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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On August 13, 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: Employee Years of Service



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.

During this meeting, Emergency Management Director Keith Maddox, County Administrator Wilanne Daniels, and District 3 Commissioner and Chairman Paul Donofro Jr. proudly presented an award to Renee Scurlock in honor of her 40 years of dedicated service to Jackson County. Currently serving as the Deputy Emergency Management

Director, Renee was recently recognized by Governor Ron DeSantis for her remarkable commitment to the citizens of Jackson County.

REQUEST: Approval for Corbin Road Mini-Farms Subdivision

The Board of County Commissioners approved a request for a final plat and development agreement for a 10-lot minor subdivision to be known as Corbin Road Mini-Farms. The subdivision is proposed to be located at the southwest intersection of Corbin and Seay Roads approximately 1.2 miles west of Hwy 231 north of Alford.

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At the regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the minor subdivision.

The hearing for the above project provided an opportunity for community members to engage and offer feedback on the proposed subdivision, ensuring transparency and community involvement in the development and land use process.



REQUEST: Approval to Set Public Hearings

The Board of County Commissioners set public hearings for August 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm for the following:

- **Eastgate Mobile Home Park Expansion:** Mobile Home Park Development order to expand an existing mobile home park known as Eastgate park. The expansion request for 83 new lots will bring the total number of approved lots to 126.

At the regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2024, the Planning Commission continued decision on the mobile home park expansion to their August 19, 2024, meeting. A recommendation is pending for this item.

- **Ordinance Regarding the Disposition and Acquisition of Real Property:** The ordinance regarding the disposition and acquisition of real property was drafted by legal counsel.

These public hearings will provide an opportunity for community members to engage and offer feedback on the proposed project and ordinance, ensuring transparency and community involvement in local regulations and the development/land use process. The Board is committed to facilitating growth that benefits Jackson County and its residents.



REQUEST: Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License for Marianna Moose Lodge

On July 31, 2024, the Planning Division received a request from Marianna Moose Lodge 1026 Loyal Order of Moose Inc. for a new alcoholic beverage license to sell beer, wine, and liquor by the drink for consumption on premises to members and nonresident guests only (11C-Subordinate Clubs or Lodges of National Fraternal or Benevolent Associates). The Moose Lodge is located at 3032 R.G. Paradise Loop in unincorporated Jackson County. There are no churches or schools within 300 feet.



REQUEST: Approval of Grant Match Funds to City of Cottondale Volunteer Fire Department

The Cottondale Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) sought and received Board approval for \$7,500 in match funding to support a Florida Forest Service grant awarded to the department. This grant will enhance the safety and capabilities of our local firefighters by providing essential equipment such as fire hoses, valves, gas monitors, radios, and more. The Board's approval underscores its commitment to the well-being of our brave firefighters and reinforces the strong partnership between the county and our dedicated emergency responders.



REPORT: Endeavor Convention Center Feasibility Report

The Jackson Endeavor Convention and Museum Committee has completed a Feasibility and Market Analysis Report, outlining strategic recommendations for the convention center's development. At the meeting, Tourist Development Council Director Kelsi Jackson presented several key initiatives for Board approval, including:

1. Launching an RFP process to engage a third party for convention center management.
2. Developing land conveyance initiatives to attract a hotel anchor and potential retail/restaurant spaces adjacent to the convention center.
3. Establishing budget line items for convention center operations, including utilities, insurance, and equipment purchases.

These steps mark significant progress toward the convention center's future and the growth of Jackson County's tourism and economic development efforts.



REQUEST: Approval to Purchase Two LED Lighted Stop Signs for Old Spanish Trail

Construction is progressing on the paving of Old Spanish Trail, and to enhance safety at the intersection of the newly-paved highway, flashing stop signs will be installed. The Board has approved a quote of \$3,159.76 for two 36-inch LED lighted flashing stop signs, which will help ensure drivers are alerted as they approach the intersection, contributing to safer travel on this important roadway.



REQUEST: Approval of Bright Prospect (RB-2324-12) Final Pay App and Closeout Documents

The Board has approved the Final Pay Application and Closeout Documents for the Bright Prospect Road Improvements Project (RB-2324-12). This project, awarded to Anderson Columbia in May, has

been successfully completed and inspected. With all work finalized, the project is now ready for official closeout, marking another step forward in enhancing Jackson County's infrastructure.



REQUEST: Approval of Agreement 2324-21 with Acme Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc.

Acme has been awarded the contract for the Jail Re-roof and Rooftop HVAC Replacement project as the lowest bidder. The contract has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by FloridaCommerce, the funding agency, ensuring that the project will proceed efficiently and effectively.



REQUEST: Approval of Bellamy Trail Improvements Grant Letter of Approval

The County is taking proactive steps to enhance Bellamy Trail by applying for an FDEP Trail-Go Grant. To support this initiative, the Board has provided a letter of approval, reinforcing its commitment to improving local outdoor recreation and amenities for the community.



REQUEST: Approval of Amended Change Order 4 and Final Pay App for Indian Springs Phase 2A

A correction has been made to the previously approved Change Order 4 and Final Pay Application for Indian Springs Phase 2A. The updated documents now accurately reflect the quantity of Utility Pipe, resulting in a \$5,150 deduction from the total contract price. This adjustment ensures the project is completed with precise financial accuracy. The Board approved the amendment and final pay app.



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