

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
January 3, 2005 - Organization Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Sandy Crowley, Jackson County Clerk, called the January 3, 2005 Organization Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION:

Cmr. Mahoney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(12) Present. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Day, Reynolds, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, & Gumbert.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 9:05 a.m. with Elwin Johnson of the Jackson County Road Commission welcoming the Commissioners and telling them to call or stop by anytime.

Rick Baxter spoke and welcomed everyone and stated that he has an open door policy regardless of what district you may be in.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Judge Schmucker administered the Oath of Office to all of the Commissioners.

CHAIRPERSON FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM:

Moved by Herl supported by Mahoney to Adopt Resolution (01-05.1) to Elect the Chairperson for a One-Year Term. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Moved by Brittain to nominate Cliff Herl. Moved by Gumbert to nominate Steve Shotwell. Moved by Mahoney supported by Reynolds to close nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Roll call: (8) Herl. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Day, Videto, Berkemeier, Smith, & Wilson. (4) Shotwell. Cmr. Reynolds, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Gumbert. Cliff Herl is elected Chairperson.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Moved by Lutchka to nominate Steve Shotwell. Moved by Wilson to nominate Todd Brittain. Todd respectfully stepped down but thanked Wilson for the nomination. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Day to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Shotwell.* Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to Approve a 3-year County Administrator/Controller Employment Agreement with Robert C. Elliott. Motion carried. Mr. Elliot thanked the Board and expressed that he looks forward to working with Jackson County for years to come.

At 9:19 a.m. the Chair called a 5-minute recess. The Board returned to Open Session at 9:25 a.m.

DESIGNATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Moved by Brittain supported by Reynolds to concur with the Chair's Appointments to the County Management as follows:
County Affairs: Chair-Day, Vice Chair-Lutchka, members-Wilson, Brittain, & Smith.

County Agencies: Chair-Reynolds, Vice Chair-Gumbert, members-Mahoney, Videto, & Brittain.

Human Services: Chair-Berkemeier, Vice Chair-Mahoney, members-Gumbert, Wilson, & Smith.

Personnel & Finance: Chair-Videto, Vice Chair-Day, members-Reynolds, Berkemeier, & Lutchka.

Motion carried.

Reynolds was assigned to attend the judge's meetings and report back.

There were two applications for the one seat on the Airport Board. DeAnn Gumbert and David Lutchka. Roll call: (9) Lutchka. Cmsrs. Lutchka, Brittain, Day, Videto, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Herl. (3) Gumbert. Cmsrs. Reynolds, Shotwell, & Mahoney. David Lutchka was appointed to the Airport Board.

There were no applications for the one seat on the Community Action Agency. *Moved by Mahoney to nominate **Pat Smith**. Moved by Mahoney supported by Videto to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There was only one application for the one seat on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Judy Reynolds. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

The only application for the one seat on the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council was Gail Mahoney. *Moved by Berkemeier supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There were no applications for the one seat on the Economic Development Committee. *Moved by Brittain to nominate **Judy Reynolds**. Reynolds did not want the seat. Moved by Lutchka to nominate **Steve Shotwell**. Moved by Day supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There were two applications for the one seat on the Emergency Medical Service Commission, DeAnn Gumbert and Judy Reynolds. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: Reynolds (8). Cmsrs. Lutchka, Brittain, Day, Reynolds, Shotwell, Berkemeier, Smith, & Wilson. Gumbert (4). Cmsrs. Videto, Mahoney, Gumbert, & Herl.

There were four applications for the one seat on the Fair Board. Cliff Herl, David Lutchka, Judy Reynolds, & James Videto. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: Herl (6). Cmsrs. Day, Videto, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, & Herl. Reynolds (3). Cmsrs. Reynolds, Mahoney, & Gumbert. Lutchka (3). Cmsrs. Lutchka, Brittain, & Shotwell. James Videto was removed from the vote. Roll call: Herl (9). Cmsrs. Day, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Herl. Lutchka (3). Cmsrs. Lutchka, Brittain, & Shotwell. Cliff Herl was appointed to the Fair Board.

There were two applications for the one seat on the Federal Emergency Management Grant, DeAnn Gumbert and Judy Reynolds. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Day to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: Gumbert (7). Cmsrs. Lutchka, Day, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Gumbert, & Herl. (5) Reynolds. Cmsrs. Brittain, Reynolds, Berkemeier, Smith, & Wilson. DeAnn Gumbert was appointed to FEMA.

Greg Wilson was the only applicant for the one seat on the Hospital Finance Authority. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There were no applications for the I-94 Steering Committee. Herl stated that David Elwell had attended all of the meetings, and he had been the alternate. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Day to make **Herl the main member and Elwell the alternate**.* Motion carried.

Gail Mahoney was the only applicant for the two seats on the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission. *Moved by Mahoney to nominate **Pat Smith**. Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There were two applications for the one seat on the Parks and Recreation Board, Cliff Herl and Judy Reynolds. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: Reynolds (9). Cmsrs. Day, Reynolds, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Herl. Herl (3). Cmsrs. Lutchka, Brittain, & Berkemeier. Reynolds was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.

David Lutchka was the only application for the Region 2 Planning Commission. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Wilson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There were three applicants for the three open seats on the South Central Michigan Consortium Board, Cliff Herl, John Day, & James Videto. *Moved by Mahoney to nominate Pat Smith as the alternate. Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

There were no applications for the Traffic Safety Committee. *Moved by Berkemeier to nominate Todd Brittain. Moved by Mahoney supported by Wilson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

Moved by Brittain supported by Reynolds to concur with the Chair's Appointments to the County Management as follows:
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Personnel & Finance: Chair-Videto, Vice Chair-Day, members-Reynolds, Berkemeier, & Lutchka.

Motion carried.

Reynolds was assigned to attend the judge's meetings and report back.

There were six applications for the Chair's appointment to Intergovernmental Committee, DeAnn Gumbert, Cliff Herl, James Videto, Judy Reynolds, Steve Shotwell, and Gail Mahoney. Herl indicated that he wanted to keep all of them. Brittain stated that Herl should watch attendance and they should drop out if they don't attend. *Moved by Reynolds supported by Wilson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to concur with the Chair's appointment of himself as the main member and John Day as the alternate for the Community Planning Committee. Motion carried.

There were two applications for the Chair's appointment to County Quality One, Judy Reynolds and Gail Mahoney. Herl appointed Mahoney. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Brittain to concur with the Chair's appointment.* Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BOARDS/COMMITTEES:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to Adopt Resolution (01-05.2) Advising and Consenting to the Appointment of the Members of the Commission to the County of Jackson Hospital Finance Authority. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD RULES:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Wilson to Approve the 2005 Rules of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Reynolds to Approve the 2005 Meeting Schedule of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR SENIORS:

Moved by Day supported by Reynolds to Adopt Resolution (01-05.2) to Waive Administrative Fees and Interest for Senior Citizens. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER:

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

2005 ATTORNEYS:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Gumbert To Approve the list of 2005 Attorneys. Wilson asked if the County pays them a retainer. We do not. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 9:51 a.m. with Elwin Johnson. Mr. Johnson invited the Commissioners to the Annual Road Commissioner's meeting on February 3, 2005.

Reynolds brought up Board Rule 4090, section 9.2 regarding when Commissioners miss meetings. She strongly feels that rule should be adhered to. If a Commissioner misses 3 meetings consecutively, or 5 in one year, they will be replaced. Brittain called for a point of order, this is Public Comment. Shotwell agreed stating that if we approve the Agenda, we need to stick to the Agenda.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair. Motion carried. The January 3, 2005 Organizational meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Cliff Herl-Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Sandy Crowley, Jackson County Clerk
Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk