

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman James Rice called the October 16, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Cmr. Brittain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present (13): Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Thulin, Brittain, Day & Rice. Absent (2): Beardslee & Lacinski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Rice removed item 8 Special Orders/Public Hearings, the United Way Video, due to change of venue. Rice also pulled items R & T from the Consent Agenda. *Moved by Reynolds supported by DeForest to approve the Agenda.* Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of October Award to Angie Edwards, Assistant Manager/Information Systems Specialist. Remarks were made by Undersheriff Dan Heyns.

B. Presentation of International Personnel Management Association Award to Human Resources Director Ruth Pozner, presented by Chet Taraskiewicz in the absence of Chairman Lacinski.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:12 p.m. with comments from Carl Breeding. Mr. Breeding spoke in support of Eugene Parker for the position to be filled on the FIA Board.

Ron Markowski spoke of his accomplishments and plans should he be appointed to the vacant position on the FIA Board.

Eugene Parker explained what he thought he could bring to the FIA Board, should he be appointed.

Jan Rochefort spoke on behalf of Ron Markowski and the fact that she thought Mr. Markowski could bring financial stability to the FIA Board.

Public comment closed at 7:16 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs

1) Approval of 2001 Apportionment Report

2) Approval of Contract for Equalization Director Services

B. Personnel and Finance

1) Approval of 2001 Apportionment Report

2) Approval of Contract for Equalization Director Services

- 3) Approval of Contest to Select a New County Logo

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Elwell to approve the Consent Agenda as published minus items R & T.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the September 18th, 2001 Regular Board Meeting

HANDOUT

- B. Approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of September 18, 2001

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

C. Approve the contract changes for the 2002 Simulcasting Lease and the Live Racing Lease with Sheldon Properties, Inc. d/b/a Jackson Trotting Association

D. Establish a public hearing at the November 20, 2001 Board Meeting, at 7:15 p.m., on modifying the County's Brownfield Plan for the former MIHI property

HUMAN SERVICES:

E. Approval to submit an application for MSHDA CDBG funds for \$300,000 to provide homeowner housing rehabilitation for low income residents in the County, with Community Action Agency administering the program on behalf of Jackson County

F. Establish a public hearing at the November 20, 2001 Board Meeting, at 7:20 p.m., as required by the MSHDA CDBG application process

G. Approve the contract between MDEQ and the Jackson County Health Department for the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002

H. Approve retaining the part-time Health Educator and Casual Community Immunization Education Specialist positions in FY 2002, requiring \$37,493, with funds to be taken from the Health Department Fund Balance

I. Approve the second and final reading of the Health Department fee schedule which will go into effect on November 1, 2001

PERSONNEL & FINANCE

J. Hire a Deputy Finance Officer in November of 2001, rather than waiting until the new year, so that that person can provide assistance to the County Clerk regarding the accounting problems of the Circuit Court Trust Fund and bring back a recommendation for any additional assistance that will be needed and the anticipated timeframe to complete the reconciliation

K. Approve the Facilities budget adjustment of \$17,000 due to a decrease in rent revenue

L. Approve the Register of Deeds budget adjustments that increase revenue \$170,200, increase expense \$4,400, increase equipment \$74,968, and transfers \$90,832 to the General Fund

M. Approve the 2001 L-4029 Report

N. Approve the Parks budget adjustment connected with the Swain's Lake DNR Grant, which adds a new revenue line item for payment by the State on the Swain's Lake Grant Project (\$88,750) and increases the expense budget to the actual cost of the grant

O. Award the bid for the Cascades Manor House Renovation Project Phase 1 to Grunwell-Cashero Company in the amount of \$199,600

P. Approve the 2002 JTA Agreement which provides for a County allocation of \$100,140

Q. Approve the Department on Aging budget adjustments, which increase Congregate meal revenues by \$4,746 and increase Medicaid Waiver and other grant dollar revenues by \$71,325.

- R. Approve the Deferred Retirement Option (DROP) Plan as proposed by the Human Resources Director Ruth Pozner
- S. Approve a request for a supplemental actuarial valuation, which will cost between \$800 and \$1100, with funds to come from the Contingency Fund
- T. Approve new Personnel Policy, Identification Badges, Policy No. 3330, to include wording that the policy applies to elected officials also
- U. Establish a budget public hearing at the November 20, 2001 meeting, at 7:25 p.m.
- V. Approve an increase in the 2001 LifeWays appropriation, transferring \$17,695 from Contingency to the LifeWays Line Item in Transfer Out
- W. Approve holding all the November Standing Committee meetings on Tuesday, November 13 at their regular times and holding the Personnel and Finance Committee at 5 p.m. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Affairs

1) Moved by Day to accept the recommendation of County Affairs for the appointment of Ronald L. Markowski to the FIA Board for a three-year term. Mahoney-Sherrod nominated Eugene Parker. She feels he will be someone for the community and not just the financial aspect. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Brittain to close the nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (8) Markowski: DeForest, Herl, Thulin, Adams, Day, Elwell, Reynolds, & Rice. (5) Parker: Pascal, Baum, Brittain, Mahoney-Sherrod, & McNitt. Ron Markowski was appointed to fill the vacant position on the FIA Board.

2) Moved by Day supported by Reynolds to adopt a resolution modifying the Goodyear Renaissance Subzone to include a small parcel that was intended to be included in the original application and which is an integral part of the property secured by the Kinder Morgan Company. Roll call: (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Moved by Day supported by Reynolds to adopt a proclamation declaring October 27, 2001 "Make a Difference Day," a day of volunteer service in Michigan. Roll call: (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Day announced that Barry Marsh had rejected the appointment to the Board of Canvassers and the County Clerk, Sandy Crowley, had appointed Gene Bills.

County Agencies:

McNitt had nothing to report but did have 3 announcements. He indicated that there were 30+ jail inmates boarded out at the present time, and that the Community Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting next week to reduce the number of viable sites for the new jail.

McNitt also expressed his thanks to all that worked at the Government Mall show, providing information to the residents of Jackson County about the Government that serves them.

Human Services:

Moved by DeForest supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to adopt a proclamation declaring November 5th through 9th as Home Delivered Meal Week in Jackson County. Roll call: (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel & Finance:

1) *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to approve the 2001 Apportionment Report.* Motion carried.

2) *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to approve a contract for an Equalization Director of Services.*

3) *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Reynolds to approve a contest to select a new County logo.* Mahoney-Sherrod indicated that this motion was made with the understanding that the Commissioners would not be obligated to change the logo after the contest unless there was a consensus among them. Herl would like to know the history of the logo. The common belief is that it is President Jackson's horse. McNitt was in favor of the contest, only to raise interest in local government, but he is not in favor of changing the logo. The horse is near and dear to his heart.

Brittain questioned how much it would cost to change all of the County emblems. Mahoney-Sherrod indicated that it would be phased in as things wore out and had to be replaced. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

McNitt expresses concern and thinks that a resolution should be passed regarding the transfer of records when Elected Officials leave office. Mahoney-Sherrod agrees, but thinks it should be sent to County Affairs for the recommendation to the full board. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by McNitt to send the request for a resolution regarding Transfer of Records when Elected Officials leave office to County Affairs.* Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chet reminded everyone about the Employee Recognition Dinner to be held on October 17 at the Manor House. He encouraged all of the Commissioners to attend to show support for the County Employees.

Rice thanked the City of Jackson for their cooperation in allowing the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to use the City Council Chambers since the Tower Building was experiencing a black out. Rice suggested that the Administrator/Controller send a letter of thanks to the City.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by DeForest supported by McNitt to approve the allowance of the Claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Day to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried.

The October 16, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Robert Lacinski, Chairman Jackson County Board of Commissioners; Sandy Crowley, Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.