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### Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On July 22, 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.

#### **REQUEST: Approval of an Extension to the Development Agreement for Oakdale Townhomes**

The Board approved a 24-month extension to the Development Agreement for Panhandle North, LLC, doing business as Oakdale Townhomes. This project was originally approved in June 2023 and proposes a 40-lot townhome community on Hope School Road in unincorporated Jackson County. Once complete, the development will offer more than 33,000 square feet of residential building space and over 50,000 square feet of paved area for access and parking. The extension allows additional time to bring this planned residential project to life.



**VIBRANT &  
GROWING ECONOMY**

#### **REQUEST: Adoption of the One-Cent Sales Tax Ordinance**

The Board held a public hearing to adopt the one-cent sales tax ordinance. The current ordinance, set to expire on December 31, 2025, currently generates about \$5.8 million annually, funding nearly half of the Transportation Trust for operating the Road and Bridge Department.

The Board voted to adopt a modified ordinance that would allow the funds to be used for any public purpose authorized under Section 212.055(3), Florida Statutes (with the exception of servicing bond indebtedness). This ordinance will go into effect January 1, 2026.



**SUSTAINABLE SERVICES  
& BUDGETING**

#### **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 this goal, the department offers special sponsorships to event organizers who demonstrate a positive impact on the local economy and community. By investing in these events, the

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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 two (2) sponsorships, which were approved.

#### **Sponsorships:**

- **Stock Dog Show Sponsorship:** Ed Clements will host a Stock Dog Cattle Show event on October 18-19, 2025, at the Jackson County Ag Center. *The TDC board approved to award the amount of **\$3,350** toward the event.*
- **Autumn Toss Em Sponsorship:** Jackson County Disc Golf Club will be hosting The Autumn Toss Em at the Mere DGC on November 8, 2025. *The TDC board approved to award the amount of **\$2,300** toward the event.*



#### **REQUEST: Value Adjustment Board Appointments**

In preparation for the upcoming Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meeting on July 30, 2025, the Board filled all required appointments. Commissioners Donnie Branch and Edward Crutchfield were approved to serve as the BOCC representatives, and Diane Pate of Marianna was appointed to the citizen vacancy. The Board also voted to retain VAB Attorney Martha Eskuchen, who has served in this role for several years and brings valuable experience to the position.



#### **REQUEST: Approval of Bid Awards**

The Board of County Commissioners approved to award the following bid projects:

- **RB-2425-07 Reddick Mill Road Bridge**  
The County is moving forward with much-needed repairs to the Reddick Mill Road Bridge thanks to funding from the Bridge Small County Outreach Program (BSCOP). On June 26, sealed bids were opened, and after review by Alday Howell Engineering, the Board approved awarding the project to Extreme Land Restoration.
- **2425-22 Shangri La Phase 3**  
Progress continues on the Shangri La restoration project, as the Board approved the award of Phase 3 to Blue CS Construction. The project, fully funded through a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), moves the County forward in its effort to restore, protect, and enhance public access to the beloved Shangri La Spring.



- **2425-12 Waste Removal**

Following a thorough bid evaluation process, the Ranking Committee has recommended Waste Pro of Florida as the top proposer for the County’s solid waste services. The Board approved the recommendation. As part of their proposal, Waste Pro submitted a detailed Transition Plan to ensure a smooth and efficient handoff. More information for our residents regarding the transition of services will be forthcoming in the months ahead.



- **2425-20 Jackson Endeavor Museum Phase 2 Repairs**

The Board approved awarding the Endeavor Museum Shell and Structural Repairs project to Monolith Construction. Although the bid exceeds the current project budget, County staff and the engineer are confident that value engineering will bring the cost within the available funding, comprised of both grant and TDC funds, without compromising project deliverables. Given the time-sensitive deadline of December 2025, this award ensures the project can move forward while solutions are pursued to stay on budget.



**REQUEST: Approval of Auction of Surplus Vehicles/Equipment**

The Board approved Mason Auction & Sales as the County’s vendor for auctioning surplus vehicles and equipment. With a 10% commission rate and the County covering minimal prep expenses to ensure items are in sellable condition, this partnership will help efficiently move surplus assets.



**REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment of Leonard Shores to the Tri-County Airport Authority**

The Board approved the reappointment of Leonard Shores to the Tri-County Airport Authority Board. Mr. Shores, who has served since February 2024, has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Airport Authority and expressed his willingness to continue serving. His new term will begin October 1, 2025, and run through September 30, 2028. The Airport Authority recommended his reappointment in recognition of his dedication and valuable service.



**LEGEND:**



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