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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On March 26, 2024, 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.

REQUEST: Proclamation/Red Cross Month



During American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in Jackson County and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crisis.

This generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton — one of the most honored women in our country’s history — who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering.

Today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton’s commitment as they step up through the American Red Cross, Northwest Florida Chapter, to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need. Through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people’s darkest hours — whether it’s delivering shelter, food, and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans, and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR, and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises.

Their support, volunteerism and generous donations are critical to our community’s resilience. We recognize this month of March in honor of all those who fulfill Clara Barton’s noble words, “You must never think of anything except the need and how to meet it,” and ask everyone to join in this commitment.



PROCLAMATION



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REQUEST: Proclamation/National County Government Month

Jackson County will celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) during the month of April to showcase how the county achieves healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. The theme for this year’s celebration of NCGM is “Forward Together,” inspired by the signature focus of National Association of Counties (NACo) President Mary Jo McGuire. The theme highlights the powerful role of county governments as intergovernmental partners that:

- Connect, building bridges to advance excellence and networks in county government
- Inspire, driving community engagement and residents’ trust in county government, and
- Lead, spearheading local, state, federal and tribal intergovernmental partnerships, and common-sense policy solutions.



PROCLAMATION 



REQUEST: Approval of General Development Order/Project Bobo

Senior Planner with Community Development, Amber Barnes, requested Board approval 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 the General Development Order.



REQUEST: Approval of Contract Renewal-Broadband Consultant Services/Finley Engineering Co., Inc.

The Board of County Commissioners extended the contract with Finley Engineering Company for Broadband Consultant Services. This partnership has been instrumental in driving forward our County Broadband Feasibility Study, a crucial step towards enhancing connectivity for our community.

Representatives from Finley presented a draft report and proposal outlining the services to be carried out over the next two 1-year renewals. The Board approved the extension of their contract, reflecting our confidence in Finley's expertise and dedication to our broadband initiatives.

For those interested in delving into the details of our County Broadband Feasibility Study, a copy of the report can be accessed at <https://jacksoncofl.portal.civicclerk.com/> under the Meeting Agenda documents for March 26th. This study marks a significant milestone in our efforts to ensure reliable and accessible broadband services for all residents of Jackson County.



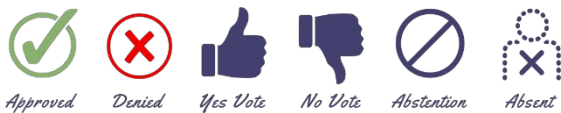
REQUEST: Approval of Participating Party Agreement/Consolidated Bottling, LLC/Project Jaws

The Board of County Commissioners approved a Participating Parties Agreement signed with Consolidated Bottling LLC for a milk bottling facility at Endeavor under compliance with the Community Development Block Grant Program.



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LEGEND:



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