

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
January 21, 2003 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Rice called the January 21, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Comr. Shotwell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(11) Present. Comrs. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice (1)
Absent. Comr. Brittain

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of January – Natasha Allen, presented by Elwell with remarks by Judge Susan Vandercook.

B. Retirement Resolution honoring Mary Lou Kaplinski, Clinic Nurse at the Health Department with 21 years, 10 months of service. Presented by Mahoney with remarks by Mary Ricciardello.

C. Retirement Resolution honoring Delores Finley, Secretary 1 at the Health Department, for 23 years, 1 month of service. Presented by Mahoney with remarks by Mary Ricciardello.

D. Retirement Resolution honoring Karen Renne, Imaging Clerk at the Friend of the Court, with 25 years, 5 months of service. Presented by Mahoney with remarks by Mary Ricciardello.

E. Retirement Resolution honoring Susan Howe, Administrative Assistant at the Circuit/Family/Probate Court with 24 years, 11 months of service. Presented by Mahoney with remarks by Charles Adkins, Circuit/Probate/Family Court Administrator.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:

None.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Update on Enterprise Group Activities reviewed by Steve Czarnecki. *Moved by Herl supported by Mahoney to Receive the Enterprise Group Report.* Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment began with Tom Hutton, VP AFSME Local 2098. He referred to the Citizen Patriot last month referring to him as an outraged union official. He acknowledged that the hold has now been removed for the upgrade process. He reminded the Commissioners to consider the Tax Specialist in the Treasurer's office who has an active grievance that is heading toward mediation.

Public comment closed at 7:33 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A through N as Contained in the Following Consent Agenda List:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2002 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2002 Closed Session
- C. Approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2003 Organizational Meeting

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

- D. Disband the Elected Officials Ad Hoc Committee upon completion of its mission
- E. Disband the Treasurer's Compensation Ad Hoc Committee upon completion of its mission
- F. Approve the first reading of revised Board Rule 4020 – Organizational Meeting – which states that in an odd numbered year, the Board Chairman will automatically serve a two-year term as Board Chairman unless a resolution is adopted for a one-year term before the election of the Chairperson
- G. Approve the first reading of revised Board Rule 4070 – Committees – to add wording to say that the Vice Chairman in addition to the Chairman may also serve as an ex-officio member of each Standing Committee

COUNTY AGENCIES:

HUMAN SERVICES:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE:

- H. Approve the Sheriff Department purchasing seven 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Police Inceptor Vehicles at \$20,192 each from Jorgensen Ford of Detroit, MI, in the total amount of \$141,344, utilizing \$12,344 of 2002-2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant monies to subsidize the \$129,000 that has been budgeted.
- I. Approve the Prosecuting Attorney office reorganization that eliminates the positions of Executive Legal Assistant and Office Manager and creates the position of Chief of Administrative Services.
- J. Approve the Health Department taking \$18,000 from its fund balance to pay for a consultant to assist with HIPAA compliance
- K. Approve continuing to contract with Helpnet for the County's Employee Assistance Program for another three years per their submitted proposal
- L. Approve the list of legal firms to be employed by the County in 2003 and 2004 in accordance with Board Rule 4130
- M. Authorize enacting the Departmental Float Policy for 2003 in accordance with Fiscal Policy 1040 and approve the necessary budget adjustment
- N. Authorize proceeding with the 2003 upgrade process beginning February 1, 2003

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. County Affairs:
 - 1) January Appointments:
 - a) Road Commissioner – 6-year term. County Affairs recommends the re-appointment of Karl Schmidt for another 6-year term on the Road Commission. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Elwell to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. Karl Schmidt is appointed for another 6-year term to the Road Commission.

b) County Election Scheduling Committee – 2-year terms. County Affairs recommends the re-appointments of Shirley Larson as the School Board representative and Marjorie Clark as the Township Clerk representative for 2-year terms on the County Election Scheduling Committee. *Moved by Day supported by Herl to concur with the recommendations of County Affairs.* Motion carried.

c) County Management – Determined by Committee Assignment County Affairs recommends the appointments of Commissioners Day, Elwell, Herl, Mahoney, Rice, and Shotwell to the County Management Committee for 2003. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to concur with the recommendations of County Affairs.* Motion carried.

d) Monthly Judges' Meetings – Chairman of County Agencies. County Affairs recommends that the County Agencies Chairman Jim Shotwell attend the monthly Judges' Meetings. *Moved by Day supported by Herl to concur with the recommendations of County Affairs.* Motion carried.

e) Intergovernmental – Chairman's Appointments County Affairs recommends that the full Board concur with the Chairman's appointments to the Intergovernmental Committee – Cmr. Rick Baxter, Jim Rice, Jim Shotwell, Jr., and Jim Videto. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to concur with the recommendations of County Affairs.* Motion carried.

f) Community Planning - Chairman's Appointments County Affairs recommends that the full Board concur with the Chairman's appointments to the Community Planning Committee: Cmr. Rice as the main member and Commissioner John Day as the alternate member. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to concur with the recommendations of County Affairs.* Motion carried.

2) *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to Adopt the Resolution to Establish and Provide for the Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Vineyard Lake Area Section).* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3) *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to Sign Contract #2003-0105 (Federal Project #B-26-0051-1101) and Appropriate Sponsor Contracts(s) with DKZ of Lansing, Michigan for Wetlands Delineation of Airport Property at the Jackson County Airport.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. County Agencies:

Cmr. Shotwell

C. Human Services:

Cmr. Mahoney

D. Personnel & Finance:

1) *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt the Refunding Bond Resolution – County of Jackson 2003 Resource and Energy Conversion System Full Faith and Credit Revenue Refunding Bonds (LTGO).* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2) *Moved by Elwell supported by Shotwell to Adopt the Resolution Approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure by the County of Jackson.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Herl supported by Baxter To Move the Appointment of Road Commissioners back to December from January. Elwell quoted Roberts Rules and indicated that if a motion were to be made, it should come from the prevailing side. Elwell feels that it is a matter of accountability. The outgoing commissioners would not be accountable for the Road Commission that they appoint. *Moved by Elwell supported by Wilson To Table the Main Motion.* Roll call: (9) Nays. Cmr. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, & Rice. (2) Yeas: Wilson and Elwell. Motion to table denied. Mahoney supports the main motion. She feels that the outgoing Commissioners have worked with the Road Commission and the townships and have the experience to determine if the Road Commissioners should stay. Day concurs that it would not be appropriate for a Board made up of new Commissioners to appoint. Baxter indicated that he has no experience and must rely on the opinions of the more

seasoned Commissioners. Wilson asks to be more informed. He doesn't like surprises. Mahoney defended the Commissioners right to bring up anything under New Business. Lacinski, point of order, motion on the floor. Call for the Question. Main motion roll call: (9) Yeas. Cmsrs. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, & Rice. (2) Nays. Cmsrs. Wilson and Elwell. Motion to move the appointment of Road Commissioners back to December from January carried.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by Lacinski supported by Mahoney To Allow the Payment of the Claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began with Janet Rochefort, Jackson County Treasurer. She just wanted to thank the Board for their Yes vote on the bonds. She indicated that this step would save approximately one million dollars of the taxpayer's money.

Nancy Seydell of Tompkins Township encouraged everyone to purchase a Fair Coverlet. She said that for \$45 they are a deal and a good gift.

Adam Ulbin, Supervisor of Norvell Township thanked the Board for their vote. He indicated that there was an advisory vote taken that reflected 64% in favor. There is a definite need for sewer around Vineyard Lake.

Karl Schmidt offered a blanket thank you to the Board for re-appointment to the Road Commission.

Public comment closed at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Shotwell supported by Elwell to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried. The January 21, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Jim Rice – Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Sandy Crowley – Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk