven himself to be a valuable asset.

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Florida, commends and congratulates Mr. Jeffrey Baker on his selection as “Employee of the Month” for September 2022.



QUARTERLY REPORT

Zach Gilmore, VP of Business Development, Jackson County Economic Development Committee, delivered a Quarterly JCEDC report to the Board. Mr. Gilmore reported that JCEDC currently has 16 Leads and 58 Projects. In July, Mr. Gilmore was selected to serve on the Florida Economic Development Council Board of Directors. This Quarter saw the Groundbreakings for Project Glad (Chick-Fil-A), and for the Endeavor Industrial Park. In July, JCEDC President & CEO traveled to Colorado for the Logistics Development Forum where she had the opportunity to meet with multiple site selectors face-to-face, attend educational sessions, and network with peers in our industry. The JCEDC team was also represented in San Antonio at the SEDC 2022 Annual Conference. There, they received an award for Best in Class – Small Division – Thinking Outside the Box for their “Swing for the Fences in Jackson County” box that was sent out to site selectors around the world. Mr. Gilmore also traveled to Oklahoma City to represent the County at the IEDC Annual Conference. JCEDC currently have multiple grant applications awaiting funding. The Board was pleased with this report, and encouraged Mr. Gilmore to keep up the good work.

ROAD PROJECT COMPLETE

ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, THE BOARD AWARDED A PROJECT TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO RESURFACE PIANO ROAD. THE ROAD HAS BEEN RESURFACED, AND ALL OTHER WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR, JEFFREY REGISTER, REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL OF CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTATION AND FINAL PAY. THE BOARD APPROVED THIS REQUEST.

SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE SMALL-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. ON OCTOBER 11, 2022, AMBER BARNES, SENIOR PLANNER WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 9.95 ACRES FROM CONSERVATION (C) TO RESIDENTIAL (R) LOCATED 1,000 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 71 SOUTH AND PEACOCK BRIDGE ROAD ON THE WEST SIDE OF HWY 71 SOUTH IN UNINCORPORATED JACKSON COUNTY. THE BOARD APPROVED THIS REQUEST.

