

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
October 21, 2003 - Annual Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Rice called the October 21, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:04 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Cmr. Herl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(10) Present: Cmr. Herl, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice. (2) Absent: Cmr. Adams & Videto.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Approve the Agenda with the exception of deleting the Budget Presentation and replacing it with a Closed Session to consider material exempt from discussion under the Open Meetings Act, specifically, a legal opinion within the attorney/client privilege. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to go into Closed Session. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session closed at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to return to Open Session. Motion carried. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of October – Rose Easton, Deputy Clerk, 12th District Court Civil Division. Presented by Rice with remarks by Karen Coffman.

B. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to Adopt a Retirement Resolution Honoring Sherri Luce, Assistant Deputy County Clerk, with 23 Years (+4 purchased) of Service –Effective October 1,2003.* Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Rice with remarks by Sandy Crowley, County Clerk.

C. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt the Retirement Resolution of Ed Alexander, Sr. Probation Officer, with 26 Years, 1 Month of Service – Effective October 1, 2003.* Ed was unable to be present. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Elwell read the Resolution into the record.

D. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt the Retirement Resolution of Linda Scott, District Court Deputy Clerk, with 28 Years, 4 Months of Service – Effective November 1, 2003.* Linda was unable to be present. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Elwell read the Resolution into the record.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:

None.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Budget Presentation: *Moved by Shotwell supported by Baxter to Approve the 2004 Budget as published.* Motion carried.

B. Budget public Hearing to Review the 2004 General Fund Budget, Capital Improvement Fund Budget and Equipment Fund Budget. Richard Todoroff read a letter expressing his concerns over the fee increases. Cherry Mosher also expressed her concerns over the fee increases. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to return to Open Session.* Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:33 p.m. with Jack Hurula giving his opinion regarding the incinerator and the JCC millage.

Molly Kaser, Director for the Center for Family Health explained the benefits of several of their clinics that were able to pick up the slack after the programs ended at the Health Department. One of the programs that she discussed was the dental clinic. After describing the deplorable condition of our County's teeth, Ms. Kaser asked for a donation from the County in the amount of \$40,000.

Dr. Grover added to Ms. Kaser's comments stating that if you have your health, you have everything and he is asking the Commission to put their money where their mouth is.

John Wilson stated that various elected Boards passed Resolutions in favor of the JCC millage. Mr. Wilson suggested that the JCC Board secure a loan and pay it off with the additional revenue that expanding would bring in without burdening taxpayers.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Lacinski supported by Mahoney to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through T as contained in the following Consent Agenda List: Mahoney requested to have Item N pulled.

A. Approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2003 Regular Board Meeting

B. Approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2003 Closed Session

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

C. Establish a public hearing to consider the application of a Brownfield Plan for ZM Properties, LLC at the November 18, 2003 Board Meeting, , 7:15 p.m.

D. Concur with the Chairman's Appointment of Commissioner Jim (Steve) Shotwell to the County Retirement Board to complete the term of a resigning Commissioner to May 31, 2004.

E. Recommend that the Grass Lake County Park lakefront parcel of land not be offered for sale to Raymond and Sylvia Robinson or to any party, in concurrence with the decision of the Jackson County Parks Commission.

COUNTY AGENCIES:

HUMAN SERVICES:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE:

F. Approve borrowing up to \$1.7 million from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to have enough money to go ahead with the Human Services Building renovations

G. Approve the 2003 Apportionment Report

H. Approve the Equalization Department applying for State grant monies to conduct personal property audits on businesses

I. Approve the Parks 2003 budget adjustments dated October 6, 2003

J. Approve a 2003 General Fund budget transfer of \$25,000 to the Jackson County Parks Public Improvement Fund for a joint effort between JPS, the City and the County to construct ball diamonds near Frost School

K. Approve the 2003 Fair budget adjustment reflecting a decrease in revenues and expenses of \$182,855

L. Approve the 2003 Register of Deeds budget adjustment which transfers an additional \$142,600 in revenue to the Contingency Fund and approve the Register of Deeds Automation Fund budget adjustment, which increases the Fund \$50,000 to go towards technology.

M. Approve the Prosecuting Attorney's FY 2004 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract

N. Approve the Sheriff hiring three additional corrections officers, one per shift, to insure the safety and security of the Chanter Road Jail Facility

O. Approve the County Clerk's request to convert birth, death and marriage records from microfilm to CD's, including backup CD's, and award the bid to do so to DSS Corporation of Southfield in the amount of \$30,750, with funds to come from the fund balance in the 2003 Equipment Fund.

P. Approve increasing the County Clerk's imprest cash for juror compensation from \$2,500 to \$5,000

Q. Approve the FOC 2003/2004 Medical CRP Contract in the amount of \$87,666

R. Authorize the Health Department to create and hire a part-time Health Educator at 24 hrs. per week with monies received from a bioterrorism grant, at no cost to the County, contingent upon receiving 100% grant funding

S. Approve revised Personnel Policy No. 3080, Performance Incentive Payment, Non-Union Employees, which adds that employees hired on or after July 8, 2003 will not be eligible to receive a performance incentive payment

T. Approve revised Personnel Policy No. 3245, Termination of Employment-Paid Time Off, which adds there will be no payoff of Paid Time Off to any non-union employee separating with less than one year of service with the County Effective May 15, 2003

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. County Affairs

1. Moved by Day supported by Brittain *Adopt Resolution (10-03.45) Expressing Intent to Participate in the Development of a County-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan.* Roll Call: (9) Yeas. Cmrs. Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, Herl, & Rice. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

2. Moved by Day supported by Brittain *to Appoint Two Members to the Board of Canvassers-1 Republican, Dennis Rowilson, 1 Democrat, Kim Justin.* Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter ***to Close nominations and Proceed to ballot.*** Motion carried. Paper ballot per statute.

3. Moved by Day supported by Brittain *to Adopt Resolution (10-03.40) Urging Congress to Adopt Solid Waste Flow Legislation.* Roll call (9) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Wilson out of Chambers.

B. County Agencies:

Nothing to report

C. Human Resources:

1. Moved by Mahoney supported by Elwell *to Give First Reading to the Proposed 2003/2004 Health Department Fee Increases, with the Exception of the Food Service Licensing Fees Increase.* Brittain requested a roll call vote on the main motion. Moved by Mahoney supported by Elwell ***to Suspend the Rules of Order and allow this to be the 1st and final reading to go into effect December 1, 2003.*** Roll call: (7) Yeas. Cmrs. Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Elwell, Herl, Day, & Rice. (3) Nays. Cmrs. Lacinski, Wilson, & Brittain. Motion carried. Roll call, amended main motion: (7) Yeas. Cmrs. Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Elwell, Herl, Day, & Rice. (3) Nays. Cmrs. Lacinski, Wilson, & Brittain. Motion carried.

2. Moved by Mahoney supported by Elwell *to give Second and Final Reading to the Proposed 2003/2004 Health Department Food Service Licensing Fee Increases.* After much discussion, and Ron Grimes, Director of the Jackson County Health Department, answering questions it was left to a roll call vote. Roll call: (7) Yeas. Cmrs. Elwell, Herl, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Rice. (3) Nays. Cmrs. Lacinski, Wilson, & Brittain. Motion carried.

3. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (10-03.41) Urging Expansion of the FIA Board to Five Members.* Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Personnel & Finance:

Item N from the Consent Agenda: *Moved by Elwell supported by Shotwell to Approve the Sheriff Department Hiring Additional Corrections Officers for Chanter Road.* Mahoney stated that she had huge concerns. The Sheriff's original plan was to use less manpower with more prisoners. Mahoney also stated that the population of the jail is only 142 and the Sheriff will be back for more staff when they are up to full capacity in the jail. Elwell pointed out that that the county could not afford to continue boarding out prisoners. The Chanter Rd. Jail was the right thing to do. The Sheriff asked only for bare bones staffing, and now that the facility is operational it is possible to assess where more staff is needed to keep everyone protected. Brittain was concerned that it would cost the taxpayers more to house the prisoners than it was costing to board them out. Elwell pointed out that the money was being spent inside the county as opposed to out county. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Lacinski to Call for the Question.* Roll call: (6) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Lacinski, & Rice. (4) Nays. Cmr. Elwell, Brittain, Mahoney, & Wilson. Motion failed without 2/3's vote.

Wilson said that there is something new to be learned about staffing,; he would rather hire three than bury one. Brittain is in support of hiring three officers, but feels that Mahoney is correct and the Sheriff will be back as capacity continues to rise in the jail. The Sheriff is asking for one person per shift. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Mahoney.

Moved by Elwell supported by Herl to Award the Bid for the Human Services Building Renovations. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

Moved by Elwell supported by Day to Approve the Retirement System Bylaw Amendment. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Elwell supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (10-03.39) Jackson County 2004 General Appropriations Act Resolution. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Elwell supported by Baxter to Establish the Budget for the 2004 Equipment Fund. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

Moved by Brittain supported by Herl to Establish the Budget for the 2004 Public Improvement/Building Fund. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wilson referred to comments and request made by Molly Kaser, Director of the Center for Family Health and requested that the County look into contributing to the Dental Center. Chet indicated that the County cannot fund a not-for-profit organization when there is not a contract for specific services. Wilson recommends a contribution of \$100,000 to be reviewed by Personnel and Finance, with Chet to research funding contracts. Brittain supported sending this to Personnel and Finance. Elwell questioned why Wilson suggested \$100,000 when the Center is only requesting \$40,000. Wilson responded that the Center had lost \$180,000 and would like to see the County help as much as possible this year. Shotwell interjected that these issues are not dead at the State level and that it would set a bad precedent to interfere with the Health Department's mandated services. Brittain reiterated that he agreed with Wilson and this issue should be sent to Personnel and Finance for review. *Moved by Baxter to add a friendly amendment to Wilson's motion to remove the dollar amount before sending to Committee.* Supported by Brittain. Elwell would like to see what exactly has been cut. Amended motion carried. The issue of a contribution to the Family Health Community Dental Center will be sent to Personnel and Finance.

Mahoney said that at her Economic Club meeting the Michigan Surgeon General spoke and used Jackson County statistics to talk about how unhealthy we are as a county. *Moved by Mahoney that the County allocate \$2 per capita to the County Health Department to try and improve the Health Care of Jackson County supported by Brittain.* Rice questioned how much that would be and Mahoney responded that there are approximately 158,000 people in Jackson County times two is \$316,000. This would enable Jackson County to bring back the programs that were cut and allow us to reduce teen pregnancy, reduce infant mortality rates, and work with other health care issues. Elwell would like to add a friendly amendment to return to Human Services to make a recommendation. Mahoney accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by Lacinski supported by Elwell to Pay the Claims. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randy Treacher addressed the Board on behalf of the Human Services committee, thanking the Board for action on the Human Services building.

David Irvine feels that the health issue needs to be addressed and heeded for our youth, as they are our future.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair. Motion carried. The October 21, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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