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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On March 12, 2024, 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:

- **Patrick Johnson:** Mr. Johnson currently works for the Jackson County Correctional Facility. He is being recognized for 5 years of continuous service.
- **Marcus McGriff:** Mr. McGriff currently works for the Jackson County Road and Bridge Department. He is being recognized for 5 years of continuous service.



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REQUEST: Approval of Temporary Use Permit/Freedom Springs Triathlon

Senior Planner with Community Development, Amber Barnes, requested Board approval for a Temporary Use Permit for a triathlon event to be known as Freedom Springs Triathlon. The event will be held at Blue Springs Recreational Park and surrounding area on July 4, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

On March 4, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners approved the Temporary Use Permit.



REQUEST: Approval to Set a Public Hearing/Project Bobo

Senior Planner with Community Development, Amber Barnes, requested Board approval to set a public hearing for March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for a General Development Order to construct a 1,316 square foot building for an oil change facility and 32,089 square feet of impervious surface to include sidewalks and vehicular use area. The project will be located at 2193 Hwy 71 South in unincorporated Jackson County, which is the location of the former Po Folks Restaurant.

On March 4, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners approved to set the public hearing for March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.



REQUEST: Approval of Emergency Procurement Request

In the wake of the devastating tornadoes that swept through our community on January 9, 2024, the county has been working on ways to bring much-needed improvements and a sense of normalcy back to the lives of our residents. With this in mind, we have some heartening news to share regarding the restoration and betterment of our roads for those living in Spring Chase.

Road & Bridge Director, Jeffrey Register, requested Board approval of a work proposal from Baxter's Asphalt for essential repairs in the area. The focus will be on rejuvenating Chase Way from Blue Springs Road by filling in potholes and laying down a fresh 1.5" of asphalt. Baxter's Asphalt, already working in proximity on Blue Springs Road, offers the county a unique opportunity to extend their expertise to Spring Chase. This proximity not only allows the county to streamline the process but also results in considerable savings on mobilization and traffic maintenance costs, ensuring that resources are utilized as efficiently as possible.

This initiative is more than just road repair; it's a step towards healing and rebuilding after the challenges faced by our community. The Board of County Commissioners approved the request unanimously.



REQUEST: Approval of Bidding Agreement/Central Bidding (Central Auction House)

On April 11, 2023, Jackson County took the initiative to streamline and enhance their procurement process by partnering with Central Bidding (Central Auction House) for electronic bidding services. They kicked off this collaboration with a fantastic start, as the first year of service was graciously provided at no cost.

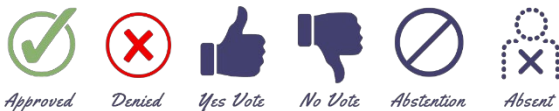
In an efficient effort to foster sustainable services and budgeting within Jackson County, Administrative Services Director, Sarah Sun, requested Board approval to renew the contract with Central Bidding. The agreement outlines the possibility of covering the \$3,000 annual cost either directly by the county or through a small fee for the registered vendors.

The Board of County Commissioners voted to renew the contract and absorb the cost. The good news is that the contract cost has already been thoughtfully included in the County's budget, ensuring a seamless continuation of services. The County Purchasing Department has been thoroughly impressed with the positive impact and efficiency gains provided by Central Bidding and are committed to making decisions that enhance the procurement process while keeping Jackson County's best interests at heart.



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