

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**January 16, 2001 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert Lacinski called the January 16, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Baum

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present (15) Cmr. Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, Rice, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Thulin, Brittain, Day, & Lacinski.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by McNitt, supported by Reynolds to approve the Agenda for the January 16, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

Kim Woodard, Judicial Secretary in the Circuit Court, recipient of the Employee of the Month award for January was unable to attend.

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Jackson County Conservation Annual Report** – Sharon Parker

- A. **Smart Zone Proposal Presentation** – Steve Czarnecki and Dave Miller of the Enterprise Group. Dave Miller explained the concept of the Grand New Vision for Jackson County. He described the business climate for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as having 3 elements: more high tech, more connected via the Internet and global marketing. This vision sees Jackson County as a turnkey solution from prototype to mass production.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**Public comment began at 7:42 p.m. with **Carl Breeding**, Chairman of the FoC Youth Advisory Council. He shared his concerns over a line item that had been removed because it had not been used, and now they are ready to begin attending seminars and utilizing this line item.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**County Agencies:** FoC 2000 Amendment to CRP contract

**Personnel & Finance:** FoC 2000 Amendment to CRP contract

**County Affairs:** FoC 2000 Amendment to CRP contract

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were 2 corrections to the Minutes of the December 19, 2000 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Page 3 was written Todd Davis, it should have read Tom Davis. Page 7 reported Davis (13), Miller (2) with Miller filling the Airport Board General Vacancy. It should have read Davis filling the vacancy.

*Moved by McNitt, supported by DeForest to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A through E as contained in the following Consent Agenda list:*

**A. Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2000 Regular Board Meeting**

**B. Approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2001 Organizational Board Meeting**

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

**C. Dissolve the Solid Waste Management Ad Hoc Committee upon completion of its Mission which was to draft a new Solid Waste Plan**

**D. Approve the correction in the Commissioner Compensation Procedures Contained in the Board Rules by inserting the phrase "on or after" as noted in the backup**

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE:**

**E. Approve an increase in the County's mileage rate from 32 ½ cents to 34 ½ cents, effective February 1, 2001 in accordance with IRS regulations**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. County Affairs**

**1. January Board/Committee Appointments:**

- a. **Alliance, Chamber and Enterprise Group:** *Moved by Day, supported by DeForest to accept the County Affairs recommendation re-appointing County Administrator/Controller Chet Taraskiewicz as the County representative to the Alliance, Chamber and Enterprise Group for 2001.* Motion carried.
  - b. **County Election Scheduling Committee:** *Moved by Day, Supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to accept the County Affairs recommendation re-appointing Marjorie Clar, Township Clerk representative, and Shirley Larson, Board of Education representative, for additional 2-year terms on the County Election Scheduling Committee.* Motion carried.
  - c. **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:** *Moved by Day, supported by Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the County Affairs returning Dale Moretz to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board as the 7<sup>th</sup> member pursuant to the request of the BRA Board.* Motion carried.
1. *Moved by Day, supported by Brittain to concur with the Chairman's appointments of Commissioner Lacinski, Rice, Mahoney-Sherrod, Day, McNitt and DeForest to the County Management Team for Year 2001.* Motion carried.
  2. *Moved by Day, supported by Brittain to hold Commissioner members to five plus the County Administrator/Controller on the Intergovernmental Committee.* Motion carried.
  3. *Moved by Brittain to concur with the Chairman's appointments of Commissioners Thulin, Reynolds, Rice, Pascal and County Administrator/Controller Chet Taraskiewicz to the Intergovernmental Committee for 2001, substituting Reynolds for Mahoney-Sherrod.*

There was discussion about the fact that this was not concurring. It should have been brought before the entire Board, read and then amended. Day was concerned that the Board should not be telling the Chairman how to make his appointments. Mahoney-Sherrod indicated that Brittain made the motion because he did not feel that she had attended enough meetings. There is proof that some of the meetings missed were in conflict with other duties of the County.

*Moved by Adams, supported by Thulin to call for the question.* Motion carried.

**The appointment of Commissioners Thulin, Reynolds, Rice, Pascal, the Chair and the Administrator/Controller to the Intergovernmental Committee for 2001.** Mahoney-Sherrod requested a roll call vote. Roll call: (7) Yeas. DeForest, Rice, Thulin, Beardslee, Brittain, Elwell & Reynolds. (8) Nays. Herl, Pascal, Adams, Baum, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod McNitt, & Lacinski.

*Moved by Day, supported by Rice to concur with the Chairman's appointments of Commissioners Thulin, Mahoney-Sherrod, Rice, Pascal, and County Administrator/Controller Chet Taraskiewicz*

**to the Intergovernmental Committee for 2001.** Rice requested a roll call vote. Roll call: (14) Yeas. (1) Nay. Brittain.

4. *Moved by Day, supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to concur with the Chairman's appointments of Commissioner Lacinski to both the Prefunding Retirees Health Insurance Ad Hoc Committee and the MCF Building Disposition Ad Hoc Committee.* Motion carried.

- A. **County Agencies:** Nothing
- B. **Human Services:**

1. **Appointments to the Sanitary Code Board of Appeals:** This matter was taken care of by the Health Department Board.
2. *Moved by DeForest, supported by Reynolds to approve the appointment of Commissioner Floyd Baum to the Potawatomi Resource Conservation & Development Program Council.* Motion carried.

- A. **Personnel & Finance:**

The motion to go into closed session will be taken as number 16A. on the agenda.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by McNitt to adopt the Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan and Trust Resolution, which sets forth the guidelines of how the County will run this program.* Roll call: (15) Yeas. Motion carried.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by McNitt to purchase equipment in the amount of \$45,000., and additional funds for a total of \$60,000. to upgrade the fleet equipment to come from the County's General Fund Balance.* Motion carried.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by DeForest to amend the CRP contract with the FoC in the amount of \$281,012.* Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Lacinski asked the board to concur with the chair's recommendation to establish an ad hoc study committee Chaired by Rice, with members Commissioners Brittain, Herl, Elwell and Reynolds to study the options with regard to the Road Commission to conduct such business in a reimbursable on a per diem and conclude their results by the Board meeting on June 19, 2001.* Motion carried.

Rice requested that the members of the ad hoc committee meet directly following the formal meeting to establish meeting times.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Herl, supported by Reynolds to draft a resolution in favor of LifeWays contention that the contract has been violated with regard to Community Mental Health, not only Jackson County but the State of Michigan and also forwarding that resolution on to our legislators in Lansing and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and the Michigan Association of Counties.*

**This motion to be remanded to Human Services.** Motion carried.

There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 in the Commission Chambers for a report from Kimmey and Associates on the Jail Study.

#### **CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

*Moved by McNitt, supported by DeForest to consider and accept the claims.* Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by DeForest to go into closed session.* Motion carried.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners went into closed session at 8:26 p.m.  
The Jackson County Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:37p.m.

*Moved by Day, supported by McNitt to adjourn to the call of the chair.* Motion carried.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Sandy Crowley Robert Lacinski, Chairman  
County Clerk Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.