JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP AGENDA REQUEST

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Mark McCauley, County Administrator

DATE:

June 23, 2025

SUBJECT:

Workshop: Establishing a Youth Commission for Jefferson County

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Strategic Objective 6B of the County's Strategic Plan is: "Increase the availability of youth-focused activities to offer more opportunities for youth to be engaged in community life."

ANALYSIS:

A great way to achieve that objective would be for the Board of County Commissioners to create a Youth Commission. During my time at Clark County, I had the pleasure of interacting with the Clark County Youth Commission. The Youth Commission was comprised of high school students who would choose an important community issue every year. They would develop a problem statement, research the issue, examine potential solutions to the problem and at year end present the issue and potential solutions to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

We found their work to be valuable in helping address important community issues. Members of the Youth Commission felt the work was rewarding and that it helped them become engaged with the community and involved in local governance.

Staff welcomes Board input on whether to pursue establishing a Youth Commission for Jefferson County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this point.

RECOMMENDATION:

Listen to a brief presentation, discuss the idea and provide guidance to staff.

REVIEWED RV.

Mark McCauley, County Administrator

6/17/25 Date