

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2024

Date Submitted: March 26, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Gus Rojas, County Budget Officer

Subject: Removal of Tourist Development Council Member and Appointment of New Tourist Development Council Member

Statement of Issue: This agenda item requests Board approval of a Resolution appointing a member of the Tourist Development Council (the “Council”).

Background: On June 16, 2023, City Council Member Troy Avera resigned from his seat on the City of Monticello Council. His seat on the TDC Council is reserved for an Elected Municipal Official and from his term ending December 31, 2025.

Analysis: The Bylaws of the Council contain the following provisions regarding Vacancies and Removal/Resignation:

Section 3.4. Vacancies. Should any seat on the Council become vacant, a replacement to serve the remainder of that term shall be appointed in the same manner as the appointment of the person whose absence created the vacancy.

Section 3.5. Removal/Resignation.

a. The Board is authorized to remove any member from the Council upon an affirmative vote of the Board. Reasons for removal of a Council member include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The member is no longer an elector within the County;
2. The member is absent from two of three successive, regularly scheduled meetings; or
3. The member has frequent conflicts of interest.

b. In the event a Council member no longer conforms to the criteria to hold the seat to which they were appointed, said Council member shall forward a

letter to the Council and the Board stating these facts and shall additionally tender a letter of resignation along with this submittal.

Mr. Avera's resignation from his elected position with the City of Monticello Council disqualifies him from continuing with the TDC Council.

Mr. George Evans, is a current City of Monticello Council Member and having a demonstrated interest in tourist development, is eligible to serve in the vacant seat reserved for an Elected Municipal Official ending December 31, 2025.

Options:

1. Approve Removal of Tourist Development Council Member Troy Avera and Resolution Appointing Geroge Evans, to the Tourist Development Council.
2. Do Not Approve Removal of Tourist Development Council Member Troy Avera and Resolution Appointing Geroge Evans, to the Tourist Development Council
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Tourist Development Council Appointment Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; APPOINTING A NEW MEMBER TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; RATIFYING THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) previously adopted Resolution No. 03-0220-01 and Ordinance No. 04-04 establishing the Jefferson County Tourist Development Council (“TDC”) pursuant to Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes, provides for the TDC to consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Board, consisting of the Chair of the Board or other Board member, two (2) elected municipal officials, and six (6) persons who are involved in the tourist industry who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development; and

WHEREAS, one of the elected municipal officials appointed to the TDC resigned and the Board now wishes to appoint a replacement.

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

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE EVANS TO TDC. City of Monticello City Commissioner George Evans is hereby appointed to the TDC to fill the “Elected Municipal Official” position previously held by Troy Avera. The appointment is made for the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2025.


SECTION 2. RATIFICATION OF TDC MEMBERS. The membership of the TDC is hereby ratified as follows:

Member	Position	Term End Date
Commissioner Chris Tuten	Board of County Commissioners Chairperson or Designee	December 31, 2027
Council Member Gloria Cox	Elected Municipal Official	December 31, 2026
Council Member George Evans	Elected Municipal Official	December 31, 2025
Pat Inmon	Owner/Operator of Motels, Hotels, RV Parks, or Other Tourist Accommodations	December 31, 2027
Arun Kundra	Owner or Operator of Motels, Hotels, RV Parks, or Other Tourist Accommodations	December 31, 2024
Davis Revell	Owner or Operator of Motels, Hotels, RV Parks, or Other Tourist Accommodations	December 31, 2025
Michelle Arceneaux	Tourist Industry or Demonstrated Interest in Tourist Development	December 31, 2027
David Ward	Tourist Industry or Demonstrated Interest in Tourist Development	December 31, 2024
Tony Hogg	Tourist Industry or Demonstrated Interest in Tourist Development	December 31, 2025

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

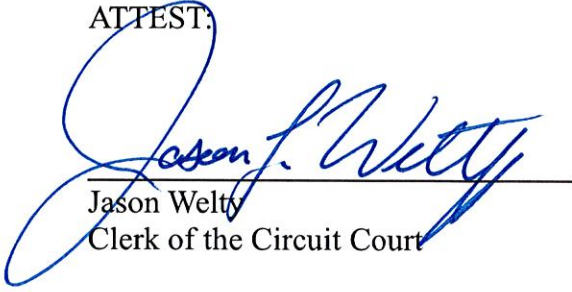
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida on the 4th day of APRIL, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA




J.T. Surles, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jason Welty
Clerk of the Circuit Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Heather J. Encinosa, Esq.
County Attorney