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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On May 27, 2025, at 6:00 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: Adoption of Wilanne Daniels Years of Service Proclamation



The Board adopted a proclamation recognizing Wilanne Daniels for her 18 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Jackson County.

Wilanne began her work with the County in 2006 as a Planner, later serving as Director of Community Development before stepping into the role of County Administrator in 2018. Throughout her time in public service, she demonstrated steady, compassionate leadership—especially through the most difficult times, including Hurricane Michael and the COVID-19 pandemic. Her commitment to

rebuilding and strengthening Jackson County helped guide the community through uncertainty with resilience and resolve.

Wilanne encouraged the vision of “FOR Jackson, FOR Future, FOR You” and helped lay the foundation for a culture rooted in service, accountability, and long-term growth. That legacy continues to shape the daily work of departments across the County and serves as an enduring reminder of her leadership.

The Board, along with County staff and the entire Jackson County community, expressed sincere appreciation for her years of hard work and dedication. We wish her the very best as she embraces the next chapter of her calling.



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REQUEST: Adoption of Men's Health Week Proclamation

The Board officially proclaimed June 9–15, 2025, as Men's Health Week in Jackson County as part of the national observance of Men's Health Month. This initiative highlights the importance of addressing the physical and mental health needs of men and boys and encourages healthy lifestyle choices, regular screenings, and open conversations about wellness. With men facing higher rates of serious health conditions and lower life expectancy, the proclamation serves as a call to action for families and communities to support the well-being of fathers, sons, and brothers. The County joins the nationwide effort led by the Men's Health Network to raise awareness and promote preventive care throughout the month of June.



REQUEST: Approval of Community Development Projects

The Board of County Commissioners approved the following projects presented by the Community Development Department:

- **Treeline Road Mini Farms Subdivision**

A request for a 6-lot minor residential subdivision with lots ranging from 2.47 to 5.59 acres. One new road will be created to access lots 3,4,5, and 6. This road will be private and will be maintained by the Property Owners Association for Treeline Road Mini Farms. 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.

On May 5, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of Treeline Road Mini Farms Subdivision to the Board of County Commissioners.



- **Modification of Existing Preliminary Plat for Sellers Crossing Subdivision**

On May 24, 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.

On April 21, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the modification of the existing plat for Sellers Crossing to the Board of County Commissioners.



- **Film and Motion Photography Special Use Permit**

An application for a Film and Motion Photography Special Use permit was submitted by Circus Dog Productions, Inc. on May 15, 2025. The Special Use Permit is for filming area scenic beauty shots to include in an episode of House Hunters for the HGTV network. The production

will consist of a crew of 3-5 people using one camera and no large filming equipment. Filming will take place between June 2 and June 5, 2025.

The production is an episode in the House Hunters program for HGTV. Filming in public areas will involve only scenic and local activity shots. Project details were submitted and no objections were received from Administration, Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, Parks, Risk Management, Road & Bridge, or the Sheriff's Office.



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REQUEST: Set a Public Hearing for Adoption of Proposed Updates and Revisions to the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan

The Board approved setting a second public hearing on June 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the adoption of proposed updates to the County's Comprehensive Plan, including revisions to goals, objectives, policies, and maps. This update marks a major milestone in the state-mandated review process, which occurs at least once every seven years to ensure the plan reflects current needs and development trends.

In partnership with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC), the County has been actively working through the extensive review and approval process since 2023. After submitting proposed changes to Florida Commerce in October 2024, the County received positive preliminary feedback in May 2025 and is on track to meet the June 25, 2025, adoption deadline. The Board looks forward to finalizing a modernized plan that supports smart growth and future development in Jackson County.



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REQUEST: Discussion and Approval of the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (C.O.R.E.) Project Plan Funding

Jackson County has been selected by the State of Florida to participate in the CORE (Coordinated Opioid Recovery) Program beginning July 1, with approximately \$700,000 allocated for the first year. This comprehensive initiative is designed to provide 24/7 support for individuals facing opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD).

The proposed plan includes emergency rescue response via EMS, stabilization through local hospitals, and long-term recovery support provided by PanCare Health, Jackson County's designated 24/7 Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) provider. PanCare's services are expected to be funded at \$500,000 in the first year.

The remaining funds would help establish a 12-hour ambulance unit with additional paramedics and EMT staff to enhance emergency response coverage during peak call times.

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In a continued commitment to responsible and thoughtful planning, the Board voted to table the funding proposal to allow for further review and discussion at the next meeting. This step ensures the County makes the most effective and sustainable use of this vital funding opportunity.



REQUEST: Maintaining Private Roads

The Board voted to reinstate the County's Private Road Grading Policy, offering a path forward for residents on private roads to request limited grading services—at their own expense—through the Road & Bridge Department. While the Board did not vote to assume maintenance of any private roads, this policy complies with Florida law and allows the County to respond to citizen needs in a fair and fiscally responsible way.

Under the reinstated policy, eligible property owners may request grading on a private lane, provided they cover the full cost of the service, including labor and equipment, based on FEMA rates. Grading will only be performed if it meets specific conditions and can be incorporated into the County's regular road maintenance cycle.

This policy supports public safety by improving access for emergency service vehicles while maintaining compliance with state statutes and ensuring that county resources are used appropriately.



REQUEST: Discussion of Second Meeting Date in June

To ensure full participation in the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and required Ethics Training, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners has rescheduled its second June meeting. Originally set for June 24, the meeting will now take place on Tuesday, June 17 at 9:00 a.m. The Board approved the date change to allow commissioners to represent Jackson County at the FAC Conference while still conducting important County business in a timely manner.



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