

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
October 18, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Jim Shotwell called the October 18, 2005 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Cmr. Reynolds

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(11) Present: Cmr. Lutchka, Brittain, Day, Reynolds, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, & Gumbert. (1) Absent: Chairman Herl

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. **Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)**-Presentation by MAC Executive Director Tim McGuire on Current Legislative Issues.

B. **Presentation of CountyFlag to the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)**

C. **Employee for the Month of October**-Lura Briggs, Nutrition Service Supervisor, Department on Aging. Presented by Vice-Chair Shotwell with comments by Kristy Smith, Director- Department on Aging.

D. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to Adopt Resolution (10-05.54) Honoring Communications Technician Marjorie Carpenter in the Sheriff's Department Upon Her Retirement.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

E. **Certificate of Appreciation to Airport Manager Kent Maurer on Being Named "2005 Airport Manager of the Year"**.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:21 p.m. with James Gallant requesting to be appointed to the FOC Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Judy Dynnik, Executive Director for Jackson County Residents against Pound Seizure. Ms. Dynnik spoke against the sale of shelter animals for research. She also expressed concern that the doors had been locked for 20-minutes at the beginning of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Brittain wanted to know who was responsible for the doors being locked. Mr. Elliott will be obtaining an answer and putting it in the Commissioners boxes.

Ron Markowski spoke in favor of reappointing Rev. Eugene Parker to the Human Services Board.

Rev. Eugene Parker is a current member of the Department of Human Services Board, and had overlooked reapplying, so he is now asking to be nominated.

Carol Bush introduced herself and asked for appointment to the Human Services Board.

Kendra Suddith, Chair of the Human Services Board spoke on behalf of Rev. Parker.

Darren Binkley discussed his concerns about conciliation and the FOC.

Janet Rochefort, Jackson County Treasurer said that she would be keeping the Commission up-to-date on the All-Season's Resort via e-mail. She indicated that if you cannot get e-mail to call her and she will put it in your box. By Friday, we should have an idea about the three people who are interested in the property. It is the IRS's decision as they received a judgment in Federal Court. If an offer is not accepted, it will be put out to a real estate company.

Public comment concluded at 7:37 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. CountyAffairs

1. 2005 Apportionment Report

MINUTES:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Gumbert to Approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2006 Meeting of the JacksonCounty Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Reynolds to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A-E as Follows: Wilson requested to have Item D removed.

A. CountyAffairs:

1. **Addition of Attorney William Worth, 1401 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MNI to the County's Approved Attorney List.**

B. County Agencies: None

C. Human Services: None

D. Personnel & Finance:

1. **Temporary loan up to \$75,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Account to the Jackson County Parks Commission for the purchase of property for the Falling Water Trail Project to be paid back when funds are received from the MDOT grant**

E. Claims:

1. **Claims dated 09/01/05-09/30/05 as presented to and approved by the Standing Committees.**

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. CountyAffairs:

1. County Affairs 09/19/05 Meeting Minutes-no action required

2. *Moved by Day supported by Wilson to Recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of Michael Gormley to the FOC Advisory Committee, Public Member, Term to March 2006. Moved by Brittain to nominate James Gallant.* Roll call: Gormley (10). Cmr. Lutchka, Day, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Shotwell. Gallant (1). Cmr. Brittain. Michael Gormley was appointed to the FOC Citizen's Advisory Committee.

3. *Moved by Day supported by Wilson to Recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of Cheryl Wycoff Pezon to the FOC Advisory Committee, Attorney Representative, Term to March 2008. Moved by Mahoney supported by Reynolds to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.* Motion carried.

4. *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to Recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of Carol J. Bush to the Department of Human Services, Public Member, Term to October 2008. Moved by Mahoney to*

nominate Rev. Eugene Parker. Moved by Berkemeier to nominate John Calhoun. Roll call: Parker (7). Cmr. Day, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Smith, Gumbert, & Shotwell. Bush (3). Cmr. Lutchka, Brittain, & Wilson. Calhoun (1) Cmr. Berkemeier. Rev. Eugene Parker was appointed to the Department of Human Services.

5. Two Appointments to the Board of Canvassers- One Republican and One Democrat-Terms to 10/31/09. Paper ballot: Republican: Gene Bills (9) votes. Bonnie Alexander (2) votes. Tammy Sayles (0) votes. Gene Bills was appointed as the Republican representative on the Board of Canvassers. Democratic: Lou Adams (8) votes. Janelle Sadler (2) votes. Kim Justin (0) votes. One person did not vote. Lou Adams was appointed as the Democratic representative on the Board of Canvassers.

6. *Moved by Day supported by Lutchka to Receive the 2005 Apportionment Report.* Motion carried.

B. County Agencies:

No report

C. Human Services:

No report

D. Personnel and Finance:

Item D from the Consent Agenda-*Moved by Videto supported by Lutchka to Approve a Temporary loan up to \$75,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Account to the Jackson County Parks Commission for the purchase of property for the Falling Water Trail Project to be paid back when funds are received from the MDOT grant.* Wilson wanted to know if interest was going to be charged and he was told that it was. Wilson also asked if a property valuation had been done. Mahoney said that everything had been approved, and that the money had to be paid in order to receive the reimbursement. Videto explained that it was a short-term loan for MDOT monies. Wilson asked if the money had to go to the seller first and was told that it did. Motion carried.

1. Personnel & Finance 09/20/05 Meeting Minutes-No action required.

2. *Moved by Videto supported by Reynolds to Approve the Agreement for Economic Development Services Between Jackson County and the Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc.* Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

3. *Moved by Videto supported by Reynolds to Adopt Resolution (10-05.55) Implementing the Provisions of Resolution (05-05.20) Authorizing Certain Revenue Initiatives for the 2006 Budget.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Lutchka, Brittain, Day, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Shotwell. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Gumbert feels that Public Comment is wonderful, but it has been going on for an hour, and people are still arriving to speak. She wondered if a Public Comment sign-up sheet might be appropriate.

Brittain said that he talked with Mr. Elliott before the meeting, and was told that the Commissioners could speak during Public Comment with permission from the Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:56 p.m. with James Gallant. Mr. Gallant appreciated the Board appointing an attorney to the FOC Citizen's Advisory Board.

Rev. Eugene Parker thanked the Board for his appointment to the Department of Human Services.

Public comment closed at 7:59 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Berkemeier shared his concerns over the locked doors during the Committee of the Whole meeting. He feels that it regrettable that it happened and that we owe the pound seizure group an apology.

Mr. Elliott agrees that an apology is in order. He believes that the Facilities people did not realize there was a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Wilson reminded everyone that this Board voted to re-group Facilities under Administrative Services and the locked doors are just another example of lack of direction and communication. The Human Services building was to be ready in May, but they just moved.

Mr. Elliott stated that Wilson had some good comments, but the Facilities staff did an exemplary job in moving the FOC. The episode of the locked doors was just standard operating procedure for those doors to be locked at that time.

Mahoney interjected that those types of things are programmed like locks and heating; but to classify it as a managerial problem would be an overstatement.

Gumbert reminded the Board that the meeting was moved to accommodate the animal shelter group.

Videto said that as we move through the budget initiatives, if we find things that are broken, it's our responsibility to fix them. We may need to look into the moving of Facilities under Administrative Services.

Brittain suggested that in order to prevent anyone from being locked out that we install a doorbell or a light system.

Reynolds, who is also the Director of the NAACP, invited the Commissioners to attend the Freedom Fund Banquet, which would take place at Davis's Conference Center on October 23. She will be selling the tickets for \$64.00.

Wilson announced that the Cascades Project is again partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and are starting to move the project forward again.

Commissioner comment closed at 8:09 p.m.

Moved by Videto supported by Mahoney to go into Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Bargaining and Attorney/Client Privilege. Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Shotwell said that he would entertain a motion to adjourn from conference room 101. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Gumbert to Adjourn from Conference Room 101 Following Closed Session.* Motion carried.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session at 8:09 p.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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