Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting:

February 15, 2024

Date Submitted:

February 7, 2024

To:

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From:

Heather Encinosa, County Attorney

Subject:

Request Board Approval to Seek a Minor Subdivision from the City

of Monticello

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to seek a Minor Subdivision from the City of Monticello to create a new lot containing the County planning department, the public library, and the old high gymnasium so the new lot can be conveyed to the County.

Background:

Jefferson County and the Jefferson County School District have been jointly working to convey the old high school properties currently leased by the County from the School District to the County. The parcels have all been surveyed and the County Attorney has been working with the School Board attorney to obtain deeds and lease termination documents.

There are currently a few title issues being remedied by the School District before the conveyance of the property containing the tax collector's offices and, additionally, the property containing the County planning department, the public library, and the old high gymnasium must be split form its existing parent parcel so the new lot can be conveyed to the County. The School District will be retaining the remainder of the parent parcel.

The County Attorney consulted with the Monticello City Attorney on the correct process to obtain legal approval for the split and were advised to apply for a Minor Subdivision pursuant to Section 54-595 of the City of Monticello Codes of Ordinances.

Analysis:

The City of Monticello does not have an approved application form for a Minor Subdivision so a letter containing required information was prepared for submittal. Additionally, the County will submit an authorization form from the School District as the current property owner, a survey to scale which sets forth the dimensions of the lot to be split, the property card, a title search which includes the ownership of the Property, all easements and any encumbrances.

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Pursuant to the City Code, Minor Subdivisions shall be approved, approved with conditions, or denied by the City within 15 days of receipt of a complete application.

The next steps will be for the School District to approve deeds and lease termination documents for the identified parcels. There items will then be brought to the BoCC for approval and acceptance.

Options:

- 1. Approve Application in Substantial Form for Minor Subdivision from the City of Monticello
- 2. Do Not Approve Application for Minor Subdivision from the City of Monticello
- 3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Application for Minor Subdivision

ATTACHMENT 1

Letterhead

INSERT DATE

Via U.S. Mail

Seth Lawless
City Manager
City of Monticello, Florida
245 S. Mulberry Street
Monticello, Florida 32344
Seth.lawless@mymonticello.net

Re: Application for a Minor Subdivision

Parcel No. 25-2N-4E-0000-0500-0000

Dear Mr. Lawless:

Please consider this letter, Jefferson County's application for a Minor Subdivision in accordance with Section 54-595 of the City of Monticello Code of Ordinances, details of which are below. For background purposes, the County is working with Jefferson County School District to acquire property that was previously part of the old high school and is currently being used for County government purposes. As part of the acquisition, the County and the School District must split a portion of an existing lot because only a portion will be conveyed to the County. The County and School District by way of this letter are formally requesting that the City initiate its Minor Subdivision procedures. After consulting with the City Attorney on this application and process, below please find the necessary information to begin the Minor Subdivision process.

Applicant: Jefferson County, Florida on behalf of the Jefferson County School District (see attached letter of authorization)

Property Address: 400 S. Water Street, Monticello, FL

Jefferson County Property Appraiser Parcel ID. Number: 25-2N-4E-0000-0500-0000

Future Land Use (FLUM) Designation: E

Zoning District Designation: Agricultural (A)

Present use of the property to be divided: There are three buildings on the property. The buildings are being used for the County's Planning Department, the Public Library and an old school gymnasium. The future use after the division would continue to be for essential County government

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services.

Proposed size of the lot to be divided: 2.12 acres

The remainder parent parcel: 47.78 acres

Number of proposed lots (including parent parcel): two (2) which does not include previously split parcels.

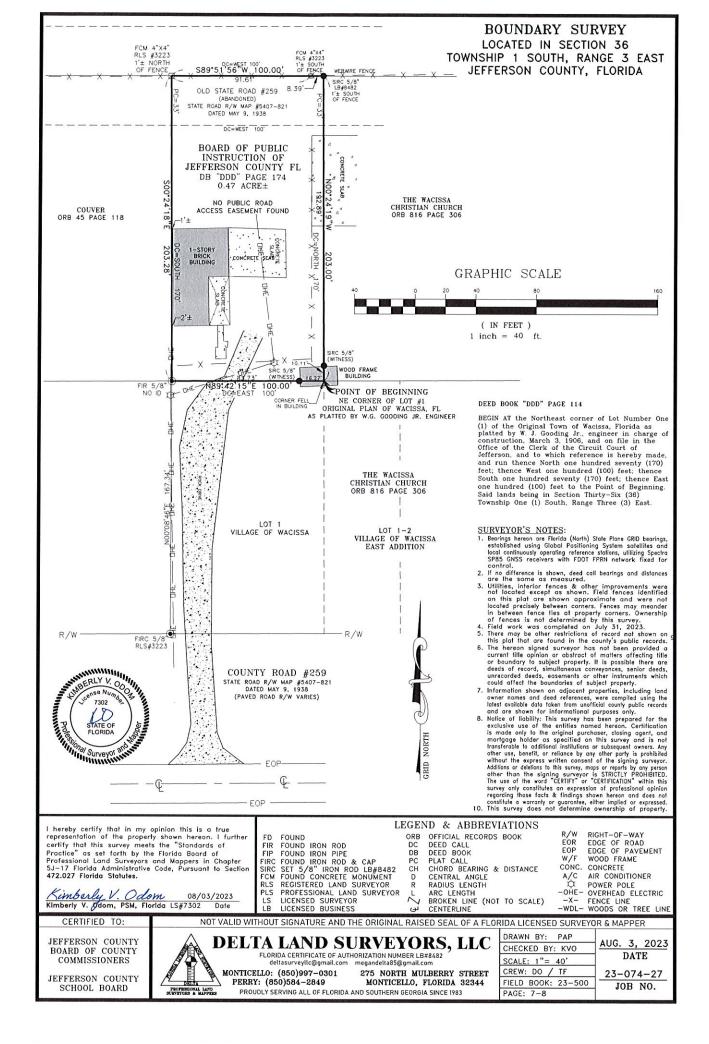
Road frontage: 446.51 feet abutting Water Street and 206.97 feet abutting Palmer Mill Road, with an existing paved parking area.

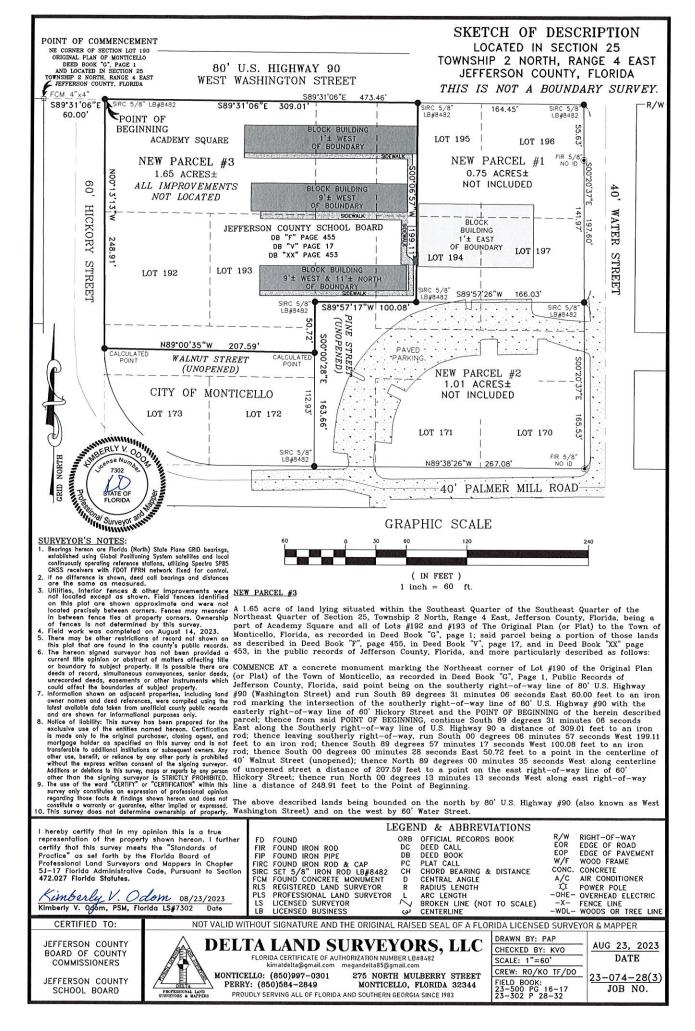
In addition to the information above, please find enclosed an authorization form from the School District, a survey to scale which sets forth the dimensions of the lot to be split, the property card, a title search which includes the ownership of the Property, all easements and any encumbrances. Please note, in the title search, the property is identified as "Parcel 2". Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 850-224-4070 or the County Manager at 850-342-0223. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Heather Encinosa

Enclosures





RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners are responsible for appointing two members of the Board of County Commissioners and a citizen who owns homestead property within the County to the Jefferson County Value Adjusment Board, which serves as the decision-making authority when there is a disagreement between the Property Appraiser and taxpayer concerning property exemptions, classifications, and valuations; and

WHEREAS, the Value Adjusment Board hears appeals regarding property value assessments, denied exemptions or classifications, ad valorem tax deferrals, portability decisions, and change of ownership or control; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners previously appointed Paul Michael as its citizen representative, but Mr. Michael has resigned his appointment and requested to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Board indicated its desire to appoint Margaret Seward as its new citizen appointee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, finding that it is in the best interest of the Citizens of Jefferson County, now desires to make its appointments to the Value Adjustment Board.

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT. The following appointments are hereby made to the Value Adjustment Board for calendar year 2024:

Name	Position
Commissioner J.T. Surles	Jefferson County Commissioner Member
Commissioner Chris Tuten	Jefferson County Commissioner Member
Margaret Seward	Citizen Member

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 15th day of February 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

J.T. Surles, Chair

Austin Hostock, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Jason Welty

Interim Clerk of Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Heather J. Encinosa, Esq., County Attorney