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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On March 11, 2025, 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 of the Month



The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners proudly recognizes outstanding employees who demonstrate exceptional dedication and service to our community. For March 2025, the Employee of the Month honor was awarded to William Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor at the Correctional Facility.

Since joining the County in 2015, Will has consistently displayed professionalism, reliability, and a strong commitment to his work. His leadership in managing the Jail roof replacement project, alongside his regular maintenance duties, has been invaluable. Despite the demands of the project, he has remained dedicated, often sacrificing personal time to ensure the facility remains safe and well-maintained. Known for his positive attitude and problem-solving approach, Will goes beyond quick fixes to find long-term solutions that benefit the County.

The Board commends William Hamilton for his hard work and dedication, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

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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 5 Commissioner and Chairman, Jamey Westbrook, Human Resources Director Sarah Sun, along with Department Directors presented awards to the following employees:

- **Terri Keith**
Terri Keith currently serves as a Family & Consumer Sciences Agent with Extension Services. She is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.
- **Beverly Washington**
Beverly Washington currently serves as an Officer with Corrections. She is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.
- **James Kent**
James Kent currently serves as Shift Sergeant with Corrections. He is recognized for 10 years of continuous service.
- **Oliver Morgan**
Oliver Morgan currently serves as Food Service Supervisor with Corrections. He is recognized for 15 years of continuous service.



REQUEST: Adoption of Corbin Rd FDOT Resolution and approval of the Agreement

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has advanced funding for the design of CR 280 (Corbin Road) from US 231 to the Washington County line under the FDOT SCRAP program. The Board of County Commissioners approved the required resolution to enter into the grant agreement, allowing the County to move forward with survey, design, and permitting. This project will enhance roadway conditions by resurfacing and reconstructing travel lanes while adding 8-foot shoulders, improving both safety and accessibility for travelers.



REQUEST: Approval of Proposed Revision to Airport Zoning Ordinance

The Board approved an update to the Airport Zoning Ordinance, enhancing regulations to support future growth and development around the Tri-County Airport. Since August 2024, County staff have worked closely with Avcon, Inc. to revise the ordinance, ensuring it aligns with modern aviation standards and land-use planning. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the updates during its February 17, 2025, meeting, and the Board’s approval marks a significant step in maintaining safe and effective airport operations for the region.



REQUEST: Approval of Work Authorization from DRMP for Survey and Design of Thompson Road Guardrail

To ensure compliance with FDOT specifications for a clear zone behind the guardrail, the Board approved a Task Work Order with DRMP to evaluate the existing guardrail along Thompson Road from Bylsma Lane to Bart Road. This assessment will help determine the best approach for relocation while considering potential right-of-way impacts. As part of the project, the existing centerline, right-of-way, and boundary corners for two parcels will be established. This proactive step will enhance safety and improve roadway infrastructure for the community that utilizes Thompson Road.



REQUEST: Approval to Set Public Hearing for Source Global Phase III

The Board has scheduled a public hearing for March 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the next phase of the Source Global Water Farm project. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on March 3, Phase III includes the construction of 1,447.2 square feet of hydro panels designed to capture water from the atmosphere. This project will support the Proud Source Water Bottling Plant by providing clean, sustainable drinking water. The project is located approximately .24 miles east of the intersection of Hwy 162 and Holyneck Road in unincorporated Jackson County.



REQUEST: Approval of TDC Sponsorship Reimbursement to Alabama High School Rodeo Association

The Board of County Commissioners has approved a \$5,500 sponsorship reimbursement to the Alabama High School Rodeo Association for its January event, following the recommendation of the Tourist Development Council. Previously awarded \$6,000 in sponsorship funds, \$500 was allocated for event photography. With all required documentation in order, this reimbursement supports Jackson County’s commitment to promoting tourism and hosting successful events that bring visitors to the area.



REQUEST: Attendance at TCAA Community Outreach Meeting

The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners gladly accepted an invitation from Danny Exum and Ross Statham of Tri-County Airport to attend their upcoming Community Outreach Meeting on April 24th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Tri-County Airport. This exciting event is open to the public and will feature an Invocation, Presentation of Colors, updates on airport projects, and participation from the Chambers of Commerce of Holmes, Jackson, and Washington Counties. Attendees will also enjoy airport tours, door prizes, and engagement with representatives from area Boards of County Commissioners. This event is a great opportunity to connect with the community and learn more about regional aviation initiatives!



REQUEST: Approval to Reschedule Public Hearing for Culvert Ordinance Amendment

The Board has rescheduled the Public Hearing for the updated culvert ordinance to ensure proper public notice and participation. Originally set for March 11, 2025, the hearing will now take place on March 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. This adjustment allows for transparency and community engagement as the County moves forward with important updates to the ordinance.



REQUEST: Discussion of Debris Removal and Disposal Service Contracts

With existing debris removal contracts set to expire on May 15, 2025, the Board is taking proactive steps to ensure the County remains prepared for future storm recovery efforts. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) has provided guidance on procurement and contracting, and by preparing new procurement documents before the 2025 hurricane season, the County aims to strengthen its eligibility for potential FEMA reimbursement. This effort reinforces Jackson County’s commitment to effective disaster response and recovery.



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LEGEND:



District 1
Dr. Willie Spires

District 2
Edward Crutchfield

District 3
Paul Donofro Jr.

District 4
Donnie Branch

District 5
Jamey Westbrook