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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On November 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: Farewell to Outgoing Commissioners



County Administrator Wilanne Daniels and Chairman Paul Donofro Jr. honored outgoing Commissioners **Alex McKinnie** and **Jim Peacock** with plaques celebrating their years of dedicated service to Jackson County. Commissioner McKinnie, representing District 1, served Jackson County for 4 impactful years, while Commissioner Peacock, representing District 5, devoted 8 years to the on the Board. Both commissioners were thanked warmly by the Board and staff for their leadership and commitment to making Jackson County an even better place to live, work, and grow. Their legacy stands as a true reflection of Jackson County's vision: **"For Jackson, For Future, For You."**

RECOGNITION: Employee Years of Service



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, District 3 Commissioner and Chairman, Paul Donofro Jr., Administrator Wilanne Daniels, along with Department Directors presented awards to the following employees:

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- **Precious McGriff**

Precious McGriff currently serves as an Officer with the Correctional Facility. She is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.

- **Dennis Dalton**

Dennis Dalton currently serves as Equipment Operator IV for Road & Bridge. He is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.

- **Kimberely Williams**

Kimberely Williams currently serves as Planner Tech in the Community Development Department. She is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.



REQUEST: Adoption of FDOT B-SCOP Resolution and Approval of Reddick Mill Bridge Supplemental Agreement

The Board approved a Supplemental Agreement to update the Scope of Work for the Reddick Mill Bridge project, located on Holmes Creek Bridge #534182 along CR 277 in northwestern Jackson County. This update will focus on replacing runners and cross bracing, with the remainder of the work outlined in the original scope already completed by the County. Funded through the BSCOP program, this update requires no additional financial changes. The accompanying resolution will be submitted along with the Supplemental Agreement, ensuring that all work remains within the existing right of way for efficient and timely project completion.



REQUEST: Approval for Bethlehem Ridge Subdivision

The Board has approved a new 10-lot minor residential development, Bethlehem Ridge Subdivision, with lot sizes ranging from 5 to 16.52 acres. This subdivision will be located in unincorporated Jackson County, south of Coley Road, east of Mutual Road, and west of Bethlehem Road. Following a recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission on July 1, 2024, the Board reviewed additional information at its request regarding sinkholes on the property to ensure protection of those features. Community feedback was welcomed at a public hearing, highlighting transparency and ensuring local input in the development process.



REQUEST: Approval to Set a Public Hearing for RaceTrac Marianna

The Board has approved a new development project for a RaceTrac gas station and convenience store to be constructed at the northwest corner of Hwy 71 and Magnolia Drive in unincorporated Jackson County. After the project was reviewed and confirmed to meet all County requirements,

the Planning Commission recommended its approval at their November 4, 2024, meeting. This new addition aims to enhance local convenience and support growth in the area.



REQUEST: Approval of Old Spanish Trail (RB-2324-06) Change Order 4, Final Pay App, and Closeout Documents

The Board approved the final payment and closeout documents for the Old Spanish Trail improvement project, awarded to Southeast Construction. With all work completed, a change order was issued to reflect contract underruns, reducing the final contract amount to \$1,170,661.20. This approval marks the successful completion of the project, enhancing the Old Spanish Trail area and reflecting the County's commitment to quality infrastructure improvements.



REQUEST: Approval of Guettler & Guettler Quote for Rocky Creek Road

The Board has approved a quote from Guettler & Guettler to restripe Rocky Creek Road from Highway 71 to Church Street. This project, valued at \$41,992.25, will include fresh striping, painting, and reflective pavement markers to enhance road safety and visibility for residents and travelers.



REQUEST: Approval of Agreements for Brush Cutting and ROW Grass Gutting

The Board approved agreements for two important maintenance projects to enhance local infrastructure and community spaces:

- **Mass Brush Cutting (RB-2324-14)**: Preslie's Construction and Land Development, LLC, has been awarded a contract of up to \$250,000 for a one-time mass brush cutting, to be completed within the coming year.
- **Right of Way and Park Grass Cutting (RB-2324-17)**: Collins Land Services, Inc. will provide right-of-way and park grass cutting services under a three-year agreement, with options for three additional one-year renewals. This contract includes six annual mowing cycles for paved road rights-of-way, four cycles each for Citizen's Lodge Park and Endeavor Park/Endeavor Industrial Park, and one cycle for all roads in Compass Lake in the Hills.

These projects underscore the Board's commitment to maintaining Jackson County's roadways and parks, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all residents and visitors.



REQUEST: Approval of Indian Springs Phase 2C Sewer Homeowner Contract and Application

The Board approved the Indian Springs Phase 2C Sewer Homeowner Contract and Application. This packet, which will be sent to all homeowners in Phase 2C, includes detailed information on the process, requirements, and expectations for connecting to the community sewer system. Homeowners will also find a service application within the packet to simplify the hookup process. This step marks important progress in enhancing utility infrastructure for Indian Springs residents.



REQUEST: Approval of MOU and Purchase Agreement with CHROME Ministries for the Purchase of Lincoln Cottage

The Board has approved an agreement with New Orleans Mission (CHROME) to expand support for women on their path to addiction recovery by purchasing three cottages, with the final purchase being Lincoln Cottage. Lincoln Cottage will be transformed into a dedicated treatment facility, enhancing resources for residents. Alongside the purchase, a memorandum of understanding was signed, reflecting the County and CHROME’s shared commitment to this mission and outlining due diligence requirements for the project. This partnership represents a meaningful step forward in providing essential services and support for those in need in our community.



REQUEST: Approval of Agreement RB-2324-15 for Alliance Road Construction with Anderson Columbia

The Board has approved the agreement for Alliance Road improvements with Anderson Columbia. This 4.7-mile project on CR 278 (Alliance Road) from SR 71 to Birchwood Road will involve comprehensive milling and resurfacing, along with added 5-foot paved shoulders on the inner curves to enhance road safety. The project will also address roadway excavation, ditch grading, and drainage improvements, including culvert extensions, replacements, and joint repairs. Additionally, updated signage and durable thermoplastic pavement markings will complete the upgrades, making this stretch of road safer and more resilient for our community.



LEGEND:



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