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## NEW COMMISSIONERS

On November 19, 2024, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners held a Special Meeting to swear in Dr. Willie Spires (District 1), Jamey Westbrook (District 5), and re-elected Commissioner Paul Donofro, Jr. (District 3). The ceremonies were conducted by Judge Woodrow Hatcher, Clerk of Court Clayton O. Rooks, III, and Judge Wade Mercer, respectively. Following the swearing-in, Jamey Westbrook was appointed Chairman and Paul Donofro, Jr. as Vice Chairman for two-year terms.



## ENDEAVOR UPDATE

The Board approved an agreement and MOU with New Orleans Mission (CHROME) to support women in addiction recovery by purchasing three cottages, the last of which was Lincoln Cottage.

Progress continues on the Endeavor Museum project as the Board awarded a \$98,720 contract to Great Southern Demolition, Inc. for the selective demolition of the former cafeteria building. This effort will preserve the structure's original façade while preparing the property for future development.

The Convention Center Concessionaire contract was awarded to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce following successful negotiations. Under the agreement, the County will receive a share of revenues and cover utilities for the first year, with renegotiation planned for subsequent years.



## SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The Board adopted a supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, addressing unanticipated revenues and higher than projected cash balances. This adjustment authorizes expenditures for additional funds, resulting in a total budget of \$135,690,246, aligning resources with community needs.



## BRUSH/GRASS CUTTING BIDS

The Board approved agreements for two key maintenance projects to improve local infrastructure and community spaces. Preslie's Construction and Land Development, LLC, will handle a one-time mass brush cutting under a contract of up to \$250,000, to be completed within the coming year.

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 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.