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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On April 8, 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 April 2025, the Employee of the Month honor was awarded to Lynn Price, Administrative Support at Jackson County Fire Rescue.

Lynn began her service with the County on September 26, 2011, and currently serves as Administrative Support II in the Fire Rescue Business Office. Known for her hardworking spirit, professionalism, and positive attitude, Lynn goes above and beyond, demonstrating outstanding dedication and compassion in serving the public.

Lynn's actions reflect the very best of public service, going the extra mile, treating every individual with care and respect, and always with a smile. The Board commends and congratulates Lynn Price for her exceptional service and well-deserved recognition as April 2025 Employee of the Month.

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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, the Board and Road and Bridge Director Jeffrey Register presented awards to the following employees:

- **Kyle Chambliss**
Kyle Chambliss currently serves as an Equipment Operator and handles sign maintenance with Road and Bridge. He is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.
- **Thomas Jackson**
Thomas Jackson currently serves as an Equipment Operator with Road and Bridge. He is recognized for 25 years of continuous service.



REQUEST: Adoption of National County Government Month Proclamation

The Board proclaimed April 2025 as National County Government Month in Jackson County. This annual celebration, recognized by counties across the nation, highlights the critical role county governments play in building healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. Jackson County joins more than 3,000 counties nationwide in showcasing the essential services delivered every day—from public safety and infrastructure to economic development and cultural preservation. The Board encourages all residents, schools, and employees to participate in community activities throughout the month and learn more about how local government impacts their daily lives. Through the dedicated efforts of County employees and a commitment to responsible stewardship, Jackson County continues to embody its values: FOR Jackson, FOR Future, FOR You.



REQUEST: Appointment to the At-Large Vacancy to the Planning Commission

The Jackson County Planning Commission continues its vital work in shaping the future of our community by advising the Board of County Commissioners on development applications and long-range planning decisions, as required by Florida law. With responsibilities ranging from

coordinating and monitoring the County’s Comprehensive Plan to holding public hearings on key land use matters, the Planning Commission plays a central role in guiding growth and development in Jackson County.

At the end of 2024, longtime Planning Commission member Tyler Lipford completed his service after six years of dedicated volunteerism. To fill the now-vacant At-Large seat, the County opened a public application period which was advertised in the Jackson County Times, on the County’s official website, and on the JCBOCC Facebook page. Four applications were received from community members eager to serve: Jimmy Hamilton, Kimberly Walters, Shilpan Dalal, and Willie Sylvester Mack.

Staff presented the applications to the Board for consideration and direction on the appointment process. The Planning Commission remains a strong team of seven members, each appointed to three-year terms, representing all five districts and two At-Large seats. The Board appointed Jimmy Hamilton of Sneads to the vacant position. The Board is grateful to all who have applied and are committed to continuing transparent, community-focused planning efforts for Jackson County.



REQUEST: Approval of a Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Partners for Pets

On April 3, 2025, a request for a Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Permit was submitted by Partners for Pets, Inc. seeking approval for a 2COP (beer and wine sales) to sell alcohol at a Paws-A-Palooza fundraising event being held at The Bear at Compass Lake in the Hills located at 645 Compass Lake Dr in unincorporated Jackson County. The event will be held between the hours of 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 19, 2025. The Board approved the request.



REQUEST: Approval of Malone VFD Grant Match

The Board approved a \$15,000 grant match request from the Malone Volunteer Fire Department, supporting their recent award from the Florida Forest Service. The grant will be used to purchase essential wildland firefighting equipment and personal protective gear. Serving both the Malone and Bascom communities, this investment will help ensure the department is well-equipped to protect lives and property in rural areas.



REQUEST: Approval to Set a Public Hearing for Updates to Section 44-57 of the County Code of Ordinances

During the March 25, 2025, Regular Meeting, the Board voted to adopt changes to Section 44-57 of the County Code of Ordinances; however, the adopted changes were not in the correct format. The Board has set another Public Hearing for April 22, 2025, at 6 p.m. to adopt these changes as well as retroactively apply the changes since March 25.



REQUEST: Review of Garbage Collection RFP 2425-12

The Board has approved re-soliciting the County's garbage collection services contract, currently held by Waste Management through December 31, 2025. The new solicitation will maintain the existing 3% Franchise Fee and prioritize proposals that offer competitive pricing and citizen-focused incentives. To support this effort, the Board also approved establishing a ranking committee for bid evaluation, with each commissioner to serve in this role.



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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