

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
January 15, 2002 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman James Rice called the January 15, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Rice

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: (12) Present.

Cmrs. Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, Rice, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Shotwell, Brittain, & Day. (2) Absent. Cmrs. Lacinski & Adams.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Before entertaining a motion to approve the Agenda, under Standing Committees Reports Rice moved the 2 resolutions listed under Personnel and Finance to Human Services. *Moved by Reynolds supported by Herl to approve the Agenda as amended.* Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. The Employee of the Month of January Award was presented to Julie Lowry by Chairman Jim Rice with comments by Ted Westmeier.

B. *Moved by DeForest supported by Herl to adopt a Resolution honoring Don Rollins, who earned one of the highest honors, the Rick VanderSloot Award, in the Special Olympics.* Roll Call: Motion carried unanimously. DeForest read the Resolution honoring Mr. Rollins.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:

None.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Jackson County Conservation District Annual Report given by Sharon Parker.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment began at 7:15 p.m. with John Klink of Waterloo. He voiced his opposition to raising the fees for keeping bears from an overall \$25.00 permit to a \$100.00 permit per bear.

Jody Nichol wanted to know if there was a law that protects people who currently own animals from these fees. She felt that there should be a Grandfather Clause. If people purchase new animals they can pay the fee.

Public Comment closed at 7:17 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Moved by McNitt supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to approve items A through P as contained in the following the Consent Agenda list. Brittain requested that items E and O be removed. Motion carried.

- A. **Approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2001 Regular Board Meeting**
- B. **Approve the Minutes of the December 27, 2001 Special Meeting**
- C. **Approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2002 Organizational Meeting**

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

D. Concur with the City appointment of City Councilmember Judy Dupuis to the Emergency Management Advisory Council until April of 2002 to take the place of Colleen Everett

E. Concur with the Chairman's appointments of the following persons to the 2002 Intergovernmental Committee: Commissioners Betty Jo DeForest, Bob Lacinski, Gail Mahoney-Sherrod, Walter Pascal, Judy Reynolds, Jim Rice, and County Administrator/Controller Chet Taraskiewicz

F. Give first reading to new Board Rule 4130, Services of Legal Firms

G. Give second reading to a revision to Board Rule 4120, Article XII, Section 12.3, which inserts the wording "or the Deputy Administrator"

COUNTY AGENCIES:

Nothing to report.

HUMAN SERVICES:

H. Approve of the Health Department budget figures for the Indigent Health Care Planning Grant

I. Approve the Health Department Medical Director Contract with Lorna G. Pinson, M.D., PLLC, of 3235 E. Michigan Avenue for 16 hours of medical director services per week at an annual fee of \$50,000

PERSONNEL & FINANCE

J. Approve the Equalization budget adjustment of \$25,000 to pay the 2002 assessment to Darling Appraisal Service on the Equalization Services Contract

K. Award the 2002 patrol vehicle bids for four patrol vehicles to the low bidder Vollman Ford, of Portland, MI, through the Oakland County Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$83,912, which is within the budgeted amount

L. Approve the Juvenile Community Corrections Program grant totaling \$60,445, which represents a coalition between the City and the County, and requires a ten percent match which will come through existing budgeted dollars

M. Give first reading to an increase in the annual large carnivore permit fee from \$25 to \$100 per animal

N. Give first reading to an increase in the wolf-dog cross annual permit fee from \$25 to \$100 per animal

O. Approve an increase in the County mileage reimbursement rate from 34.5¢ to 36.5¢ in accordance with IRS Rules, effective February 1, 2002

P. Award the bid for the purchase of a 2002 Chevy Trailblazer for the County Administrator to Eagle Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,500, which is within the budgeted amount

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. County Affairs:

County Affairs recommends the appointment of Cmr. Bob Lacinski to assume the seat of Clark Thulin on the BRA Board until April of 2002. Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to Concur with the Chairman's Appointments to the 2002 Intergovernmental Committee. DeForest, Lacinski, Mahoney-Sherrod, Pascal,

Reynolds, Rice, & Taraskiewicz. Brittain commented that 2 of the 5 Commissioners did not attend all 5 meetings. Motion carried with a nay vote from Brittain.

McNitt made a short report on the Airport Board. Randy Collier from the State Department of Aeronautics Division is serving as the interim manager until a manager can be hired. They will be interviewing 5 applicants on January 25, 2002.

B. County Agencies:

No report

C. Human Services: *Moved by DeForest supported by Pascal to adopt a resolution of support for the proposed 211 dialing system which is a three digit, free-to-the-user, 24-hour information and referral telephone number that can be used to access information about health and human services.* Motion carried unanimously.

Ted Westmeier gave a short report on Jackson County Health Departments accreditation with the State. They reviewed 225 indicators to determine competency in the various areas. We had 24 indicators that were not met. 15 of which were environmental health and 9 were personal health services. Out of the 15, 12 were out of the food service program. There has now been a re-evaluation and the necessary changes have been made.

D. Personnel & Finance: *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Reynolds to Approve an increase in the County mileage reimbursement rate from 34.5 to 36.5 in accordance with IRS Rules, effective February 1, 2002.* Motion carried with a nay vote from Brittain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mahoney-Sherrod spoke to the bear clause issue and indicated that Chet will be looking into the issue to see if there is a clause that would grandfather people who already own the animals and who are in compliance. This is just the first reading. Chet advised them of the County Agencies meeting date and time, February 4, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Elwell feels that the Chair of the Board should be a 2-year position and committee appointments should occur in January along with the standing committee appointments.

Elwell also informed the Commission that he is having a neighborhood information meeting on January 24, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the issue of M-50 and Rives Junction Rd.

Chet gave the MAC Convention dates in Lansing, Sunday February 10 at 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday February 12, 2002. Chet encouraged all of the Commissioners to attend.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by DeForest supported by Herl to allow the claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Klink invited all to come see his animals.

Meg Ritch of Chelsea did not feel that additional fees are appropriate as animal owners already pay many fees through the Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources and the County Fees.

Public Comment closed at 7:31 p.m.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to adjourn to the Call of the Chair. Motion carried.

The January 15, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

James Rice-Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners; Sandy Crowley-Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.