



# JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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### Jackson County BOCC Special Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On January 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners held a Special Meeting. This is a recap of some of the reports and requests included in that meeting.

#### REPORT: Waste Pro Transition Update



The Board received an update on the solid waste service transition from **Loyd Childree, Director of Governmental Affairs and Municipal Marketing Manager**, and **Rebecca Dodson, Division Manager**, with **Waste Pro**. They reported that new Waste Pro carts have been successfully delivered to more than 8,300 households in unincorporated Jackson County. During the initial transition period, Waste Pro assisted residents by collecting household garbage from both Waste Pro carts and former Waste Management (WM) carts. As service continues, **residents are asked to place household garbage only in their Waste Pro carts**, even if WM carts remain on their property. Former WM carts are owned by Waste Management and cannot be removed or relocated by Waste Pro. County staff and Waste Pro will continue coordinating with Waste Management regarding the retrieval of remaining WM carts. Residents who experience issues or have questions related to the transition are encouraged to contact Waste Pro so concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application

The Board held a public hearing to gather community input as part of Jackson County's consideration of applying for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Florida Department of Commerce. The County is eligible to seek funding for projects that support neighborhood and commercial revitalization, housing rehabilitation, economic development, and critical infrastructure improvements. During the hearing, residents were invited to share feedback on local economic and community development needs that could

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shape a future application. One potential project discussed includes construction of a new well and elevated water storage tank to improve water capacity and reliability near the I-10 and State Road 71 interchange. A second public hearing will be held during the regular Board meeting on January 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., continuing the County's commitment to public input as the process moves forward.



### **PRESENTATION: County Participation in the WIMPER Program**

Over the past few months, Tim Hummel, WIMPER representative, met individually with each Commissioner to discuss a proactive employee wellness program designed to support healthier lifestyles while offering pre-tax benefits for participating employees. The program allows employees to reduce taxable income, which can positively impact take-home pay. Similar programs are already in place with the Jackson County School District and a local private practice. Following these discussions, the Board approved participation in the program, providing county employees with an additional benefit that supports both wellness and financial well-being.



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