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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On July 11, 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: Years of Service Award



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, Director of Road and Bridge, Jeffrey Register, along D3 Commissioner, and Chairman Paul Donofro Jr., presented an Award to Mr. John Farris for his 10 years of service to Jackson County Road & Bridge.



REQUEST: Approval of General Development Order/Ellianos

On May 6, 2023, a request for a modification to an existing site plan for Partners for Pets was submitted to change the location and size of the buildings and reduce the number of buildings from nine to seven. The total impervious surface was increased by 66 square feet. This development is located at 2810 Panhandle Road in unincorporated Jackson County. On July 10, 2023, the Planning Commission reviewed the modification for recommendations to the Board. The Board Approved this request and waived the \$250 Development Order Application Fee.



REQUEST: Review and Approval for a Proposed Private Road Name

On January 27, 2023, staff received a request from Carl Gilbert for approval of a private road name, proposed to be Gilbert Ranch Drive, for a private drive that runs through his property located north of Hwy 90 and west of Whiteville Road (Parcel ID# 33-5N-11-0000-0020-0160 and 33-5N-11-0000-0020-0170). The proposed private drive is approximately .8 -1 mile in length.

On July 10, 2023, the Planning commission reviewed the request for the proposed private road for recommendations to the Board.

During the public comment portion of this item, a resident of the area, Regina Gardner addressed the Board with a concern that the road is potentially infringing on her family's property. She requested that the Board table the item until they could perform a secondary survey to verify property boundaries. Mr. Carl Gilbert offered to give the family 6 months to perform their survey before completing road construction. He also said that if their survey shows something different than the original survey, he is willing to set the center line of the road based on the survey that they provide.

The Board approved proceeding with naming the road contingent upon Mr. Gilbert's offer to allow the family 6 months to complete a survey before construction is finalized.



REQUEST: Set a Public Hearing / Love's RV Park

Senior Planner with Community Development, Amber Barnes, requested Board approval to set a public hearing for July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a General Development Order to construct a 32 unit recreational vehicle park including pickleball court with basketball goal, cornhole court, dog park, 2 communal fire pits, vehicular parking area, playground and sidewalks totaling 201,813 square feet of impervious surface area. The project is located on the north side of Dilmore Road approximately 875 feet east of the intersection of Hwy 231 and Dilmore Road in unincorporated Jackson County.

On July 10, 2023, the Planning Commission reviewed the development order for recommendations to the Board.



REQUEST: Approval to create a Board of Directors / Keep Jackson County Beautiful

In 2021 Jackson County became an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. As an affiliate, the County has a number of requirements to satisfy to remain in good standing with KAB. These requirements include creating a Board of Directors to oversee various projects, tasks, and events.

Once created, the Board of Directors will be responsible for completing the Affiliate Certification Report, which includes a litter inventory report, building a database of community beautification resources, and organizing community clean up and beautification projects.



REQUEST: Approval of Agreement with Southeast Alabama EMS / Clinical Rotations

Jackson County Fire Rescue Chief, Charlie Brunner requested Board approval of an agreement between Jackson County and Southeast Alabama EMS for EMT students to be able to complete clinical rotations on Fire Rescue's ambulances. A private EMT school in Dothan, Alabama reached out requesting Jackson County Fire Rescue to become a clinical site for EMT students to complete clinical hours. This will benefit not only future EMT students with additional educational resources and avenues, but the County as well in terms of recruitment.



REQUEST: Discussion of Budget Schedule for 23-24 Fiscal Year

Staff has proposed that the budget schedule should be from the last week of July, 2023 through the first week of August, 2023, Monday – Thursday from 9am-tbd. The board approved the FY 2023-2024 Budget Schedule linked below. These dates will be advertised accordingly.



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