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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On August 12, 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: Dixie Softball World Series Champions



The Board proudly recognized two outstanding Marianna softball teams for their remarkable achievements on the national stage. The **Marianna Ponytails** brought home the **2025 Dixie Softball World Series Championship**, while the **Marianna Angels** earned an impressive **runner-up** title. We celebrate the dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork of these talented athletes and coaches, and we thank them for representing their community with pride and excellence.

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RECOGNITION: Employee of the Month



The Board proudly recognized **Terri Hardin** as Jackson County's **Employee of the Month for August 2025**. Terri, who has served as Executive Secretary for Extension Services since 2019, exemplifies excellence through her dedication, compassion, and tireless support of both staff and citizens. Known as the office "Mom," Terri consistently goes above and beyond, whether it's helping with 4-H activities, maintaining flower beds, or staying late to ensure someone's needs are met. Her humble leadership, practical advice, and commitment to service make her an invaluable member of the Extension Services team and a true asset to the entire County.

Congratulations, Terri, and thank you for making Jackson County a better place to live and work!

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 Deputy County Administrator Rett Daniels presented the award to **Melvin Lewis Jr.**, who currently serves as Environmental Technician with Parks and Recycling. He is recognized for **5 years of continuous service**.

REQUEST: Adoption of Resolution and Approval of CEMP Four Year Update

The Board approved Jackson County's updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), which outlines the County's coordinated approach to protecting life, property, and the environment during emergencies. The plan ensures the effective use of local resources and partnerships and has been officially reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), reinforcing Jackson County's commitment to preparedness and public safety. The updated plan was adopted by resolution.



REPORT: TDC Five Year Strategic Plan

The Board discussed the Jackson County Tourist Development Council's (TDC) draft Five-Year Strategic Plan, which will guide tourism priorities and initiatives from FY25-26 through FY30-31. Each Commissioner took time to meet individually with the TDC Director to provide thoughtful feedback and suggested edits, which have been compiled and included at the beginning of the plan. The Board also set a special meeting for September 4, 2025, at 1:30 PM to hear the final presentation of the strategic plan report by Kimley-Horn. This collaborative effort reflects the County's strong commitment to intentional, long-term planning that supports tourism growth and community impact.



REQUEST: Requirement to Amend Subdivision Ordinance

To comply with newly enacted state law, the Board directed staff to amend Jackson County's subdivision ordinance in line with 2025 Senate Bill 784. Signed by the Governor on June 20 and effective July 1, the law requires local governments to designate an administrative authority, such as the County Administrator or another senior official, to process and approve all subdivision plat and re-plat applications that meet Florida Statute 177.091. These approvals must occur within a set timeframe and no longer require public hearings or Board votes. This update would ensure compliance with state regulations.



REQUEST: Approval of RFQ for Pooser Road CEI

The Board approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Pooser Road Paving and Drainage Project, which is supported by multiple grant sources including CDBG, HMGP, Job Growth, and SCOP/CIGP. To ensure full compliance with all funding agencies, the RFQ will be reviewed by the appropriate grant authorities for any additional statutory requirements before final release.



REQUEST: Approval of Award for Ulysses Road Bridge B-SCOP Repair

The Board approved awarding the Ulysses Road Bridge repair project to Extreme Land Restoration, following a bid opening on July 17. Although the company was the sole bidder, they are a trusted contractor currently working on other County bridge projects, including Reddick Mill Road. The project is fully funded through the FDOT Bridge Small County Outreach Program (B-SCOP), with FDOT providing a supplemental agreement to cover all costs—design, construction, and CEI.



REQUEST: Approval of Amendment to CDBG HR Grant Madison's Roof

The Board approved Amendment #2 to the CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program Subrecipient Agreement, enabling Jackson County to assist the private owner of the former Madison Warehouse property with hurricane recovery roof repairs funded through a state-

administered grant. While the County has not purchased the property, this amendment keeps the project moving forward, supports local revitalization, and does so without any impact to County finances.



REQUEST: Approval of Purchasing Policy and P-Card Policy Updates

The Board approved updates to the County's purchasing and p-card policies to reflect rising costs and inflation since the original thresholds were established. These updates will help streamline procurement processes by reducing staff time spent on routine purchases, while still requiring written quotes to ensure the County continues to secure the best value for taxpayers.



REQUEST: Approval of Interlocal Agreements with Municipalities for Disaster Debris Removal and Monitoring Services

The Board approved an agreement that will allow Jackson County municipalities to utilize County-procured contractors for debris removal and monitoring following severe weather events or natural disasters. This cooperative approach streamlines recovery efforts and ensures faster, more efficient service to residents during times of need. Participating municipalities include Alford, Bascom, Campbellton, Cottondale, Graceville, Grand Ridge, Greenwood, Jacob, Malone, and Sneads, pending each municipality's approval of the agreement.



REQUEST: Approval of Amended Animal Control Interlocal Agreement

The Board approved an amended Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control services between Jackson County and participating municipalities. The agreement outlines Jackson County's role in assisting with the housing, care, and disposition of stray animals upon request from the municipality, contingent on space availability. Citizens residing within municipal limits must coordinate through their respective municipality for response services from Jackson County. The agreement allows Jackson County to provide traps if animals cannot be immediately captured and enables enforcement of applicable County ordinances when necessary. Rates for services are subject to change annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), ensuring the agreement remains adaptable and sustainable.



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