



# JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

*Jackson County, FL. – On May 16, 2023, 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.*

### RECOGNITION: Proclamation/Years of Service Awards



The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners has recognized the dedicated service of its employees by awarding "Years of Service" awards to those who have shown commitment and loyalty to the county through their tenure. This acknowledgement of their hard work and dedication serves as a testament to their contributions towards the growth and success of Jackson County.

At this meeting, Human Resources Director, Judy Austin along with District 3 Commissioner and Chairman, Paul Donofro Jr., presented awards to the following employees:

- **Jason McCoy**  
Mr. McCoy currently works for the Jackson County Correctional Facility. He is being recognized for 15 years of continuous service.
- **Sharon McRoy**  
Mrs. McRoy recently retired from Ag Extension Services. She is being recognized for 25 years of continuous service.



**RECOGNITION: Employee of the Month/May, 2023**



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At this meeting, Human Resources Director, Judy Austin along with District 3 Commissioner and Chairman, Paul Donofro Jr., presented the Employee of the Month for April 2023 to **Mrs. Ronda Burke**, with NextStep at Endeavor Academy.



**PROCLAMATION**

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**REQUEST: Board Approval/Appoint AHAC Member**

Jackson County Board of County Commissioners has recently been seeking invested and engaged citizens to serve on various Boards and Committees. At this meeting, Community Development Director, Wendy Schlesinger, requested Board approval to appoint Ms. Karen Schoen and Ms. Kimberly Walters to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) for the Essential Services Personnel (ESP) open position. ESP includes teachers and educators, other school districts, community college, and university employees, police and fire personnel, healthcare personnel, and skilled building trades personnel. Ms. Schoen has many years' experience in the educational profession. She believes her background in education and real estate would be an asset to the committee. Ms. Walters has many years' experience in the healthcare profession. She has a passion for helping others and wishes to assist those who are not able to afford housing through mainstream avenues. Ms. Walters is also currently enrolled in JCBOCC's Citizens Academy, where she is learning the inner workings of all things Jackson County and Local Government, which further displays her willingness and passion as an engaged citizen to serve her community.

Thank you, Ms. Walters, and Ms. Schoen.



**REQUEST: Board Review/Discussion Amending Code of Ordinances: Ch. 44 Article III**

The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2023, at 9:00 am to discuss potential changes to the County Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendments concern the procedures and regulations for street names and the numbering of structures throughout the county.

The Board's goal with these proposed changes is to modernize the county's addressing procedures, improve emergency response times, and enhance the overall efficiency and clarity of the county's addressing system. By ensuring clear, consistent, and easy-to-understand street names and structure numbering, the county aims to provide a safer and more navigable community for all residents and visitors.

The proposed changes include improved guidelines for the naming and renaming of streets, more precise criteria for the numbering of new structures, and revised rules for handling ambiguous or duplicate addresses. The updates will seek to prevent potential confusion and to streamline the process for residents, businesses, and emergency services. Public input is a crucial part of this process. The Board encourages residents to attend the meeting, where there will be an opportunity for public comments.



**REQUEST: Board Review/Code of Ordinances Variance**

On May 1, 2023, staff received a request from Tom Byrnes and Brenda Yonkin for approval of a variance from the Jackson County Code of Ordinances Section 42-455(1), in order to allow a site-built home to be constructed on the lot line between lots 1 and 2 of Block 172, Unit 5 of Compass Lake in the Hills Subdivision, which requires a 20-foot setback from the side lot lines. The planning Commission previously recommended Board approval.



**REQUEST: Board Review/Code of Ordinances Variance**

On May 2, 2023, staff received a request from Darlene Stinson and Darlene Bullard for approval of a variance from the Jackson County Code of Ordinances Section 42-455(7), in order to allow a manufactured home to be placed on her property on Lot 5, Blk 73 Unit 3 in Compass Lake in the Hills Subdivision, which does not allow mobile homes.



**REQUEST: Board Review/Code of Ordinances Variance**

On April 18, 2023, staff received a request from Danny and Tara Blalock for approval of a variance from the Jackson County Code of Ordinances Section 42-455(7), in order to allow a manufactured home to be placed on her property on Lot 60, Blk AE, Unit 2 in Compass Lake in the Hills Subdivision, which does not allow mobile homes. The parcel associated with the variance request is that title work done on the property during the purchase process showed no restrictions and the manufactured home has already been purchased.



**REQUEST: Board Approval/Set a Public Hearing**

Senior Planner with Community Development, Amber Barnes, requested Board approval to set a public hearing for May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for Ellianos Coffee Shop. The request is for a General Development Order to construct an 800 square foot building to be used as a coffee shop and 15,583 square foot vehicular use area. The proposed project will be located approximately .16 miles south of the I-10 corridor on the west side of Hwy 71 South in unincorporated Jackson County.



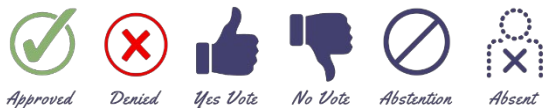
**REQUEST: Board Approval of Contracts with DRC and Ceres/Debris Removal**

The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners contracts with firms for Debris Removal and Disposal Services. The Board awarded this project to the two top ranked firms at the April 25, 2023 regular Board meeting. These contracts have been approved by the County's legal representative (Ms. Michelle Jordan). In addition, these agreements were reviewed and revised by special counsel at Baker Donelson after the unsuccessful FEMA arbitration. Baker Donelson made recommendations specific to those circumstances as well as updated the forms overall to comply with changes in federal law. As such, staff requests Board approval of these contracts.



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**LEGEND:**



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