

**MINUTES**  
**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING**  
**January 15, 2013 – 7:00pm**  
**County Commission Chambers – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower Building**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – by Chairman Steve Shotwell
2. **INVOCATION** – by Carl Rice, Jr.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – by Representatives from Winning Classroom of Math Makes a Difference Challenge 2 "Don't Be Afraid of Math"  
Tara P. Robinson - 5th Grade Teacher, Northwest Elementary School
4. **ROLL CALL** – County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Amanda L. Riska
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Duckham for Approval of the Agenda. Motion carried.
6. **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**
  - A. **Summit Fire Department, Certificate of Appreciation**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS**

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Elwell to receive communications from Mark Muhich.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Lutchka to receive communications from Timothy D. Johnson.  
Motion carried.
8. **SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**
  - A. **Road Commission Public Hearing**

Chairman Shotwell opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Jim Spink, Liberty Township Supervisor spoke in favor of the consolidation.

Marston Fortress, Spring Arbor Township Supervisor spoke against the consolidation.

Mike Rand, Chair of the Jackson County Road Commission, asked the Board to consider postponing the vote for one year to allow time to see if other counties are realizing a savings.

John Wilson, City of Jackson resident, spoke in favor of the consolidation.

Chairman Shotwell closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mark Muhich, Summit Township resident, spoke about the documents he provided to the

Board through Communications and Petitions regarding recycling and Oak Wilt. He asked the Board of Commissioners to create and pass an Oak Wilt Ordinance.

John Wilson spoke to the issue of pay raises for Elected Officials.

Timothy D. Johnson spoke about the memorial for fallen Police Officers and Firefighters that he is working on for his Eagle Scout Service Project.

Marston Fortress spoke to the issue of pay raises for Elected Officials.

10. **SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** – None.

11. **MINUTES** - Minutes of the December 11, 2012, Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Rice to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2012, Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Duckham to Approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: (9) Yeas. Cmr. Lightner, Lutchka, Rice, Duckham, Alexander, Mahoney, Polaczyk, Elwell, and Shotwell. Motion carried.

A. **County Affairs & Agencies** –None.

B. **Human Services**

1. **Health Officer Agreement**

C. **Personnel & Finance**

1. **Amendment to Sprint Wireless Lease**

2. **Budget Adjustments**

D. **Other Business**

1. **Claims** – December 1-31, 2012

13. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. **County Affairs & Agencies** – Commissioner David Elwell – None.

B. **Human Services** – Commissioner Julie Alexander –None.

C. **Personnel and Finance** – Commissioner Phil Duckham

b. **Elected Officials Salaries**

Clerk/Register of Deeds

Moved by Elwell, supported by Mahoney to Approve the Recommendation made by the P&F Committee for the Clerk/Register of Deeds Salary. Amendment offered by Mahoney, supported by Lutchka to Strike the 4% and support the Administrator's Recommendation. Roll call: (9) Yeas. Amendment passed. Moved by Elwell, supported by Mahoney to Approve the Administrator's Recommendation for the Clerk/Register of Deeds Salary. Roll call: (9) Yeas. Motion carried.

Sheriff

Moved by Elwell, supported by Rice to Approve the Recommendation made by the P&F Committee of a \$500 increase. Amendment offered by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney to Approve the Administrator's Recommendation. Roll call: (4) Yeas. Cmr. Lutchka, Shotwell, Mahoney, and Polaczyk. (5) Nays. Cmr. Lightner, Rice, Duckham, Alexander, Elwell. Amendment defeated. Roll call on original motion: (8) Yeas. Cmr. Lightner, Rice, Duckham, Shotwell, Alexander, Mahoney, Polaczyk, and Elwell. (1) Nay. Cmr. Lutchka. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner

Moved by Elwell, supported by Rice to Approve the P&F Committee's Recommendation of no pay increase. Roll call: (7) Yeas. Cmr. Lightner, Lutchka, Rice, Duckham, Alexander, Polaczyk, and Elwell. (2) Nays. Cmr. Shotwell and Mahoney. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Moved by Rice, supported by Rice to Approve the P&F Committee's Recommendation of no pay increase. Roll call: (6) Yeas. Cmr. Lightner, Rice, Duckham, Alexander, Polaczyk, and Elwell. (3) Nays. Cmr. Lutchka, Shotwell, and Mahoney. Motion carried.

Prosecutor

Moved by Rice, supported by Elwell to Approve the P&F Committee's Recommendation of no pay increase. Roll Call: (7) Cmr. Lightner, Lutchka, Rice, Duckham, Alexander, Polaczyk, and Elwell. (2) Cmr. Shotwell and Mahoney. Motion carried.

14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Road Commission**

Moved by Elwell, supported by Duckham to Approve Resolution (01-13.8) Dissolving the Board of the Jackson County Road Commission and transferring all of its powers, duties, and functions to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Roll call: (7) Yeas. Cmr. Lightner, Lutchka, Rice, Duckham, Shotwell, Polaczyk, and Elwell. (2) Nays. Cmr. Alexander and Mahoney. Motion carried.

15. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

16. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

17. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Cmr. Elwell thanked the Board of Road Commissioners and their managing director for the great job that they have done and stated the action taken tonight action is not about their performance.

Cmr. Alexander commended Eagle Scout Tim Johnson in his efforts for raising funds for Jackson County's fallen Police Officers and Firefighters and would encourage everyone to support him.

18. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Polaczyk, supported by Lutchka to go into Closed Session. Roll call: (9) Yeas. Motion carried.

A. Discuss pending Litigation CTI Towers Inc. v Jackson County Board of Commissioners and Jackson County Sheriff's Office

B. Discuss Written Opinion from County Legal Counsel

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Elwell to return from Closed Session. Motion carried.

19. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Shotwell adjourned the January 15, 2013, Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at 9:25 p.m.

James E. Shotwell – Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Amanda L. Riska – County Clerk/Register of Deeds