



# JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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### Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On April 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm, 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.

#### **RECOGNITION: Proclamation / Honoring Sonny Davis, Jr. / Years of Service: JCSWCD**



It was a moment of great pride for the Board of County Commissioners when they adopted a proclamation in recognition of Mr. Sonny Davis Jr.'s 36 years of dedicated service to the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District. The proclamation highlighted Mr. Davis's tireless efforts towards the preservation and conservation of the county's soil and water resources, and his unwavering commitment to creating a sustainable and healthy environment for future generations. The board commended Sonny's remarkable contributions to the district, which includes being one of the founding members of the JCSWCD.

They expressed their gratitude for his outstanding service and wished him all the best in his future endeavors. The proclamation served as a testament to Mr. Davis's hard work and dedication, and it was a fitting tribute to a man who had truly made a difference in the community.



**PROCLAMATION**

#### **REQUEST: Adoption of FDOT Resolution / Approval of Agreement for SR 71 Resurfacing**

Road & Bridge Director, Jeffrey Register, requested board approval of a resolution of support and License Agreement for a SR 71 resurfacing project. This will be at the Malloy Plaza (Walmart/Sonny's). The project is for asphalt tie-in, milling and resurfacing outside of FDOT Right of Way, as well as some additional lighting, which will be maintained by the City of Marianna. This License Agreement is necessary due to improvements that are outside FDOT Right of Way and within Jackson County Right of Way.



**RESOLUTION**

**REQUEST: Approval to Award Bid / Debris Removal and Disposal Services**

Interim Administrative Services Director, Brigitte Rehberg, requested Board approval to award Bid Contract 2223-12, for Debris Removal and Disposal Services. The Board recently put this project out to bid to secure a qualified, experienced, and licensed firm to provide Debris Removal and Disposal Services associated with events such as hurricanes, violent storms, spawning tornados, and other disasters. The selected contractor will support the County during a disaster recovery effort and will be responsible for the overall debris collection performed in accordance with the Stafford Act and FEMA policies and guidelines.

Six (6) qualified proposals were received and opened on March 30, 2023 and ranked by the Board. Proposers were ranked per the following criteria:

**Project Approach – Experience – Company Qualifications and Capabilities – Personnel Qualifications and Abilities – Client References – Price.**

After tabulating the bids, Staff recommended awarding the contract to “DRC Emergency Services.”



**REQUEST: Approval of Contract for Concessionaire Services at Jackson Blue Springs**

After discussion during past meetings, the Board directed staff to seek out RFP’s (Request For Proposal) for Concessionaire Services at Blue Springs. This decision was made with the aim of reducing staffing and overhead costs, while also improving the visitor experience. By outsourcing concessions services to a professional and experienced vendor, Jackson County hopes to reduce costs while also enhancing the visitor experience. With a concessionaire, visitors can expect a wider range of food and beverage options, the potential for longer operating seasons, and overall improved customer service. Furthermore, this decision will allow Jackson County to focus on other important tasks such as maintenance, conservation, and education, which are essential to the park's long-term sustainability.

At this meeting, the Board voted to approve the Concessionaire Contract with “Coldwater Excursions” at Jackson Blue Springs starting May 1, 2023.



**REQUEST: Approval to Set a Special Meeting**

Throughout the year, staff will be bringing various items to the Board for Discussion and Update. Staff requested that the Board set a Special Meeting for **Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10 am** to discuss the following items:

**Facility Rental Policy and Agreement – Surplus Property – County Magistrate Policies**



**REQUEST: Approval of Policy and Procedures / Traffic Calming**

Road & Bridge Director, Jeffrey Register, requested board adoption of a new policy that outlines the process for the public to request traffic calming measures such as speed bumps/humps. The policy was developed in response to concerns raised by the community regarding traffic safety and the need for measures to slow down speeding vehicles. The new policy provides a clear and transparent process for residents to make requests for traffic calming measures and establishes specific criteria for evaluating and prioritizing those requests. The board is committed to promoting traffic safety in the county and believes that this policy will go a long way in addressing

the concerns of the community and ensuring that appropriate measures are put in place to protect the safety of residents and motorists alike.

For Policy Info / Request Form / Petition Notice:  
<https://jacksoncountyfl.gov/services/road-bridge/>



**REQUEST: Approval of Policy and Procedures / Private Road Grading**

For several years, the Road & Bridge Department has received requests for grading services on privately maintained roads. In order to avoid competing with private businesses that provide these services, while also maintaining responsible time and resource management of County equipment and personnel, the Board voted on a new Policy to address these requests.

Effective immediately, with the stipulation that it will be in effect for a (1) one-year trial period, the new "Pay to Grade" policy allows property owners on private roads to submit a written request for road grading operations. The policy requires applicants to pay all related costs of grading operations. **The new policy applies to Private Roads with public access and does not pertain to Private Drives.** The "Pay to Grade" policy is designed to promote responsible road maintenance practices and ensure fairness for all residents of the county. Applicants must meet specific requirements to be eligible for the grading operations.

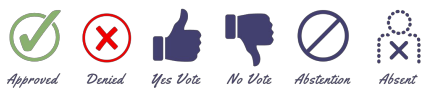
The county encourages interested residents to review the new policy carefully and contact the Road & Bridge Department with any questions or concerns.

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**LEGEND:**



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