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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On November 25, 2025, 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 FDOT Resolutions

The Board approved two transportation and beautification projects aimed at improving local infrastructure and enhancing community aesthetics. The first approval was a resolution and FDOT grant agreement for design and permitting improvements along County Road 271 (River Road) from Cox Road to north of Brenson Road — a 3.7-mile project focused on resurfacing, widening, and correcting roadway cross slopes.

Additionally, the Board approved a resolution and FDOT Joint Participation Agreement for landscape improvements along State Road 276, extending from Pooser Road to CR 167 South Street. The project will serve as a major beautification effort for one of Jackson County's key gateway corridors near the Endeavor property, featuring the planting of approximately 300 native Florida trees across selected sections for maximum aesthetic appeal and ecological sustainability. The project will include a one-year establishment period to ensure successful growth and maintenance of the new plantings.



REQUEST: Approval of Supplemental Budget for FY 24-25

The Board adopted the Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2024–2025, which updates the County's budget to reflect additional revenues and available cash balances beyond the original estimates. Adopted annually, the supplemental budget ensures that new or unanticipated funds are properly allocated to meet the County's operational and project needs.

The resolution establishes a total revised budget of \$116,612,362, aligning revenue and expenditure estimates across all funds. This adoption allows the County to responsibly manage and utilize its financial resources in accordance with state law, supporting continued investment in essential services, infrastructure, and community priorities for the remainder of the fiscal year.



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REQUEST: Approval of TDC Sponsorships for Sunshine Double C Classic Stock Dog Show

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/reimbursements to event organizers who demonstrate a positive impact on the local economy and community. By investing in these events, the 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 to award a TDC sponsorship in the amount of \$3,205 to Ed Clements for the Sunshine Double C Classic Stock Dog Show in February 2026. TDC is recommending approval for funds in the amount of \$800 for facility rental, \$500 for social ads to be expended by staff, and \$1,905 in sanction fees. The Board approved the request.



REQUEST: Approval of Southeastern Surveying Proposal for Pilgrim Rest Church Road

The Board approved a proposal from Southeastern Surveying to support upcoming improvements on Pilgrim Rest Church Road. The \$8,760 contract provides professional surveying services to locate the maintained right-of-way and establish a clear centerline along the 4.4-mile roadway. This work is an important first step in helping the County plan future maintenance and improvements with accuracy and efficiency.



REQUEST: Approval of Bid Awards

The Board approved two bid awards. First, commissioners awarded ITB 2425-23 for the Courthouse Air Handler replacement to Air Mechanical and Service Corp (AMSCO), the lowest bidder at \$257,124. Although the project was originally budgeted at \$200,000, the increase was reviewed and approved by Judge Patterson, allowing the much-needed upgrade to move forward using court funds. The Board also approved the award for ITB 2526-01 Fuel Supplier following the November 20 public bid opening, where Bennett Eubanks Oil Co., the incumbent provider, submitted the sole qualifying bid. Both approvals ensure continuity of essential county operations and support ongoing facility and fleet needs.



REQUEST: Approval of Budget Amendments

The Board approved several routine budget amendments to keep the County's financial records aligned with current needs. These adjustments include updates to elected officials' salaries as required by the State, along with revisions to budget lines for previously approved special project purchases. The Board also approved a small increase of \$750 to the State Attorney's special project request for desktop computers to ensure the equipment meets necessary storage requirements.



REQUEST: Appointments to Tri-County Community Council, Inc. Board of Directors

The Board approved re-appointing Commissioner Dr. Willie Spires to the Tri-County Community Council Board of Directors for 2026, ensuring continued representation for Jackson County on this important regional agency. Commissioner Willie Spires was appointed to serve on the 2025 Board. The Tri-County Community Council serves seven counties across the region and is required to maintain a balanced, tripartite board representing government, business, and low-income residents. These appointments help safeguard Jackson County's participation and access to essential community services and funding opportunities.



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

The Board continues discussion regarding the next steps in the RFP process for Contract Legal Services (RFP 2526-05). This includes accepting the updated ranking committee, approved on November 12, which consists of Commissioner Donnie Branch, Public Defender Herman Laramore, Attorney Frank Bondurant, and Judge Woodrow Hatcher. The solicitation will remain open until December 4, 2025. After the committee evaluates the submissions, they will provide their rankings to staff within an estimated 5-10 days. This process helps ensure a thorough and competitive review as the County considers future legal service options.



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LEGEND:



District 1 Dr. Willie Spires	District 2 Edward Crutchfield	District 3 Paul Donofro Jr.	District 4 Donnie Branch	District 5 Jamey Westbrook
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