



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE KEYSTONE COUNTY-ESTABLISHED 1827

435 W. Walnut St., Monticello, Florida 32344

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Bishop**
District 1

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Chair
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District 3

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Vice-Chair
District 4

Stephen Walker
District 5

**Regular Session Agenda
February 21, 2013 at the Courthouse Annex
435 W. Walnut St. Monticello, FL 32344**

1. **6:00 P.M. – Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Announcements, Presentations, & Awards**
 - a) **Recognition of Teachers – Chairman Nelson**
 - b) **Upcoming Event at Horse Arena – Julie Conley**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a) **Approval of Agenda**
 - b) **Minutes of December 20, 2012 Regular Session**
4. **Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit, No Commissioner Discussion)**
5. **General Business**
 - a) **Tyson Road – Citizen John Cobb**
 - b) **Lloyd Sidewalk Project – Citizen Charles Parrish**
 - c) **Sidewalk Prioritization w/n Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan – Commissioner Barfield**
 - d) **Fire Assessment Study Presentation – Jeff Rackley/Camille Tharpe, Government Svcs. Group**
 - e) **Sunday Alcohol Sales Draft Ordinance – Attorney Bird**
 - f) **Tax Abatement Draft Ordinance – Attorney Bird**
 - g) **Road Width Alternatives & Specifications – Commissioner Boyd**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING (7 PM) – CELL TOWER APPEAL**
7. **County Coordinator's Report**
8. **Citizen's Forum (3 Minute Limit, Commissioner Discussion Allowed)**
9. **Commissioner Discussion Items**
10. **Adjourn**

From the manual "Government in the Sunshine", page 40:

Paragraph C. Each board, commission or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Kirk Reams
Clerk of Courts

Parrish Barwick
County Coordinator

Bird & Sparkman, P.A.
County Attorney
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ITEM 3: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTE BOOK 23, PAGE _____

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
December 20, 2012

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman John Nelson, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benjamin “Benny” Bishop, Hines Boyd and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 2: Public Announcements, Presentations & Awards

1. Dick Bailar and Angela Gray presented the Legislative Booklets to the Board.
2. John Pat Thomas, representing Florida League of Cities, presented the Board an insurance refund check of \$18,203.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

3. **On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, consisting of the approval of the agenda, was approved.**

ITEM 5(a): Dragline/Mine Discussion and Report

4. Mine Consultant Randy Hatch presented his report on the purchase of a dragline. Chairman Nelson stated he would like to see this brought back to the workshop on January 8th.

ITEM 5(b): EMS Annual License Agreement

5. Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews introduced this item. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the EMS Annual License Agreement was approved.**

ITEM 5(c): Section 8 Housing Agreement

6. County Coordinator Parrish Barwick stated that the federal government would not allow Jefferson County to perform this program on its own. The federal government recommended the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority to oversee the Section 8 program, which would take Jefferson County out of the housing assistance business. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Coordinator’s recommendation to go with the NWFRHA.**

ITEM 5(d): Board and Committee Assignments

7. The Board collectively filled the remaining board and committee appointments and charged the County Coordinator’s Office with maintaining a list of said appointments.

ITEM 5(e): Sidewalk Project Prioritization

8. Chairman Nelson relinquished the gavel to Commissioner Barfield and explained that he had thought that the monies available were required to be spent on the US-19 sidewalk project. **On motion by Chairman Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and**

carried 3 to 2 (Boyd and Bishop opposed), the Board agreed to use the money available from the state on the Lloyd area CR-158A sidewalk project. Commissioner Barfield returned the gavel to Chairman Nelson.

ITEM 5(f): NFCC/Green Industries/Small Business Development Discussion

9. Commissioner Barfield stated that NFCC's president informed her that he would be recommending pulling out of the Green Industries facility, while leaving 90% of the office and telecommunications equipment intact. She further stated that the agricultural equipment would be removed. Commissioner Barfield stated her desire to proceed with moving the Extension Office to the Green Industries site and that ideas for a small business incubator there should be brought before and decided on by the Board. Commissioner Boyd stated that NFCC had a moral obligation to keep their programs here and that the County would be stuck with the maintenance bill on the property. Attorney Bird stated that the County had no standing to force NFCC. The consensus of the Board was to request that the president of NFCC attend the next meeting.

ITEM 5(g): Alcohol Sales on Sunday Discussion

10. Citizen Arun Kundra stated the due to the Sunday sales restriction, Jefferson County businesses and government were losing revenues. He further stated that there were also matters of public safety, inconvenience and economic development at stake. Mr. Kundra requested that Board consider voting to eliminate the Sunday sales restriction. Citizen Jay Adams urged the Board to hold public hearings and pass the ordinance eliminating the Sunday restriction. Citizen Paul Henry agreed and stated that government needed to be out of the way. Attorney Bird stated that the Board would have to advertise and hold public hearings to amend the ordinance or the Board could request a non-binding referendum. Commissioner Walker stated it would be a good thing for Jefferson County. Commissioner Bishop asked the Sheriff to discuss any potential impact this may have on law enforcement. Sheriff David Hobbs stated that most law enforcement agencies are against lifting the restriction and that people living near drinking establishments probably would not want it lifted. Chairman Nelson requested that staff bring back what surrounding counties have in place and that the item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion and public input.

ITEM 7: Citizen's Forum

11. Citizen C.P. Miller asked the Board to consider placing the citizen's forum after the Commissioner discussion items on the agenda.

ITEM 8: Commissioner Discussion Items

12. Chairman Nelson confirmed that there would be a workshop on January 8th related to Solid Waste services and the Mine/Dragline discussion as well as some road scenarios discussed by Commissioner Boyd. A roads workshop was scheduled for 4 pm on January 22nd.
13. Commissioner Walker stated a desire to put together a Wacissa River Board/Committee and expressed concern about applying for grants and designations because of what regulations could come with these.
14. Chairman Nelson stated he was putting together a committee dealing with debris in his district.

ITEM 11: Adjournment

15. The warrant register was reviewed and bills ordered paid.

16. **On motion by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Boyd and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest: _____
Clerk

Chairman

**ITEM 5(d): FIRE ASSESSMENT STUDY
PRESENTATION**

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE ASSESSMENT UPDATE

County Commission Meeting

February 21, 2013

Presented by:

Government Services Group, Inc.

1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250

Tallahassee, Florida 32308

(850) 681-3717



Management
Services



Special
Assessments



Water and
Wastewater

Topics of Discussion

- **FIRE**
 - Fiscal Year 2012-13 Adopted Rates
 - Service Description
 - Stations
 - Issue
 - Options

Fiscal Year 2012-13 Adopted Rates (Current Rates)

Residential Property Use Categories		Annual Rate Per Dwelling Unit	
Single Family Dwelling Unit		\$101.16	
Multi Family Dwelling Unit		\$57.46	
Non-Residential Property Use Category	Rate Per Square Foot	Minimum Assessment	Maximum Assessment
Building Area (Square Feet)	\$0.056	\$143.75	\$3,327.50

Approximate Revenue: \$635,000

Stations

Station	Funding	Location	Response	Staffing
Ashville	County	Unincorporated	Secondary	Volunteer
Lloyd	County	Unincorporated	Secondary	Volunteer
Wacissa	County	Unincorporated	Secondary	Volunteer
Monticello	City & County	Monticello	Secondary	Volunteer
Jefferson County	County	Unincorporated	Primary	Paid

Service Description

Fire Services are provided County wide including within the City of Monticello. Both the unincorporated area of the County and the City of Monticello essentially receive the same fire services

Issue

- **Discrepancy between the fire services being provided by the County to the City and the amount the City contributes towards these services**

Options

- **Contract for Services**
 - Based on Calls for Service to all properties within the City
 - Based on calculated fire assessments for all properties within the City
 - Negotiated amount

Options

- **City consents to Fire Assessment levied by County**
 - Separate bills sent to City properties for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and moving to the tax bill collection method the following Fiscal Year

Options

- **City provides their own fire services, no longer relying on the County**

**ITEM 5(e): SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES
DRAFT ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 4 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SECTION 4-2 PROHIBITED TIMES FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners desires to enact an ordinance repealing and replacing Section 4-2 of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Code of Ordinances, originally adopted by Ordinance No. 75-4, and relating to Alcoholic Beverages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. REPEAL AND REPLACE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 4-2. PROHIBITED TIMES FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION. Section 4-2, Prohibited times for sale and consumption, is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following language:

“No alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, served or permitted to be served or consumed in any place holding a license under the state division of beverages between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Sunday.”

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon receipt of notice of its filing from the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED in regular session by the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By : _____
JOHN NELSON, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KIRK REAMS, Clerk of Circuit Court
and Ex-Officio Clerk of Board of
County Commissioners

COUNTY ATTORNEY

**ITEM 5(f): TAX ABATEMENT DRAFT
ORDINANCE**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: T. Buckingham Bird, County Attorney

Subject: Public Hearing - Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance
Authorizing the Jefferson County Board of County Commission
to Grant Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions to Certain Businesses
as set out in Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes.

Statement of Issue:

Pursuant to s.3, Art. VII of the Florida Constitution, counties may, after vote of the electorate through referendum, grant ad valorem tax exemptions to businesses meeting the criteria set out in section 196.1995, Florida Statutes.

Background:

During the November, 2012 election, the citizens of Jefferson County voted to authorize the Board of County Commissioners to grant ad valorem tax exemptions pursuant to Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section 196.1995(5), Florida Statutes, after a majority vote in favor of such authority, the board of county commissioners may enact an ordinance relating to its authority to exempt from ad valorem taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all improvements made by or for the use of the new business and of all tangible personal property of such new business, or up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all added improvements to real property made to facilitate the expansion of an existing business and of the net increase in tangible personal property acquired to facilitate such expansion of an existing business made after the day such ordinance is adopted.

Analysis:

See above.

Fiscal Impact:

To be determined based upon an analysis of the statutorily required application each business requesting abatement must submit.

Options:

1. Vote to enact the ordinance authorizing the granting of ad valorem tax exemptions in accordance with Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes.

2. Vote not to enact the ordinance authorizing the grant of ad valorem tax exemptions in accordance with Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes.

3. Further directions by the Board.

County Attorney's Recommendation

Option 1

Attachment:

Proposed Ordinance Language

Summary of process for granting ad valorem tax exemptions under Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE EMPOWERING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA TO GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS TO NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANDING EXISTING BUSINESSES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA, PROCEDURES, ASSIGNMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER IN GRANTING OR DENYING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RULES RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF SUCH PROPERTY AND BUSINESSES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS in order to provide for the orderly economic development of Jefferson County, quantitative policy goals have been established to guide and measure the progress of development activities; and

WHEREAS the following are long term goals which should be pursued in order to provide adequate, appropriate employment opportunities:

1. Raise Jefferson County's per capita income.
2. Increase the percentage of manufacturing employment in total employment to at least the state level.
3. Increase the percentage of high-wage and medium-wage employment in all manufacturing employment.
4. Raise the educational level of the Jefferson County population (age 25 and over) to the State level.
5. Maintain agriculture among the top four income producing industrial divisions in the County.
6. Encourage diversification of agriculture with emphasis on increasing agricultural employment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be referred to as

“Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Ordinance of Jefferson County, Florida”.

SECTION 2. Jurisdiction. This ordinance shall apply to all unincorporated areas of Jefferson County, Florida.

SECTION 3. Application. This ordinance shall provide for exemption for only those ad valorem taxes levied by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 4. Definitions. In this ordinance, the words “new business” shall mean an activity described under Florida Statutes, Section 196.012(15), and domiciled in Jefferson County, Florida which manufactures, processes, compounds, fabricates, produces, assembles and/or packages for sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed location which comprises an industrial or manufacturing plant.

a. New business shall mean a business, as defined in Section 4 herein, establishing jobs for 10 or more full-time employees in Jefferson County.

b. In this ordinance, expansion of an existing business shall mean an activity described in Florida Statutes, Section 196.012(16) domiciled in Jefferson County that increases its operation on a site co-located with its parent organization or a subsidiary of the parent organization, owned by the same organization that establishes jobs for 10 or more full-time employees in Jefferson County.

c. Exemption means exempt from ad valorem taxation of up to 100 percent of the

assessed value of all improvements to real property made by or for the use of new business as defined in Section 4 herein, and all tangible personal property of such new business, or up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all added improvements to real property, which additions are made to facilitate the expansion of an existing co-located business, and the net increase of all tangible personal property acquired in connection therewith.

d. Exemption shall not apply to (a) land on which a new business or expanding business is located; (b) property acquired to replace existing property; (c) taxes levied to pay for bond issues or other special tax levies authorized by the voters; (d) school taxes; (e) water management district taxes.

e. In accordance with the policy goals established and Florida Statutes, Section 196.1995, exemptions granted to a new business or expanding business are renewable each year for a period of 10 years providing the business makes application March 1, and provides not less than 10 new jobs in Jefferson County for 10 new employees each year substantiated by appropriate payroll documentation. Failure to make or renew application by March 1 of any year shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for that year. Extensions may be granted if application is not filed timely at no fault of applicant. Such extensions shall be granted in the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners. The authority to grant exemptions under this ordinance shall expire 10 years after the date such authority was approved in an election, i.e., November, 2022, however, such authority may be renewed for another 10 year period in a referendum called pursuant to Florida Statutes.

f. Exemptions under this ordinance shall first apply to new businesses and expanding businesses, as defined in Section 4, for the assessed value of improvements to real property and tangible personal property on the 2012 assessment rolls of Jefferson County. Improvements to real property and tangible personal properties on assessments rolls of Jefferson

County prior to 2012 are not eligible under this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Application Procedures. A new

business or expanding business, as

defined in Section 4a and 4b, which desires an economic development ad valorem tax exemption shall on or before March 1 of the year in which the exemption is desired to take effect, file a written application of Florida Department of Revenue Form DR-418 with the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. The application shall request the adoption of an ordinance granting the applicant an exemption pursuant to the conditions set forth in this ordinance and shall include the following:

a. The name and location of the new business or the expansions of an existing business as defined in Section 4a and 4b.

b. A description of the improvements to real property for which the exemption is being requested, the date construction of improvements commenced and the date the improvements were completed.

c. A description of the tangible personal property for which an exemption is being requested and the date when such property was acquired; the date when such property was delivered to Jefferson County; and the date the property was installed in Jefferson County.

d. Proof to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County that the applicant is in fact a new business or an expansion of a business existing in Jefferson County as defined in Section 4a and 4b.

e. Any other data or information pertinent and appropriate to the request for exemption.

SECTION 6. Review Procedures.

A. Prior to review of the application by the Board of County Commissioners, said

Board shall cause a copy of the application to be delivered to the Jefferson County Property Appraiser. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 196.012, the Property Appraiser shall study the application and report the following to the Board of County Commissioners:

(1) A total of revenues available to the county for that fiscal year generated from ad valorem tax sources.

(2) Any and all revenues foregone by the county for that fiscal year by virtue of ad valorem tax exemptions previously granted.

(3) An estimate of the ad valorem tax revenues that would be foregone by the county during that fiscal year if the ad valorem tax exemption applied for by that application were granted had the property for which the application of exemptions was being requested otherwise been subject to taxation.

(4) A determination as to whether the property for which an exemption is requested is to be encompassed into a new business or an expansion of an existing business, as defined in Section 4a and 4b, which determination the Property Appraiser shall also affix to the face of the application. The Property Appraiser may request of the Florida Department of Revenue such information as it may have available to assist in making said determinations.

B. An ordinance granting an exemption under this ordinance shall be adopted in the same manner as any other ordinance of the county and shall include the following:

(1) The name and address of the new business or the expansion of an existing business to which the exemption is granted.

(2) The total amount of revenue available to the county for all ad valorem tax sources for that fiscal year; the total amount of revenue foregone by the county for that current fiscal year by virtue of economic development ad valorem tax exemptions currently in effect; and the estimated revenue foregoing by the county for the fiscal year attributable to the exemption of the

new business or expansion of the existing business named in the ordinance.

(3) The expiration date of the exemption.

(4) A finding that the new business or the expansion of an existing business meets all requirements set forth in this ordinance.

C. In utilizing the discretionary power to grant exemptions to new and expanded businesses, as defined in Section 4a and 4b of this ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners shall consider the following:

(1) The increase in employment attributable to the new or expanding business.

(2) The favorable or adverse impact on the community by the new or expanding business as determined by the Board of County Commissioners including, but not limited to environment, labor availability and criteria in paragraph 6C(3).

(3) The cost of any increased local government services, including, but not limited to roads, water, sewer, gas and law enforcement, and other direct expenditures associated with that specific business.

(4) The unemployment and underemployment of the available local labor force and the types and wages of jobs to be created.

(5) The ability of the county to otherwise meet its total fiscal needs should the requested exemption be granted.

SECTION 7. Other Powers. In addition to the foregoing, the Board of County

Commissioners is authorized and empowered:

a. To prescribe rules, regulations and policies in connection with the performances of its functions and duties under this ordinance including such as may pertain to the receipt and review of preliminary applications and proposals for the exemption hereunder; and

b. To issue, make and execute such other instruments as may be necessary or convenient in the exercise of its functions and duties under this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Severability Clause. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the parts so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 9. Repeal. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby subordinated to the provision of this ordinance or repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon filing with the Department of State.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida by a vote of ____ to ____, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

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

By: _____
John N. Nelson, Chairman

ATTEST:

KIRK REAMS, Clerk of Court
and Ex-Officio Clerk of Board of
County Commissioners

**PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS**

- I. Economic development ad valorem tax exemptions are authorized by s.3, Art. VII of the Florida Constitution and are controlled by Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes.
- II One way to exercise this authority is for the Board of County Commissioners to vote to hold a referendum. The referendum must be within the total jurisdiction of the county. Any such referendum expires 10 years after the date the authority was approved but can be renewed for subsequent 10 year periods if each renewal is approved in a referendum.
- III. The Commission may vote to limit the effect of the referendum to new business and expansion of existing business in certain enterprise zones or brownfield areas.
- IV Once the referendum passes by majority vote, the Commission may vote to exempt from ad valorem taxation up to 100% of the assessed value of all improvements to real property made by or for the use of the new business and of all tangible personal property of such new business. If the referendum was limited to certain enterprise zones or brownfield areas, the exemption would likewise be limited.
- V. The exemption can remain in effect for up to 10 years with respect to a particular facility.
- VI. The business seeking the exemption must file a written application with the Commission. The application must request the adoption of an ordinance granting the applicant an exemption. The application must contain the following information:
 - a. The name and location of the new business or expansion of the existing business.
 - b. A description of the improvements to real property for which an exemption is requested and the date of the commencement of such improvements.
 - c. A description of the tangible personal property for which an exemption is requested and the dates when such property was or is to be purchased.
 - d. Proof to the satisfaction of the Commission that the applicant is a new business or an expansion of an existing business as defined in s. 196.012(15) or (16).

- e. The number of jobs the applicant expects to create along with the average wage of the jobs and whether the jobs are full-time or part-time.
- f. The expected schedule for job creation.
- g. Other information deemed necessary or appropriate by the county.

VII. Before taking action on the application, the Commission must deliver a copy of the application to the Property Appraiser. The Property Appraiser must report the following information to the county:

- a. The total revenue available to the county for the current fiscal year from ad valorem taxes or an estimate of such revenue if the actual total revenue cannot be determined.

Any revenue lost to the county for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions previously granted under this section or an estimate of such revenue loss if the actual loss cannot be determined.

An estimate of the revenue lost to the county for the current fiscal year if the exemption applied for were granted had the property for which the exemption is requested was otherwise subject to tax.

A determination as to whether the property for which an exemption is requested is to be incorporated into a new business or the expansion of an existing business or into neither, which determination the Property Appraiser shall affix to the front of the application.

VIII In considering the application, the Commission must take into account the following:

- a. The total number of new jobs created by the application.
- a. The average wage of the new jobs.
- a. The capital investment to be made by the applicant.
- a. The type of business or operation and whether it qualifies as a targeted industry as may be identified from time to time by the Commission.
- a. The environmental impact of the proposed business.
- a. The extent to which the applicant intends to source its supplies and materials within the jurisdiction.
- a. Any other economic-related characteristics or criteria deemed necessary by the Commission.

IX The ordinance must be adopted in the same manner as other ordinances but must contain the following:

- a. The name and address of the new business or expansion of an existing business to which the exemption is to apply.
- b. The total amount of revenue available to the county from ad valorem tax sources for the current fiscal year, the total amount of revenue the county lost for the current fiscal year by virtue of economic development ad valorem tax exemptions currently in effect and the estimated revenue loss to

the county for the current fiscal year attributable to the business named in the ordinance.

- c. The period of time for which the exemption will remain in effect and the expiration date the exemption which may be a period up to 10 years.
- d. A finding that the business named in the ordinance meets the requirements of s. 196.012(15) or (16).

Upon approval of the application, the Commission may enter into written tax exemption agreement with the applicant. The agreement may contain performance criteria. It must be consistent with s. 196.1995, Florida Statutes. The agreement must require the applicant to report at a specific time before the expiration of the exemption the actual number of new jobs created and their actual average wage. The agreement may provide for revocation by the Commission in whole or in part if the applicant does not meet the expectations and representations described in its application.

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida. Intends at its regularly scheduled meeting, at 6:00 PM, at the Jefferson County Governmental Annex, 435 W. Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida, on the _____ day _____, 2013 to consider adoption of an ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE EMPOWERING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA TO GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS TO NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANDING EXISTING BUSINESSES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA, PROCEDURES, ASSIGNMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER IN GRANTING OR DENYING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RULES RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF SUCH PROPERTY AND BUSINESSES; PROVIDING A SEVARABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY APPEAR AT THE MEETING AND BE HEARD WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER, HE WILL NEED A RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE MAY NEED TO ASSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida.

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

By: _____
Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court

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