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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On March 25, 2025, at 4:30 PM, 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.

REQUEST: Approval of a Film and Motion Photography Special Use Permit to Plum Pictures Ltd.

The Board approved a Film and Motion Photography Special Use Permit for a one-day documentary filming event at Arnold Landing, Buena Vista Landing, and/or Howell’s Landing on Lake Seminole. The production, scheduled between April 10-18, 2025, will feature drones, vehicles, and watercraft to capture footage for the documentary. This marks the second approved special use permit for Plum Pictures, Ltd., following a previous approval for filming at Howell Landing in January. The Board also approved a waiver of the surety bond requirement, supporting creative projects while promoting Jackson County as a film-friendly destination.



REQUEST: Appointment to the District 3 Vacancy to the Planning Commission

The Board approved the appointment of Robert W. Arnold to fill the District 3 seat on the Planning Commission, following the retirement of Jan Poller, who dedicated 36 years of service to the Commission from 1989 to 2025. The vacancy was widely advertised, and Robert Arnold was the sole applicant. Jackson County thanks Ms. Poller’s years of commitment and welcomes Mr. Arnold to this important role in shaping the future of our community.



REQUEST: Approval of TDC Special Event Sponsorships/Grants

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council is committed to supporting and promoting tourism-related events that showcase the local culture, attractions, and businesses. To achieve

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this goal, the department offers special sponsorships/reimbursements and grants to event organizers who demonstrate a positive impact on the local economy and community. By investing in these events, the department hopes to attract more visitors to the county, increase tourism revenue, and create memorable experiences for both residents and visitors alike.

During this meeting, Tourist Development Council Director, Kelsi Jackson, requested Board approval of three (3) sponsorships/grants, which were approved.

Sponsorships/Grants:

- **Reels in Heels Fishing Tournament:** Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is applying for **\$500** in TDC Grant funds for a women’s fishing tournament to be hosted on Lake Seminole on April 11-12, 2025. This funding will go toward covering social media ads, banners, and miscellaneous marketing expenses. *The TDC board voted to approve \$500.*
- **Endeavor Convention Center Grand Opening:** Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is applying for **\$5,000** for the Endeavor Convention Center Grand Opening to be held on May 16, 2025. The funding is to be spent on pop up banners (permanent fixtures of the museum to promote Jackson County tourism), giveaways, social media ads, banners, and photography/videography. The pop-up banners and giveaways will be purchased by the TDC directly for tax cost savings. *The TDC board voted to approve \$5,000.*
- **Jackson County Flex Series:** The Jackson County Disc Golf Club is applying for **\$3,000** in sponsorship funding for its upcoming FLEX Series on May 3, June 28, and September 20, 2025, at Citizens Lodge and the MERE. The funds are to be spent on sanction fees, social media ads (to be organized and spent by TDC staff), custom towels, and bags. *The TDC board voted to approve \$3,000.*



REQUEST: Jackson County Museum Approval Items

Jackson County Museum Exhibit Application: The Board approved an application process for exhibit donations to the future Jackson County Museum, allowing members of the public to contribute artifacts, photos, and stories that showcase the county’s rich history. The Tourist Development Council (TDC) staff will oversee submissions, with the museum committee reviewing and recommending items in accordance with the Museum Collections Management policy.

Jackson County Museum Committee Appointments: The Board, following the TDC’s recommendation, approved the appointment of Tammy Dasher and Kimberly Walters to

the Jackson County Museum Steering Committee. In accordance with the County's Committees and Boards Policy, staff advertised the vacancies in the newspaper and on the County website. With these appointments, two of the four available positions have now been filled.

Jackson County Museum Collections Management Policy: The Board approved a Collections Management Policy for the future Jackson County Museum. This policy outlines procedures and expectations for artificial donations and collections for exhibits for the museum.



REQUEST: Approval of Renewal of Contract 2223-03 Broadband Consultant with Finley Engineering

The Board renewed the contract with Finley Engineering Company for Broadband Consultant Services. This partnership has been instrumental in driving forward our County Broadband Feasibility Study, a crucial step towards enhancing connectivity for our community. This is the last one-year renewal available under this contract.



REQUEST: Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Campbellton for New Bethel Road Infrastructure

The Board approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Campbellton to support their CDBG grant application for infrastructure improvements. One key project includes constructing a new water main along New Bethel Road. While the water line will be built within the town's right-of-way, an agreement with the County was required since the road is County-owned. This collaboration will help improve essential infrastructure for Campbellton residents.



REQUEST: Jackson County Tax Collector

The Board approved a request from Tax Collector Mary Carol Murdock on the proposed relocation to the former Social Security building at 4125 Jireh Court.

The 7,395-square-foot facility sits on 0.86 acres and is already equipped with built-in customer service windows, making it an ideal, move-in-ready space. The property owner has accepted an offer of \$1,025,000 (\$138 per square foot), which is a more cost-effective solution compared to renovating the old Sheriff's Office, estimated at \$150-\$200 per square foot.

Funding for the purchase will come from the Admin Building Fund and reserves, with repayment planned over the next three years using budgeted funds and proceeds from the sale of the old Jackson County Sheriff's Office. A special meeting to discuss contract details of the purchase will be held on April 1, 2025, at 2:00 PM.



REQUEST: Approval of a General Development Order for Source Global Phase III

The Board approved a General Development Order for Source Global Phase III, allowing for the construction of 1,447.2 square feet of hydro panels to extract water from the atmosphere for Proud Source Water Bottling Plant. This innovative project will support the production of clean drinking water while utilizing sustainable technology.

Located 0.24 miles east of Hwy 162 and Holyneck Road in unincorporated Jackson County, the project received a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission on March 3, 2025. This approval marks another step forward in advancing environmentally friendly water solutions in the community.



REQUEST: Adoption of Changes to Section 44-57 of the County Ordinances

Last September, the Board discussed changes to the current procedures for handling right-of-way connections. After clarification was obtained on the Board's intent, staff and Attorney Michelle Jordan reviewed the current ordinance and worked together to draft a revised ordinance providing for Road and Bridge to construct one connection to a single residence at no cost, providing that connection is for the property owner's primary residence. The owner remains responsible for culvert-related materials. The Board adopted the changes to the ordinance.



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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