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Jackson County BOCC Announces Office Closures and Winter Weather Safety Measures

Jackson County, FL – With winter weather expected to bring freezing rain and snowfall to the area, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is taking proactive steps to ensure the safety of residents, employees, and infrastructure.

Closures

- Jackson County BOCC offices will close at noon on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, and remain closed all day Wednesday, January 22, 2025.
- Jackson County Schools and Chipola College will also be closed Tuesday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 22, 2025.
- The Jackson County Courthouse will close at noon on Tuesday, January 21, and remain closed all day Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Winter Weather Preparedness

The National Weather Service forecasts 1–2 inches of snowfall along with freezing rain starting Tuesday afternoon and continuing into Wednesday morning. Potential impacts include hazardous driving conditions, road closures, ice accumulation on trees and powerlines, and possible power outages.

In preparation for the prolonged subfreezing conditions, last week, Jackson County's Maintenance and Public Works teams worked to secure county buildings, recreation facilities, and utilities infrastructure. Beginning tomorrow, January 21, 2025, these teams will:

- Stock materials to address road conditions as they arise.
- Respond to concerns with drying materials and equipment as needed.
- Maintain several employees on standby to handle urgent issues.

County leadership and supervisors will remain in constant communication throughout the week to monitor conditions and coordinate efforts. Residents are urged to monitor weather updates from the National Weather Service and local media. To learn more about severe weather in Florida and how to prepare, visit FloridaDisaster.org.

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