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**BROADBAND FEASIBILITY**

The Board awarded Finley Engineering Company a contract for Broadband Consultant Services in 2023. This contract authorized Finley to perform a County Broadband Feasibility Study. At the March 26th Board Meeting, representatives from Finley presented the draft report and proposal for services to be carried out during two 1-year renewals to their contract. The Board approved the extension of their contract. A copy of the Feasibility Study can be found at <https://jacksoncofl.portal.civicclerk.com/> under the Meeting Agenda documents for March 26th.



**CITIZENS ACADEMY**

Jackson County will kickoff the third annual Citizens Academy with a full class of 25 students on April 3, 2024. Every first Wednesday of the month, from April until September, students will be immersed in and gain comprehensive understanding of government operations across County departments. The County has received positive feedback from former students on the increased knowledge and understanding gained by attending Citizens Academy, as well as increased civic involvement. This class is completely free to students and lunch is provided at each session. We are looking forward to fostering strong community relationships this semester.



**ENDEAVOR UPDATE**

Construction continues on the Endeavor Conference Center. At the March 26th meeting, the Board approved a Change Order to add back a raised podium and stage area and insulation to the original bid, as there is sufficient funding for these items.

Also at the March 26th meeting, the Board approved a Participating Parties Agreement signed with Consolidated Bottling LLC for a milk bottling facility.