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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On *November 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: Employee of the Month



The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners proudly recognized **Lucas Mayo**, Grants and Contracts Manager, as the **November 2025 Employee of the Month**. Since joining the County in November 2023, Lucas has consistently gone above and beyond in his role, bringing professionalism, accuracy, and a strong sense of responsibility to every project he touches. His efforts in securing and managing grant funding have directly supported critical initiatives such as infrastructure improvements, emergency management, and technology upgrades, making a measurable impact on the future of Jackson County.

In addition to his technical expertise, Lucas is known for his collaborative spirit, calm leadership, and willingness to help others succeed. He is often the quiet force behind major accomplishments, ensuring that projects stay compliant, on track, and beneficial to the community. His dedication exemplifies the County's mission of being FOR Jackson, FOR Future, FOR You, and we are proud to recognize his commitment to public service and excellence.

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, along with Department Directors, presented awards to the following employees:

- **Robert Standland**
Robert Standland currently serves as a District 5 Supervisor with Road and Bridge. He is recognized for 20 years of continuous service.
- **Chelsea Walters-Winget**
Chelsea Walters-Winget currently serves as Battalion Chief/Paramedic with Jackson County Fire Rescue. She is recognized for 10 years of continuous service.
- **Heather Williams**
Heather Williams currently serves as Executive Secretary with Public Works. She is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.
- **Jeffrey Register**
Jeffrey Register currently serves as Director of Road and Bridge. He is recognized for 5 years of continuous service.



REQUEST: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance for Comprehensive Plan Revision

The Board adopted updates to the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan following its second public hearing, completing the state-required revision process. Every seven years, local governments must review and update their Comprehensive Plan to reflect current conditions and ensure consistency with state law. After submitting the original update to FloridaCommerce in 2024, the County received minor comments and proceeded with adoption in June 2025.

In August 2025, FloridaCommerce notified the County of a conflict related to a recent change in state law (Senate Bill 180), specifically impacting Chapter 4 Policy 2.1. After collaboration with state officials, Jackson County agreed to re-adopt the Plan with that policy restored to its previous language. The revised Plan now meets all state requirements and has been formally

approved for transmittal to FloridaCommerce. This action helps keep the County's long-term planning efforts compliant, up to date, and focused on responsible growth.



REQUEST: Approval to Solicit ITB 2526-04- Jackson County Vehicle Purchase

The Board approved advertising Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2526-04 for the purchase of new County vehicles to replace aging fleet units and leased vehicles being returned. This effort ensures County departments have safe, reliable transportation to continue serving the public effectively. Funding for the vehicle purchases will come at no additional cost to taxpayers, using proceeds from previously surplus vehicles and equipment, along with savings from recent Road & Bridge special project purchases. The bid includes a total of 15 vehicles across multiple departments, including pickups, SUVs, service trucks, and first responder units. This reinvestment in County equipment supports operational efficiency while responsibly utilizing existing funds.



REQUEST: Approval of Ranking Committee Changes for Contract Legal Services RFP 2526-05

The Board approved updates to the ranking committee for RFP 2526-05 regarding contract legal services. This follows the Board's earlier decision on October 28, 2025, to move forward with soliciting proposals. The revised committee will now include four members. The updated ranking committee will be composed of Commissioner Donnie Branch, Public Defender Herman Laramore, Attorney Frank Bondurant, and Judge Woodrow Hatcher.



LEGEND:



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