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IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Brent Melvin, representing the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce announced an exciting partnership with local businesses and Chipola College to bring Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to Jackson County, providing free monthly books to children from birth to age five. The Board eagerly approved the Jackson County Public Library to manage this initiative, which has proven effective in fostering early literacy and preparing kids for school.



AG CENTER CONCESSIONAIRE

Jackson County recently received a proposal from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to manage operations at the Jackson County Agriculture Center, handling everything from marketing to event organization. With their local expertise and successful track record, the Chamber is well-suited to enhance the AG Center’s visibility and offerings. The Board approved awarding the project to the Chamber, ensuring continued growth and success for this important community facility.



ENDEAVOR UPDATE

Jackson County has moved forward on the Endeavor Museum project by opening bids for selective demolition of the former cafeteria at the Endeavor Property. The historic building, damaged in Hurricane Michael, will undergo careful demolition to preserve its original façade. Great Southern Demolition, Inc. is recommended for the project at \$98,720, marking an exciting step in the property’s revitalization.

Byron Dickens provided an update on the proposed African American History Museum at the Endeavor Property during the October 22nd meeting. He shared the business and floor plans with the Board and noted that the Action Committee is applying for a grant and working with the legislative delegation to seek appropriations and additional resources.



FIRE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

At their meeting on October 22nd, the Board approved the Fire Interlocal Agreements for 2024-2025 with municipalities and volunteer fire departments across the county. This decision underscores our commitment to enhancing fire safety and collaboration within our community.



NOV/DEC BOCC MEETING DATES

The Board approved the following schedule for the remainder of the 2024 Board meetings and events: • First Regular Meeting: **November 12 at 9 a.m.** • Special Meeting and Swearing-In Ceremony: **November 19 at 9 a.m.** • Second Regular Meeting: **November 26 at 9 a.m.** (*Supplemental Budget will be presented for adoption at this meeting*) • December Meeting: **December 10 at 8 a.m.**