



# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THE KEYSTONE COUNTY-ESTABLISHED 1827**

435 W. Walnut St., Monticello, Florida 32344

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**Benjamin "Benny"  
Bishop**  
District 1

**Eugene Hall**  
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**Hines F. Boyd**  
District 3

**Betsy Barfield**  
District 4

**Stephen Walker**  
District 5, Chair

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**Regular Session Agenda  
April 5, 2016 at the Courthouse Annex  
435 W. Walnut St. Monticello, FL 32344**

- 1. 9:00 A.M. – Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Announcements, Presentations, & Awards**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
  - a) Approval of Agenda**
  - b) Bike Fest & Southern Music Rising Grant Requests**
- 4. Citizens Request & Input on Non-Agenda Items (3 Minute Limit)**
- 5. General Business**
  - a) Legislative Committee 2016 Session Report – Dick Bailar**
  - b) Grant Committee Membership Recommendation – Comm. Barfield**
  - c) Road Improvement Program – Parrish Barwick**
- 6. County Coordinator**
- 7. Discussion Items**
- 8. 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.

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**Kirk Reams**  
Clerk of Courts

**Parrish Barwick**  
County Coordinator

**T. Buckingham Bird**  
County Attorney  
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**ITEM 3**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**SMALL GRANT PROGRAM**  
**APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in Jefferson County's Small Grant Program. Our goal is to provide support for activities and initiatives that encourage economic development and enhance the quality of life in our community.

Please complete this application (typewritten applications are preferred) and return it to the County Coordinator's office at least 60 days prior to the date on which the funds are needed.

The process for evaluation of applications is as follows:

1. Within 30 days of receipt of a completed application, the Small Grant Program Review Committee will meet to evaluate the application. This meeting will be advertised and open to the public. You will be personally notified of the meeting and invited to have an open discussion with the Committee regarding your project. This will be the only forum in which your application will be discussed.
2. The Committee's evaluation and recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners and placed on the Consent Agenda for the next available meeting (but no later than 30 days following the Review Committee's meeting). You will receive notice of the meeting. However, there will be no further input or discussion and the Board will either accept or reject the Committee's recommendation.
3. The County Coordinator will notify applicants of the County Commission's decision regarding the grant request.
4. If your funding request is granted, you are required to submit a report outlining the development, implementation and overall assessment of the project or event. Please provide as many details as possible to assist the Review Committee and County Commission in evaluating the impact of the project or event. This report should be submitted to the County Coordinator's office no later than 30 days following the completion of the project or event.

**Project name: 2nd Annual Monticello Bike Fest**

**Organization n: Chamber of Commerce**

**Type of organization (charitable, 501(c)(3), etc: Non-Profit 501(c)6**

**Name, address, telephone number and  
e-mail address of primary contact**

**Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce  
Katrina Richardson  
420 West Washington Street  
Monticello, FL 32344  
850-997-5552  
info@monticellojeffersonfl.com**

**Please describe how the project meets the criteria established for this program. You may create your own narrative or respond by answering the questions below. Please limit your narrative or responses to one page and attach it to this application.**

- **How does the project respond to a demonstrated or emerging community need?**
- **What product or service will be rendered as a result of receiving funding?**
- **Is the project tied to economic development?**
- **How will the project be implemented?**
- **Are volunteer services and fundraising efforts being used as leverage to implement the project?**
- **Is the project currently receiving public funding from other sources?**
- **Are matching funds available?**
- **How will the project be sustained when the requested funds are exhausted?**

**Amount of funds requested: \$1500**

**Anticipated project completion date: April 9, 2016**

*Katrina Richardson*  
**Signature of Applicant**

Executive Director  
**Title**

March 14, 2016  
**Date**

**How does the project respond to a demonstrated or emerging community need?**

These bicycle rides will promote the area by purposely routing the rides through the Jefferson County Heritage Roads, The Cotton Trail, our Canopy Roads along with the beautiful winding rural roads in our county. A \$5 voucher will be given to each cyclist to use in the downtown businesses and generate income to the local restaurants and other local retail stores.

**What product or service will be rendered as a result of receiving funding?**

The funding will help offset the cost of advertising to gain maximum reach to the biking audience as well as helping to fund the necessary food/snacks for the 6 rest stops along the routes.

**Is the project tied to economic development?**

The Monticello Bike Fest would definitely have economic ties by bringing in 200+ cyclist and their families for the weekend event to lodge, eat and shop in our community.

**How will the project be implemented?**

The project will be implemented by hiring a marketing specialist, and full use of a course director who will help advise the Chamber to ensure the success of the event.

**Are volunteer services and fundraising efforts being used as leverage to implement the project?**

Using the local United Way Agencies and other local civic groups will give them visibility that they need so our community will still be willing to donate funds to them each year. They will be used to sponsor rest stops (making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, etc). Other volunteers will be used during registration.

**Is the project currently receiving public funding from other sources?**

Yes FMB is a sponsor as well as CCB

**Are matching funds available?**

Yes, a grant has been approved by the TDC

**How will the project be sustained when the requested funds are exhausted?**

As a back-up private investors will be called upon once requested funds are exhausted.

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Project name: Southern Music Rising Festival

Organization name: The Foundation for the Preservation of Historic American Music, Inc.

Type of organization (charitable, 501(c)(3), etc.) 501(c)(3)

Name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of primary contact:

Brenda Sorensen  
264 N. Cherry St.  
Monticello FL 32344  
850-342-1040  
southernmusicrising@yahoo.com

Please describe how the project meets the criteria established for this program. You may create your own narrative or respond by answering the questions below. Please limit your narrative or responses to one page and attach it to this application.

- How does the project respond to a demonstrated or emerging community need?
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- Is the project currently receiving public funding from other sources?
- Are matching funds available?
- How will the project be sustained when the requested funds are exhausted?

Amount of funds requested: \$ 1500<sup>00</sup>

Anticipated project completion date: 4-9-16

  
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Signature of Applicant

Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

3/3/16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners  
2016 Small Grant Program

Applicant: Southern Music Rising Festival

Presented by The Foundation for the Preservation of Historic American Music, Inc.

The 9th Annual Southern Music Rising Festival (SMR) will be in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Bike Fest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The two events will bring together a wide variety of visitors of varied background to Jefferson County, introducing them to the natural beauty of the area, our historic venues and Americana music from the region and beyond. It is expected that this one 'Fun Full Day in Monticello' will bring over 200 visitors to Jefferson County from across the panhandle, many of whom will stay the night.

SMR is funded through business and patron sponsorships along with a few special performances throughout the year. This festival is our main event that brings our mission statement of enhancing economic, cultural and social quality of life in our community, county and region to life. The organization has received funds through the Tourist Development Council to offset advertising costs in the past, application for continued support has been made for 2016. If our application for the Small Grant Program is funded the monies will further our marketing efforts. There are no matching funds available.

SMR is a 501(c)(3) that operates solely on volunteers from the community and local schools. The festival showcases over 20 different musical bands or solo artists on three different stages for over 12 hours of non-stop entertainment and truly has become a favorite amongst Americana music fans and artists.

**ITEM 3**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
2016 SESSION REPORT**

## JEFFERSON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Steve Wingate, Chair, Larry Halsey, Vice-Chair, Julie Conley, Treasurer, Dick Bailar, Sec'y, Parrish Barwick, Wendy Bitner, Angela Gray, Gene Hall, Jennifer Johnson, Curt Kiser, Katrina Richardson, Kirk Reams, Paula Sparkman.

### 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REPORT

#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

##### Maintain BASE FUNDING PRIORITIES

		<u>ACTION</u>
Funding for Fiscally Constrained Counties	YES est. \$	720,000
PILOT for tax revenue lost from Amendments 1&4	YES	682,681
Funding of Small County Solid Waste Grant (Grant cut in half in Jan; restored in March)	YES	90,909
Funding for SHIP Affordable Housing Grant	YES	350,000
Funding of SCRAP/SCOP/CIGP	YES est.	2,300,000
State funding for the R.J. Bailar Public Library	YES	<u>203,000</u>
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,346,590</b>

#### SPECIAL REQUEST PROJECTS

Funding for Public Health Facility \$6,900 .000 (Rep. Beshears and Sen. Montford requested funds, but no funds budgeted for <u>any</u> DOH building project)	NO	\$ 0
Special Category funding for Bldg A, Opera House, Dixie Plantation, Research Institute	YES	1,675,000
50K grants for Lamont School House, A.R.I., Jail Museum, ARI, old Howard Academy and Wirick Simpson House	YES	<u>300,000</u>
Seek local Case Management for the J.C. Senior Center (Cost Management, aka Privatizing, is a Gov .Scott priority bullet proof in present legislature)	NO	
	Sub Total	1,975,000

#### CITY OF MONTICELLO

125K to replace two obsolete lift stations (Secured by Rep. Beshears, cut in Conference week)	NO	
270K (Session), 145K (NWFWMMD) to replace obsolete, leaking water mains	YES	415,000

#### JEFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Funding for new High School	YES	4,800,000
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### TOTALS

**BOCC: 6,321,590; City: 415,000; School District: 4,800,000: \$11,536,590**