

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
January 2, 2008 - Organizational Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

County Clerk Amanda L. Riska called the January 2, 2008, Organizational Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Cliff Herl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

County Clerk - Amanda L. Riska

(12) Present. Commissioners Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney, to Approve the Agenda as Published. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Moved by Herl to Nominate Steve Shotwell for Chairperson. Moved by Smith to Nominate Todd Brittain for Chairperson. Roll Call: (10) Shotwell. Commissioners Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Way and Elwell. (2) Brittain. Commissioners Brittain and Smith. James E. (Steve) Shotwell thanked everyone for placing their support in him. He is humbled for the third time to be allowed to be their chair. To be first among equals is a real honor.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Moved by Elwell, supported by Way to Nominate Earl Poleski for Vice Chairperson. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Shotwell called for a momentary recess to distribute the list of standing committees for 2008. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney to recess momentarily.* Motion carried.

Chairman Shotwell and Acting Administrator Treacher handed out the lists. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Elwell to reconvene the meeting.* Motion carried.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Duckham to concur with the Chair's recommendations for Standing Committee appointments. Voice vote. (11) Yeas. Commissioners Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (1) Nay. Commissioner Brittain. Motion carried.

County Affairs

David Lutchka – Chairperson
David Elwell – Vice Chairperson
Todd Brittain
Patricia Smith
Cliff Herl

Human Services

Mike Way – Chairperson
Phil Duckham – Vice Chairperson
Mike Brown
Patricia Smith
Todd Brittain

County Agencies

Gail W. Mahoney – Chairperson
Cliff Herl – Vice Chairperson
Phil Duckham
James Videto
Mike Brown

Personnel & Finance

James Videto – Chairperson
David Elwell – Vice Chairperson
Mike Way
Gail W. Mahoney
David Lutchka

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BOARDS/COMMITTEES:

A. **Airport Board:** Seat 1 - Term expires 1/2010. *Moved by Elwell, supported by Lutchka to Nominate Earl Poleski.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried. Seat 2 - Term expires 1/2010. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney to Nominate Steve Shotwell.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

B. **Fair Board:** Term expires 1/2011. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Lutckha to Nominate Cliff Herl.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

C. **Hospital Finance Authority:** Term expires 1/2009. *Moved by Poleski, supported by Herl to Nominate Gail W. Mahoney.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

D. **Judge's Meetings:**Term expires 1/2009. *Moved by Herl, supported by Poleski to Nominate the Chair of County Agencies, Gail W. Mahoney.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

E. **Parks Board:** Term expires 1/2011. *Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney to Nominate Mike Way.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

F. **Policy Committee:** Term expires 1/2011. *Moved by Duckham, supported by Brown to Nominate Gail W. Mahoney.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

G. **Region II Planning Commission:** 2 Seats – Each terms expires 1/2010. *Moved by Mahoney to Nominate Jim Videto and Mike Way.* Current members Jim Videto and Mike Way have resigned and declined this nomination. Chairman Shotwell asked the commissioners to think about these two seats and it will be handled at the business meeting in January. They are to direct their questions, if any, to Acting Administrator Randy Treacher.

H. **South Central Michigan Works!:** 4 Seats - All terms expire 1/2009 for these appointments. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Lutchka to Nominate Cliff Herl, Jim Videto, and Pat Smith.* No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried. The nomination for the alternate seat will be taken up at the business meeting in January.

I. **Supervisor's Liaison:** Term Expires 1/2008. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Lutchka to Concur with the Chair's Recommendation of Earl Poleski.* Motion carried.

APPROVE MEETING SCHEDULES FOR 2008:

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Videto to Approve the Meeting Schedules for 2008. Cmr. Brittain asked to **change the meeting time for County Affairs to 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.** *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney to accept the amendment made by Cmr. Brittain.* Cmr. Brittain stated that the only reason he is asking for the change is because on average, the normal meeting for County Affairs only lasts about an hour. He doesn't feel that it's fair for the general public come in for a meeting at 7:30 a.m. Also, if a commissioner is on a committee that meets consecutive to County Affairs, they have to wait sometimes up to an hour and a half for the next meeting to begin. He thinks that it's common sense to change the starting time. Cmr. Elwell asked how many times it has ran into a conflict with County Agencies, if at all. Acting County Administrator responded that he discussed this at staff level and they think it should work out just fine. Voice vote on the amendment. Motion carried. Voice vote on the motion to approve. Motion carried.

ADOPT RESOLUTION (01-08.1) TO WAIVE ADMINISTRATION FEE AND INTEREST FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

Moved by Herl, supported by Lutchka to Adopt Resolution (01-08.1) to Waive Administration Fee and Interest for Senior Citizens. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER AS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER AS REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Brittain to Appoint the County Administrator/Controller as the Freedom of Information Officer as Required by State Statute. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Duckham to Adjourn the January 2, 2008, Organizational Meeting of the JacksonCounty Board of Commissioners. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

James E. Shotwell – Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Respectfully submitted by Amanda L. Riska – County Clerk