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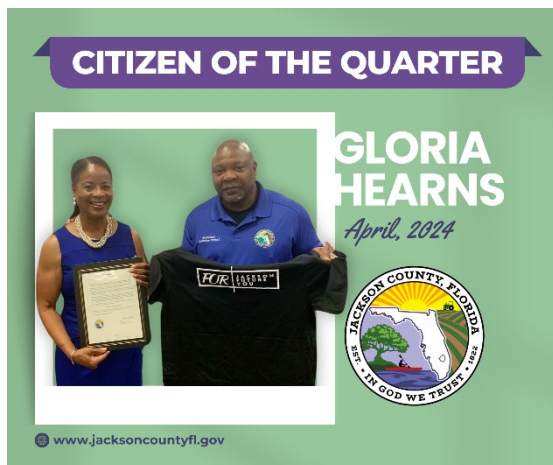
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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On April 23, 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.

RECOGNITION: Citizen of the Quarter/Gloria Hearn



The Board has instituted a Citizen of the Quarter program to recognize Jackson County citizens who make the County a better place to live through their community service and volunteerism. This quarter, the Board would like to recognize Ms. Gloria Hearn. Ms. Hearn has made notable efforts to maintain the roadside in her neighborhood in order to preserve its beauty and safety. This has inspired others to follow her example and undertake their own neighborhood beautification efforts. The Board would like to express their appreciation to Ms. Hearn for her hard work and dedication to being FOR Jackson County.



PROCLAMATION



REQUEST: Approval of Use of Courthouse for Memorial Day Event

The Disabled Veterans of Jackson County Chapter 22 and the Veterans of Foreign War Post 12046 requested the use of the Courthouse lawn on Monday, May 27, 2024, for a Memorial Day event. The event will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The Board approved the request.



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REQUEST: Approval of Grant Match for Grand Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Grand Ridge Town Clerk, Amanda Applewhite, requested the Board's approval for \$5,477.00 in match funding to support a grant awarded to the Grand Ridge Volunteer Fire Department by the Florida Forest Service. This grant aims to enhance the safety and capabilities of our local firefighters by providing essential turnout gear, boots, and scene lighting. The Board approved the request, demonstrating its commitment to ensuring the well-being of our brave firefighters and further strengthening the partnership between the county and our dedicated emergency responders.



REQUEST: Approval of Out of Service Fire Houses as Surplus for Donation

Chief Brunner of Fire Rescue requested the declaration of out-of-service fire hoses located at Station #5 as surplus. These hoses, while no longer meeting the rigorous standards for Fire Rescue use, still hold value for other purposes. The Chief proposed that these surplus hoses be made available for donation on a first-come, first-served basis. This approach not only ensures responsible disposal of outdated equipment but also presents an opportunity for these resources to be repurposed for the benefit of other local organizations or individuals in need. The Board approved the request.



REQUEST: Approval to Award Architectural and Design Continuing Service Contract to DAG Architects

Dedicated to advancing infrastructure development and enhancing the landscape of Jackson County, Procurement Officer Lynsey Darragh requested approval to Bid for Architectural and Design Continuing Services.

Through a rigorous evaluation process, which commenced with the solicitation of qualifications on March 7, 2024, and culminated in the completion of rankings on April 14, 2024, the Board demonstrated its commitment to selecting the most qualified partners to drive progress and innovation.

The Finance Department meticulously tabulated and verified the results, affirming DAG Architects as the top-ranked firm, earning the recommendation of the ranking committee. With their proven expertise, DAG Architects is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the County's architectural landscape and contributing to its continued growth and prosperity.

The Board's approval of the recommendation underscores its unwavering dedication to excellence and its commitment to fostering partnerships that will propel Jackson County forward into a vibrant and sustainable future.



REQUEST: Approval of Purchase Agreement/Peacock Bridge Boat Ramp

After extensive negotiations and careful deliberation, the Board approved the acceptance of the purchase agreement for the Peacock Bridge boat ramp. Months of collaborative efforts have culminated in a comprehensive agreement that not only secures vital recreational access but also prioritizes public safety.

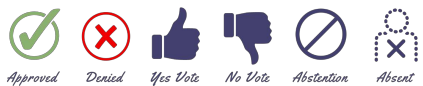
One notable stipulation of the purchase agreement is the installation of a 24-foot access gate, a measure that underscores the county's commitment to enhancing accessibility and ensuring the well-being of its residents and visitors.

The acquisition of boat ramp access at the Peacock Bridge location represents a significant win for both recreational enthusiasts and emergency responders alike. Beyond facilitating leisure activities, this access point will serve as a critical lifeline during emergency situations, reaffirming its indispensable role in promoting safety and resilience within the county.



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LEGEND:



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