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# Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On *July 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 is proud to celebrate employees who go above and beyond in service to our community. For July 2025, the Employee of the Month honor was awarded to Breanna Booker. Breanna joined the County in June 2023 and currently serves as Permit Technician for the Building Department. Known for her strong work ethic, initiative, and positive attitude, Breanna consistently goes above and beyond in her role. She recently developed a new tracking tool to help monitor temporary RV allowances tied to building permits, improving communication with property owners. Always dependable and team-

oriented, Breanna also took the lead during an office relocation, no small task after nearly a decade in the same space! Her dedication to excellence, both in serving the public and supporting her coworkers, truly reflects the County's FOR mission. Congratulations, Breanna, and thank you for being FOR Community Development and FOR the citizens we serve!

#### **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 Department Director Jeffrey Register presented the award to **Timothy Perry**, who currently serves as Assistant Road and Bridge Director. He is recognized for **10 years of continuous service**.

SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

## **RECOGNITION: Brigitte Rehberg Proclamation**



The Board recognized Brigitte Rehberg for her years of dedicated service to Jackson County, as July 8, 2025, marked her last day with the County.

Brigitte joined the BOCC team in 2021 and has made an incredible impact over the past four years, first as Administrative Assistant and later as Business Manager. Known for her warmth, humility, and exceptional work ethic, Brigitte has been a steady and encouraging presence in the Administration Office and a trusted support to staff across all departments. From managing complex schedules and Board agendas to offering a kind

word or helpful hand, she has served with grace and compassion.

The Board expressed deep appreciation for Brigitte's many contributions and lasting legacy and wished her the very best in her next chapter. She will always be part of the Jackson County family

## **REQUEST: Adoption of Resolution for Jackson County to Support EOG DOGE**

The Board adopted a resolution in support of the Executive Office of the Governor's DOGE initiative. This resolution formalizes Jackson County's partnership with the DOGE team in their shared commitment to identifying unnecessary spending, reducing waste, and ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.



SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

## **REQUEST: Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage for Pilot Travel Center**

The Board approved the local jurisdiction request for an alcoholic beverage license (2APS) for Pilot Travel Center #374, located at 2209 Highway 71 South in unincorporated Jackson County. This license allows the sale of retail alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption. There are no schools or churches within 300 feet of the location. This approval serves as the County's required authorization for the business to move forward with the State of Florida's licensing process through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), which will make the final determination.

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# **REQUEST: Approval to Award 2425-17 Project JAWS to Anderson Columbia Co. Inc.**

The Board approved awarding the construction contract for infrastructure improvements at Endeavor Industrial Park to Anderson Columbia, following a competitive bid process. The project, funded through a Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) grant, includes drainage upgrades to the unpaved portion of Mashburn Road, construction of a stormwater pond to support future development, and the extension of water lines. The City of Marianna is managing the sewer extension through a separate grant. Because the asphalt paving portion of the project is not covered by the federal grant, the County will consider a value engineering change order before issuing a Notice to Proceed for that portion. The project remains within budget and represents a significant step forward in enhancing the infrastructure at Endeavor.



**INNOVATIVE FACILITIES** & INFRASTRUCTURE

## **REQUEST: Approval of RFP 2425-19 Debris Monitoring Services**

The Board approved the release of RFP 2425-19 for Debris Monitoring Services to ensure the County remains prepared in the event of a disaster. These services are activated only during emergencies and are used to monitor the debris collected and disposed of by the County's designated Debris Removal and Disposal contractor. The current contract with DebrisTech, which has provided these services, is set to expire on September 12, 2025. By moving forward with the RFP process, the County continues its proactive approach to disaster readiness and accountability.





## **REQUEST: Approval of 2025-26 School Board MOU**

The Board approved the annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Jackson County and the Jackson County School Board to support emergency operations during disasters. This agreement outlines how the School Board will assist with sheltering, transportation, food services, and fuel in the event of emergencies. As part of the partnership, a portion of Marianna High School, approved by the Red Cross for use during hurricane-force winds, will serve as the County's Special Needs Shelter and Risk Shelter as required during emergencies. The School Board will also provide school buses, drivers, meals for the sheltered, and access to fuel once County resources are exhausted. This ongoing collaboration strengthens Jackson County's emergency preparedness and highlights the commitment of both agencies to serve and protect the community when it matters most.





## **REQUEST: Approval of FY2025-26 Budget Schedule**

The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Schedule, aligning with Florida's TRIM (Truth in Millage) requirements. This comprehensive schedule outlines key dates for budget workshops, public hearings, and state-mandated deadlines that ensure transparency, accountability, and community involvement throughout the County's budgeting process. The schedule includes multiple opportunities for public input, with the first budget hearing set for September 9, 2025, and the final hearing on September 23, 2025. By adopting this timeline, the Board reinforces its commitment to responsible fiscal planning and open government.



SUSTAINABLE SERVICES & BUDGETING

#### **REQUEST:** Approval to Set a Public Hearing for the One-Cent Sales Tax Ordinance

The Board approved to set a public hearing for July 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM to adopt the one-cent sales tax ordinance. This sales tax, 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 will consider adopting a new ordinance that will continue dedicating the proceeds to road and bridge operations, or 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).





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