

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 41

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, A STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE BOARD ON MATTERS CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida (the “Board”), pursuant to Section 125.045, Florida Statutes, has authority to undertake activities to enhance and expand economic activity in Jefferson County by attracting and retaining manufacturing development, business enterprise management, and other activities conducive to economic promotion, in order to provide a stronger, more balanced, and stable economy for the citizens of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the Board, to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County by facilitating economic growth and commerce, desires to create an Economic Development Committee for the purpose of advising and assisting the County with matters related to economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF RECITALS. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference. All terms defined in the above recitals shall continue to have the same meaning when used in the body of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED. The Jefferson County Economic Development Committee (the “Committee”) is hereby established to advise the Board concerning economic development opportunities and initiatives in Jefferson County, to promote the general business interests and industrial interests of the County, and to act as liaison to the Florida Department of Commerce with respect to economic development. The Committee’s composition, appointment and removal of members, membership requirements, and purpose are as follows.

A. Composition, Appointment, and Removal of Members. The Committee shall be comprised of six (6) Committee Members (“Members”). One (1) Member shall be the current Chairperson of the County Commission or, if the Chairperson declines to serve, another Commissioner to be appointed by the Board, who shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Committee. One (1) Member shall be a City of Monticello (“City”) Council Member appointed by the City Council. One (1) Member shall be a School District employee appointed by the Jefferson County School District. One (1) Member shall be a representative of the Sheriff’s Office

who shall serve in an advisory role as a non-voting member. Two (2) Members shall be members of the Jefferson County business community appointed by the Board. Each Member shall serve on the Committee until they are replaced by the Board, Sheriff, School District, or City Council (as applicable) or they resign. The Board, Sheriff, School District, or City Council may at any time replace their Member(s) on the Committee for any reason. Members shall serve voluntarily without compensation. Members may be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with state law when the Board approves such travel in advance.

B. Purpose and Functions of the Committee. The Committee shall serve in an informational and advisory capacity to the Board and may formulate, prepare, or promulgate proposed economic development plans, coordinate and communicate with the Florida Department of Commerce regarding economic development opportunities, and make recommendations to the Board regarding economic development matters. The Committee shall not be authorized to bind the County unless specifically authorized by the Board by separate action duly adopted by the Board.

C. Administration. The County Manager shall designate staff to provide administrative support to the Committee, including taking of minutes, advertising meetings, and preparing meeting agendas. The Committee shall be bound by State and County laws, ordinances, and procedures, including but not limited to public records laws (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), public meetings laws (the “Sunshine Law,” Chapter 286, Florida Statutes), and ethics laws (the “Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees,” Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes). The Committee shall have the authority to adopt its own rules of procedure and to determine its own schedule of meetings and to set its own meeting agendas.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION. The Board hereby appoints the following Members to the Committee:

Business Community Member	<u>Ashley Cowen</u>
Business Community Member	<u>Caleb Stevens</u>
Jefferson County Commissioners	<u>Current Chairperson</u>
Monticello City Commissioner	<u>To be Appointed by City Council</u>
School District	<u>To be Appointed by School District</u>
Sheriff’s Representative (non-voting)	<u>To be Appointed by Sheriff</u>

The appointment or replacement of any Member to the Committee shall be effectuated upon provision of notice to the County and shall not require amendment of this Resolution.

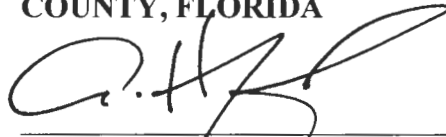
SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. Should any section or provision of this Resolution or any portion thereof, or any paragraph, sentence or word be declared by a court of competent

jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

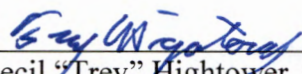
SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, on this the 16 day of October, 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON
COUNTY, FLORIDA**


Austin Hosford, Chair

ATTEST:


Cecil "Trey" Hightower, Ex Officio
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Evan Rosenthal

Evan Rosenthal
County Attorney