

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
November 18, 2003 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Rice called the November 18, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Comr. Shotwell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(12) Present: Comrs. Herl, Adams, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Elwell supported by Baxter to modify the Agenda by relocating item 11, Consent Agenda, to immediately follow the Approval of the Agenda. Motion carried. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Videto to Approve the Agenda as amended.* Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mahoney supported by Lacinski to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through M as contained in the following Consent Agenda list:

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

- A. Dissolve the MCF Disposition Ad Hoc Committee upon completion of its task
- B. Authorize the County Drain Commissioner to apply for a MDEQ Storm Water Discharge Permit and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the application on behalf of the County
- C. Approve establishing a public hearing at the November 18, 2003 Board meeting, 7:20 p.m., to discuss the Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority's application for federal EPA funds

COUNTY AGENCIES:

HUMAN SERVICES:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE:

- D. Approve the Equalization Department's reorganization to eliminate the Equalization Supervisor position (Grade 12) and create an Equalization Coordinator position (Grade 11)
- E. Approve the 2004 RRF Operating and Maintenance budget of \$3,964,999
- F. Approve the 2004 RRF Enterprise Fund budget of \$8,840,369
- G. Approve deleting a Nurse Practitioner position (Grade 13) and creating a Field Nurse position (Grade 12) at the Health Department with funding to come through the MSS/ISS Program
- H. Approve the Letter of Understanding between the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM), Jackson County and Jackson Sheriff regarding Sick Bank Buy Out
- I. Approve the 2004 IRS mileage rate at 37.5¢ a mile for County employees and jurors
- J. Approve extending the 2003 audit contract with Rehmann Robson in the amount of \$46,200

- K. Establish a new fund (246) for the Airport's major runway project
- L. Establish a special revenue fund (280) for the Jail millage money
- M. Approve the November budget adjustments for the following departments as contained in the agenda packet:
1. Register of Deeds (\$157,200 increase to Contingency)
 2. 2003 Airport (line transfers of \$26,700)
 3. 2003 Prosecuting Attorney Child Support Division (\$19,000) and Float (\$9,600)
 4. 2003 Sheriff (line transfers)
 5. 2003 District Court (\$500,000 to Contingency)
 6. 2003 Circuit/Family Court (\$209,073)
 7. MSU Extension 2003 and 2004 (FIA grant of \$21,577.92)
 8. 2003 Traffic Safety (\$40,400)
 9. Personnel and Finance
 10. 2003 County Treasurer

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. *Moved by Videto supported by Brittain to go into Closed Session to Discuss Negotiations as Allowed by the Open Meetings Act.* Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to Return to Open Session. Motion carried. Open Session resumed at 7:05 p.m.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of November – Gwen Johnson, Program Supervisor, Youth Center. Presented by Rice with remarks by Brian Philson, Director of the Youth Center.

B. *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to Adopt a Resolution (11-03.47) Honoring the Napoleon Lions Club on their 50th Anniversary.* Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Day to Larry Kujawa.

Rhonda Rudolph introduced Boy Scout Troop 313 from Michigan Center. The boys are working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

B. Public Hearing on Inclusion of ZM Properties, LLC, Blackman Township, into the County's Brownfield Plan. David Miller of the Enterprise Group introduced Joe Campau, President of ZM Properties. Day asked what they produce and Mr. Campau explained that they have been in Jackson for over 30 years and have manufactured marble vanity tops. They would like to expand and offer natural stone products for the kitchen.

C. Public Hearing Regarding Application for U.S. EPA Environmental Assessment Grant in Jackson County. David Miller speaking on behalf of the BRA apologized for the short time frame, but they rely on Federal grants for environmental assessments on properties. Their funds are expended and they must return to the EPA to request additional funding. Mr. Miller brought the following members of the community to expand upon how the funding has help their companies:

- Joe Battles, CFO/Treasurer of Camshaft
- Neeta Delaney, Armory/Arts Project
- Joe Campau, President ZM Properties
- Billy Fowler, Precise Test Labs, Inc.

Moved by Lacinski supported by Elwell to Return to Regular Session. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment began at 7:31 p.m. with Bob Ross. Mr. Ross introduced himself and announced that he would be running for State Representative of the 64th District.

Cherry Mosier asked the Commissioners to revisit the issue of rate increases for restaurants. Ms. Mosier indicated that the Commission had been told that letters had been sent to all of the restaurant owners explaining the rates, when in fact the letters had not been sent.

Public Comment concluded at 7:40 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Personnel & Finance

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. County Affairs:

1. *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (11-03.46) Approving a Brownfield Plan for ZM Properties, LLC.* Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2. *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to Adopt Resolution (11-03.48) Supporting a Grant Application of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to the U.S. EPA.* Roll call (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. County Agencies:

No report.

C. Human Services:

No report

D. Personnel & Finance:

1. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Give First Reading to the Animal Control Fee Increases.* Elwell requested roll call vote. Roll call: (11) Yeas. Cmr. Mahoney, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, & Rice. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

2. *Moved by Elwell supported by Baxter to Approve the Final Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Compensation.* Brittain requested roll call vote. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Authorize the Chairman and the Sheriff to sign an Agreement with Washtenaw County for the boarding of prisoners at the Chanter Road Jail.* Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

4. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Approve the tentative agreement with AFSCME.* Motion carried.

5. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Extend to Nonunion employees the wage, health insurance, and holiday schedule included in the AFSCME agreement for 2004.* Motion carried.

6. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Extend to the six elected officials (Clerk, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, and Register of Deeds) the wage and health insurance provisions of the AFSCME agreement for 2004.* Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Wilson requested a report to the Full Board from the Department of Public Works. It was explained to Wilson that the Minutes of the BPW meetings are included in the BoC Packet. Wilson responded that he would like a public report that people can respond to. Brittain supported what Wilson said, and agreed that the County should take over the incinerator. Mahoney stated that the BPW reports directly to the Board of Commissioners and that a quarterly report is not an unreasonable request. Day interjected that several years ago the Board had looked into many issues, and contacted the Sister City in Minnesota. They operate on a comparable budget. There was also a

study conducted a couple of years ago, and the County cannot run the incinerator any more efficiently. Adams also pointed out that the BPW does not have the staff to create graphs and reports. Rice agreed to work with Chet and Shotwell to come up with a report.

Wilson voiced that he felt the vote regarding the fee increases for the inspection of restaurants was wrong. There were no letters mailed to the restaurant owners as the Board was led to believe. Wilson requested that someone from the prevailing side of the vote move to bring the issue back to the floor. Issue died from lack of support.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

Moved by Lacinski supported by Baxter to Allow the Claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Day to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair. Motion carried. The November 18, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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