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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On May 13, 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 is proud to celebrate employees who go above and beyond in service to our community. For **May 2025**, the **Employee of the Month** honor was awarded to Tamblia “Tammy” Standland, and for **June 2025**, to Victoria Landry. Tammy began her service with the County on August 20, 2018, and Victoria joined the team on September 18, 2023. Both currently serve as Equipment Operator II with the Road & Bridge Department and were selected for consistently demonstrating outstanding performance, leadership, and dedication to their roles. Tammy and Victoria are known for their strong work ethic, reliability, and commitment to excellence. During the Endeavor Convention Center project in March, they led by example—often hauling three to four more loads per day than other drivers. Their exceptional contributions will have a lasting impact as we prepare to welcome visitors to the new Convention Center for years to come.

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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 Correctional Chief Jammie Jeter presented the award to **William Hamilton**, who currently serves as Maintenance Supervisor at the Correctional Facility. He is recognized for **10 years of continuous service**.



REQUEST: Adoption of Resolution of Support for Redesignation of Rural Opportunity of Northwest Florida

The Board adopted a resolution in support of continuing the Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) designation for Northwest Florida. This important designation, set to expire in July 2025, provides critical tools such as grants, waivers, and legislative benefits that help strengthen the economy and quality of life in rural communities. The Board's support reflects a continued commitment to regional collaboration through Opportunity Florida and the belief that, despite the progress made since 2005, there is still important work ahead to help rural counties like Jackson thrive.



REQUEST: Approval to Set Public Hearings

The Board of County Commissioners set public hearings for May 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm for the following:

- **Treeline Road Mini Farms Subdivision:** A 6-lot minor residential subdivision with lots ranging from 2.47 to 5.59 acres. The proposed subdivision will be located approximately .79 miles south of the intersection of Bone Yard Road and Treeline Road on the east side of Treeline Road in unincorporated Jackson County.
- **Sellers Crossing Subdivision Modification:** A modification to an existing Preliminary Plat. On May 5, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved a 48-lot subdivision to be known as Sellers Crossing. The request is to decrease the number of lots from 48 to 22 lots to an existing preliminary plat and change the driveway location from Hwy 90

to Old Spanish Trail Road. This development will be in two phases. Phase I will consist of lots 1-12 and Phase II will consist of lots 13-22. The subdivision will be located on the north side of Old Spanish Trail approximately .73 miles east of the intersection of Hwy 71 South and Old Spanish Trail in unincorporated Jackson County.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the above projects during their regular meetings in April and May. These public hearings will provide an opportunity for community members to engage and offer feedback on the proposed projects, ensuring transparency and community involvement in local regulations and the development/land use process. The Board is committed to facilitating growth that benefits Jackson County and its residents.



REQUEST: Approval of a Temporary Use Permit for Freedom Springs Triathlon

The Board approved a Temporary Use Permit for a triathlon event to be known as Freedom Springs Triathlon. The event will be held at Blue Springs Recreation Park and surrounding area on July 4, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. On April 21, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Temporary Use Permit to the Board of County Commissioners.



REQUEST: Approval and Appointment of the 2025 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners approved the 2025 appointments to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), an essential component of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. This committee is responsible for reviewing local policies and recommending updates to promote affordable housing across the county. The 2025 AHAC includes: Regina Hargis-Williams (First Federal Bank of Florida), Lee Gause (U.S. Mobile Homes Sales of FL, Inc.), Joelle Roberts (Florida Showcase Realty), Robert Arnold (Jackson County Planning Commission), Debby Wood (Chipola CareerSource), Anita Halling (North Florida Inland Long Term Recovery Group), Kimberly Walters (Health Care Personnel), Karen Schoen (Educational Teacher and Dean), and Commissioner Jamey Westbrook. Their collective expertise will guide the County's efforts to expand housing opportunities for all residents.



REQUEST: Approval of Alford Volunteer Fire Department Grant Match Funding

The Board approved \$3,121 in matching funds to support the Alford Volunteer Fire Department's successful grant award from the Florida Forest Service. This funding will help the department purchase vital safety equipment, including bunker gear, facepiece kits, and a cartridge

assembly—enhancing protection for the firefighters who serve and protect the Alford community.



OTHER MATTERS: JACKSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE ASSISTANCE TO HOLMES COUNTY

The Board was informed that Jackson County Road & Bridge crews will be heading to Holmes County this Friday to assist with tornado recovery efforts following the devastating storms on May 10. Having faced our own share of severe weather in recent years—including Hurricane Michael and the January 2024 tornadoes—Jackson County understands the importance of resilience and being good neighbors. We are proud of our Road & Bridge team and County staff for stepping up to serve and support our neighbors in their time of need.

OTHER MATTERS: RESIGNATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WILANNE DANIELS



At the conclusion of the meeting, County Administrator Wilanne Daniels officially announced her resignation, effective June 3, 2025. Wilanne has faithfully served Jackson County for 18 years—beginning her career as a Planner in the Community Development Department, then Department Director, and ultimately leading the County as Administrator for the past seven years. Her leadership guided the organization through historic challenges like Hurricane Michael and the COVID-19 pandemic, while also building a culture of trust, communication, and community connection through efforts such as the Citizens Academy, employee enrichment initiatives, strategic budgeting, and partnerships grounded in the shared vision of FOR Jackson, FOR Future, FOR You.

With humility and deep gratitude, Wilanne shared how honored she's been to grow alongside this community and be part of its journey. She thanked her family for their unwavering support and prayers, and expressed full confidence in the County's continued progress. Each commissioner took a moment to express appreciation for her dedication and the profound impact of her service. It has truly been an honor and privilege to witness her commitment to Jackson County and the legacy she leaves behind.

LEGEND:



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