

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
December 12, 2006 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Steve Shotwell called the December 12, 2006 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 4:30 p.m. to go into Closed Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Chairman Shotwell called the meeting back to order to reconvene for the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Cmr. Reynolds

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

*Cmr. Wilson arrived at 7:14. p.m. after roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Herl, supported by Mahoney, to Approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

A. **Holiday Music Presentation by the GrassLakeHigh School Choir** (Under the direction of Antoinette LaCinski)

B. **Employee of the Month for December 2006** – Lori Pratt, Deputy District Court Clerk. She was unable to attend the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

Moved by Videto, supported by Brittain, to accept an invitation from the Board of Supervisors to a Christmas dinner for Commissioners. Motion carried.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Berkemeier, to receive communication given to Cmr. Wilson by Rick Baxter regarding the Road Commission bill. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Tallis, Chairman of Supervisor Commission, thanked the commissioners for receiving the announcement of the Christmas meeting and hopes all commissioners can attend. He also mentioned that the Jackson Community Planning Committee is having a public hearing on the 21 st of December regarding preservation of agricultural lands. John also spoke about the appointment to the Road Commission. He supports Bob Zenz and hopes that he will be reappointed. Mr. Tallis closed his comments with a thank you to Chairman Shotwell for his guidance of the commission this year.

Jim Dunn, Summit Township Supervisor, spoke about the appointment to the County Road Commission. He feels Bob Zenz is the best candidate and urged the commissioners to reappoint him.

Denise Butler, Napoleon Township Supervisor, is also in support of Bob Zenz for the reappointment as a Road Commissioner. She said he has done a lot of good things in Napoleon Township and has been a real leader for them.

Jerry Surbrook, Rives Township Supervisor, spoke on behalf of Bob Zenz for his reappointment. Rives Township has had a good relationship with Bob and he does not recommend a change at this time. He asked the commissioners to vote for him.

Ray Kuzminski, Columbia Township Supervisor, spoke in support of Bob Zenz.

Allan Miltich, Liberty Township Supervisor, spoke regarding his experiences with the Road Commission. He found the Road Commission employees and the Road Commissioners to be polite and very professional. He is supporting the reappointment of Mr. Zenz because of the good working experiences he has had with him.

Adam Ulbin, Supervisor of Norvell Township, has had the opportunity to work with Bob Zenz on many projects within Norvell Township. He can't remember one time where he didn't step forward and get the job done. He feels that it's important not only to Norvell Township but to Jackson County as well that he be reappointed.

Steve Wellman from Summit Township asked to be reappointed to the airport board. He has served on the board for the last four years and has become very involved in the airport activities and its operations. He also stated that he and Kent Maurer were at the Aeronautics Bureau and were given the final documents that give the airport the green light to go ahead with the airport realignment project. They will be able to begin the process.

Kelly Shepard came before the board to express her interest in attaining appointments on the Region II Planning Commission and the Parks & Recreation boards. She reviewed her qualifications and asked for the commissioner's consideration and support.

Circuit Court Judge Charles A. Nelson thanked this commission, prior commissions and the administrators for all of the help they have given over the years to the Circuit Court.

Roger Gaede asked for the commissioner's vote to be reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Victor Cuiss asked to be reconsidered for reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission. He has taken an active role and feels he has made a contribution for the betterment of the park system.

Larry Spaulding would like to be considered for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission. He is a semi-retired licensed stock broker feels he is well qualified. His primary concerns are preserving Michigan's lakes, water resources and the parks that are part of that.

Mike Rand, Jr. stated he is looking to be appointed to the EMS Commission and reviewed his qualifications.

Sally Griffis, Jackson County Fair Manager, spoke regarding the recent purchase of the Moose Lodge Parking lot on Blackstone Street. The property will play a crucial part to future fairs since parking is always one of their biggest issues. She thanked all of those who helped with everything along the way.

Joe Dunigan of Dunigan Brothers spoke in support of Bob Zenz. He feels that the Jackson County Road Commission is the best you will find the state.

Mike Trudell, former supervisor of Summit Township. He requests that the commissioners consider him for appointment to the Road Commission.

Chris Roe stated he is running for an appointment to the Road Commission and is hoping to gain the commissioner's support.

Carlos Beltran spoke in support of Bob Zenz and urged the board to reelect him as the Road Commissioner.

Michael Edwards, member of the Michigan Center Board of Education, spoke in support of Chris Roe.

Brian Cyrocki, spoke in support of Chris Roe for appointment to the Road Commission.

Joe Mayo, Chiropractor, spoke in support of Chris Roe.

Steve Dowding spoke in support of Chris Roe.

Janet Day, Napoleon Township Clerk, spoke in support of Bob Zenz. She feels he does a great job and is very helpful.

Joe VanPople, spoke in support of Chris Roe for appointment to the county Road Commission. He didn't feel that the Supervisors support of Mr. Zenz and the statements they made are all true. He hasn't seen anyone outside of Mr. Zenz's authority come to speak on his behalf. All he sees is the "good old boy" system. He brought Jackson County Road Commission plans of Bob Zenz's residence on Michigan Ave to show the commissioners. *Moved by Brittain, supported by Berkemeier to receive the communication.* Motion carried. He stated he is a civil engineer and finds it odd that the only place on the plans that there is a grade change is in front of Bob Zenz's home. He feels that a vote for Bob Zenz is a vote for someone who doesn't have the best interest of Jackson County in mind. He asked the commissioners to vote for Chris Roe.

Nancy Seydell, Trustee for Tompkins Township Board and former Supervisor, said the township taxes pay for the roads. When they go to Michigan Township Association meetings, she said they can't believe that the township only has to pay for 50% of the roads and that the Road Commission pays for the other 50%.

Ben Roe, spoke in support of Chris Roe. He said he has a good ability to lead and has proven it through his coaching and his current position that he holds with MDOT. He feels now is the time to appoint him.

Public comment closed at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Duckham, to Approve the Minutes of the 11/1/06 and 11/8/06 Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Reynolds, to Allow the Consent Agenda. Cmr. Wilson asked for Item 12D4 to be moved to discussion – Standing Committee report for Personnel & Finance. Cmr. Videto duly noted. Motion carried.

A. County Affairs

1. Clark Lake Community Center Licensing Agreement

B. County Agencies

2. Denial of Livestock Loss Claim - \$940

3. Denial of Livestock Loss Claim - \$278

C. Human Services – None.

D. Personnel & Finance

4. Lease Between Jackson County and the State of Michigan for the Northlawn Building (State Lease #11211-2006)

5. Budget Adjustments:

a. Parks

b. District Court

c. Airport

d. Miscellaneous – Schedule 1

e. Miscellaneous – Schedule 2

E. Claims dated 11/01/06-11/30/06 as presented to and approved by the Standing Committees:

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| - County Affairs | \$459,052.67 |
| - County Agencies | 690,638.68 |
| - Human Services | 173,184.50 |
| - Personnel & Finance | 167,190.76 |

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. County Affairs – Commissioner Dave Lutchka

1. County Affairs 12/4/06 Meeting Minutes (no action required)

2. **Appointment to the Airport Board, one public member, term 12/2008.** Nominee from Committee is Steve Wellman. Brittain nominated Rick Day. Roll call: Wellman (11). Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert & Shotwell. Day (1). Cmr. Brittain.

3. **Appointment to the County Building Authority, one public member, term to 6/2007.** It is a Chair appointment and the Chair recommends Ric Scheele. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Brittain, to Concur with the Chair.* Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Appointment to the Department on Aging Advisory Board, eight public members, term to 12/2008.** Seven recommendations from Committee as follows: Edith Forth, Fred Drago, Barbara McClure, Howard Griffis, Michael Butchart, Elizabeth Dexter and Robert Dresser. No other nominations from the floor. Chariman Shotwell said that the open seat on this board will be republished for next month and will appear at the January business meeting for appointment. *Moved by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

5. **Appointments to the EMS Commission, one paramedic ambulance provider, one township law enforcement member, one township fire dept. agency member, terms to 12/2009.** The name recommended by Committee is Jon Sutliff for the law enforcement member. No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried unanimously. Jon Sutliff is so appointed. Mike Rand, Jr. was nominated by the Committee (nomination supported by Reynolds) for the fire dept. member. No other nominations from the floor. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Rand, Jr. is so appointed.

6. **Appointments to the Hospital Finance Authority, four public members, terms to 12/2007.** Three Standing Committee recommendations: Diane King, Jason Sanders and Randy Treacher. Lutchka nominated Greg Wilson. Mahoney has no problem with Wilson serving but because he is not a public member yet, we can't appoint him as a public member. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Lutchka, to move the three slate that we have and move the last appointment to January.* Motion carried.

7. **Appointment to the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission, one public member, term to 12/2008.** The Board recommended Gerald Michalowicz. No other nominations from the floor. *Moved by Berkemeier, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

8. **Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission, two public members, terms to 12/2009.** The committee recommended Victor Cuiss and Roger Gaede. Brittain nominated Kelley Sheppard and Elden Parson. Berkemeier nominated Judy Reynolds. Lutchka nominated Larry Spaulding. Wilson asked for clarification if we can nominate Judy Reynolds since she isn't yet a public member. Randy Treacher said that it is true that they are not members of the public at this point but they would be members of the public when the positions become vacant. Chairman Shotwell's recommendation to the commission is to complete the Parks & Recreation Appointment and then revisit the Hospital Finance Authority at the end of the appointments. Wilson was comfortable with that. No other nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Roll call: Cuiss (6). Cmr. Herl, Mahoney, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert & Shotwell. Reynolds (3). Cmr. Duckham, Reynolds & Berkemeier. Spaulding (1). Cmr. Lutchka. Sheppard (1). Cmr. Brittain. Gaede (1). Cmr. Videto. Roll Call: Cuiss (6). Cmr. Herl, Videto, Mahoney, Smith, Gumbert & Shotwell. Reynolds (3). Cmr. Duckham, Reynolds & Berkemeier. Spaulding (1) Cmr. Lutchka. Sheppard (1). Cmr. Brittain. Gaede (1). Cmr. Wilson. Roll Call: Cuiss (9). Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Gumbert & Shotwell. Reynolds (3). Cmr. Duckham, Reynolds & Berkemeier. Victor Cuiss is appointed to the first position on the Parks & Recreation Board. Roll Call: Gaede (6). Cmr. Videto, Mahoney, Smith, Wilson, Lutchka and Shotwell. Reynolds (5). Cmr. Reynolds, Berkemeier, Gumbert, Herl & Duckham. Sheppard (1). Cmr. Brittain. Roll Call: Gaede (7). Cmr. Videto, Mahoney, Smith, Wilson, Herl, Lutchka & Shotwell. Reynolds (4). Cmr. Berkemeier, Gumbert, Duckham & Reynolds. Sheppard (1). Cmr. Brittain. Roger Gaede is appointed to the second position on the Parks & Recreation Board.

9. **Appointment to the Region 2 Planning Commission, four public members, terms to 12/2009.** The committee recommended Katherine Martin, Herb Howard, Hal Ziegler and Elden Parsons. Chairman Shotwell said that the 2009 terms are recognized with Katherine Martin, Herb Howard and Hal Ziegler; Elden Parsons is for the 2008 term. Herl nominated Kelly Sheppard for the 2009 seat. Brittain nominated Jean Soltis for the 2008 seat. No other nominations from the floor. Roll Call will be for the 2008 seat first. Roll Call: Parsons (7). Cmr. Lutchka, Videto, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert & Shotwell. Soltis (5). Cmr. Herl, Brittain, Duckham, Reynolds & Mahoney. Elden Parsons is appointed to the 2008 seat to fill out the remainder of that term. Roll Call: Howard (7). Cmr. Duckham, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Smith, Gumbert & Shotwell. Sheppard (5). Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Berkemeier & Wilson. Howard is appointed. Roll Call: Sheppard (7). Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Videto, Berkemeier, Wilson & Gumbert. Martin (5). Cmr. Duckham, Reynolds, Mahoney, Smith & Shotwell. Sheppard is appointed. Roll Call: Martin (10). Cmr. Wilson, Gumbert, Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier & Smith. Zeigler (1). Chairman Shotwell. Martin is appointed.

10. **Appointment to the Road Commission, one public member, term to 12/2012.** Committee recommended Robert Zenz. Cmr. Berkemeier feels that because of the vast amount of interest in this matter and the fact that it does have considerable significance for the county, he asked that this matter be opened up for discussion amongst board members. Supported by Mahoney. Cmr. Wilson, Berkemeier, Lutchka, Mahoney, Videto, Gumbert, Brittain, Duckham, Reynolds, Smith & Herl all made comments. Berkemeier nominated Michael Trudell. Brittain nominated Christopher Roe. Roll Call: Zenz (8). Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Reynolds, Videto, Smith, Wilson & Shotwell. Roe (3). Cmr. Brittain, Mahoney & Gumbert. Trudell (1). Cmr. Berkemeier.

6. Appointment to the Hospital Finance Authority.

Matter revisited at 7:05 p.m. Greg Wilson nominated and motion carried for his appointment.

B. County Agencies – Commissioner Judy Reynolds

1. **County Agencies 12/4/06 Meeting Minutes (no action required)**

C. Human Services – Commissioner Phil Berkemeier

1. **Human Services 12/4/06 Meeting Minutes (no action required)**

D. Personnel and Finance – Commissioner James Videto

1. **Personnel & Finance 12/5/06 Meeting Minutes (no action required)**

4. **Lease Between JacksonCounty and the State of Michigan for the NorthlawnBuilding. (Item 12D4 moved from Consent Agenda)** *Moved by Videto, supported by Herl, to Enter into a Lease Agreement Between JacksonCounty and the State of Michigan for the Northlawn Building.* Cmr. Wilson feels that the amount of the lease is too low but will still support the agreement. Motion carried.

2. **Schedule of Proposed Commissioner Salaries.** *Moved by Brittain, supported by Duckham, for a 2% reduction of Commissioner Salaries.* Cmr. Wilson opposes the motion. He feels that by taking a decrease, it does not give credibility to the position of a commissioner that is deserved for the amount of work and hours that are put in. The senior commissioners Mahoney, Brittain and Herl are actually working at a much lesser rate because it hasn't increased over the years to keep in pace with inflation and the cost of living. Cmr. Berkemeier commented that what it takes to be a good commissioner is substantial as far as demands on a person's time. He will not be supporting the motion. Cmr. Brittain didn't become a commissioner job for the money. He feels if the economy is so poor that they should consider a decrease for themselves. Once the economy turns around an increase can be looked at again. Cmr. Duckham said that due to the state of the economy of this county and the state, it sends a wrong message. Cmr. Mahoney stated that if they take a 2% decrease, they are in fact taking a 4% decrease because just by not taking an increase is a 2% decrease. She will not be supporting the motion. Cmr. Reynolds agrees with Cmr. Duckham but she will not be voting for a decrease. Cmr. Gumbert doesn't expense any standing committee meetings or anything else she does for the county and that is her way of giving back. However, she doesn't feel that the pay should be decreased. Roll call: (2) Yeas. Cmr. Brittain and Duckham. (10) Nays. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Reynolds, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson & Gumbert. Motion failed. *Moved by Berkemeier, supported by Mahoney, for a 2% increase of the Commissioner Salaries.* Roll call: (6) Yeas. Cmr. Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith & Wilson. (5) Nays. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Reynolds & Gumbert. (1) Abstained. Cmr. Brittain. Motion defeated; seven votes are needed. *Moved by Gumbert, supported by Wilson, for a 1% increase of the Commissioner Salaries for each year.* Cmr. Berkemeier stated that even with a 1% increase, it will still be a decrease when you take into consideration the cost of living. Cmr. Brittain feels that a raise should be decided by the voters. Cmr. Duckham stated that if this motion passes he will donate his additional compensation to the Interfaith Shelter as a formal protest. Roll call: (7) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson & Gumbert. (4) Nays. Cmr. Lutchka, Duckham, Reynolds & Gumbert. (1) Abstained. Brittain. Motion carried.

3. *Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney, Approving the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement Adding Two Board Members to the Jackson County Land Bank Authority.* Cmr. Wilson asked for adding the two at large members and also asked if they will be voting members. Chairman Shotwell said they will be full members of the Land Bank Authority. The reason is because they did not feel there was enough public representation and the two seats would keep it at an odd number to allow voting for a simple majority every time on action taken. Cmr. Duckham will be supporting this motion. Cmr. Herl feels having a designated position for a realtor should be considered. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Duckham, to Approve Revised Policy No. 3100 – Department Head Selection Process.* Motion carried.

B. Revised Policy No. 4070 – Board Rules (1 st Reading – No action required)

C. Cmr. Brittain would like to nominate Chris Roe if a fourth position is approved. Chairman Shotwell advised that it is out of order. Randy Treacher said that the reason it is out of order is because at this time there is no position to nominate someone for. *Moved by Brittain, supported by Mahoney, to reduce the Road Commission Salaries to \$17,000 per year to become effective January 1, 2007.* Cmr. Mahoney feels that the arrogance of the Road Commissioners would be looked at in a different way if the pay were to be reduced. Cmr. Berkemeier finds Cmr. Brittain's motion interesting and probably a bit extreme. He is not sure it's justifiable and thinks it deserves review including consideration of what the fringe benefit package and vehicles really amount to. Cmr. Lutchka also feels that the motion is extreme but feels it should be sent to a committee to determine how it fits in with other full time positions of a similar nature. Cmr. Wilson asked if the Governor does sign the bill expanding the commission up to five members, could a vote be taken with next year's members to adjust the salaries or would they automatically receive the current amount that the Road Commissioners are being paid. Chairman Shotwell said that it is his understanding that if the Road Commission is set to be five commissioners and elected, the Board of Commissioners can set the compensation for that as long as it's done before the May deadline for submittal for the primary. The commission could also set the salary if the board were expanded by two members that are appointed. Cmr. Berkemeier asked if salaries may be adjusted after sent to a committee for review. Randy Treacher said as he recalls when it was studied before, in order to change a salary, the decision had to be made before the appointment. He also believes that it would have to be done over a period of six years. He thinks that Cmr. Lutchka's suggestion would have to apply to the next appointment. Cmr. Videto feels that the Road Commission goes beyond just being a policy setting board. He said they are a combination policy setting board and management. He feels to be a Road Commissioner is a lot more than just a part time job. Cmr. Mahoney clarified that compensation does have to be set before a person is appointed. *Moved by Wilson, supported by Gumbert, to table this issue to County Affairs for further study of an adjusted salary for possible new appointees to become effective with those appointees.* Roll Call: (9) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Reynolds, Video, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson & Gumbert. (3) Nays. Cmr. Brittain, Shotwell & Mahoney. Motion carried.

Moved by Brittain, supported by Mahoney, for the Administration of Jackson County to conduct an investigation of all allegations regarding the Road Commission that were brought forward during tonight's public comment. Cmr. Wilson will be supporting the motion but doesn't want to send a mixed signal. He has always had good dealings with the Road Commissioners and feels they do a good job. Cmr. Brittain had a conversation about a week or two ago with Mr. Zenz regarding dumping at Road Commission land located at Brills Lake Road and Whipple Road. He advised him that since he has been a commissioner, there has been no dumping. Cmr. Brittain took it upon himself to look at the property and found tires, plastic buckets, etc. Chairman Shotwell stated that he will direct Randy to look at that property. Cmr. Gumbert said she doesn't want to be on a witch hunt. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 7:46 p.m. with Sally Griffis. She thanked Janet Rochefort, Jackson County Treasurer, for making the purchase of the Moose Lodge possible (she forgot to include her in the comments she made initially).

Roger Gaede thanked the Board for his appointment.

Victor Cuiss also thanked the Board for his appointment.

Chris Roe said it has been a really interesting process. He thanked all the commissioners for speaking with him. He also congratulated Bob Zenz on his appointment.

Elden Parsons thanked the Board for his appointment.

David Elwell thanked the full board, as well as the four outgoing commissioners, for their hard work over the last two years.

Matt Rupert, employee of the Jackson County Road Commission, wished that the commissioners had come down and spoken with him and the other employees. He also wished that they had voted for Chris Roe. There is a new superintendent at the garage and he said he has only visited once in four years. He asked the commissioners to remember that it's not the Road Commissioners who work on the roads and make them beautiful, it's the employees.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Judy Reynolds enjoyed her time as a commissioner and appreciates everybody.

Jim Videto will miss the Commissioners that are leaving and welcomes the new commissioners coming on board.

Deann Gumbert said that it has been a pleasure the last two years.

Greg Wilson would like to echo what Road Commission employee said during public comment. They are the hard working people taking care of our roads who do a great job but they are managed well through their supervisors and ultimately the Road Commissioners. He also voiced his concern for the Cascade Lagoons Committee. He feels it needs to be re-energized. The chairperson has not called any meetings and they are at a very critical point with the project and he doesn't want to see it go away. He would ask the new commission to tell the committee to start doing something or step down so others can get on to make it work. He closed by saying he will miss everyone and wished them the best of luck in their chosen paths.

David Lutchka welcomed the new commissioners. Most people know that he audited counties for 28 years and he doesn't remember seeing any of those counties come as far as this county has in two years.

Cliff Herl has enjoyed working with this board and feels they have come a long way. He thinks the new commissioners will bring a lot to the commission as well.

Phil Berkemeier said he will miss everyone and that it has been a real interesting experience for him. He feels that this board made significant strides in getting the county where it needed to be budget-wise. Although he is impressed with the commissioners who will be moving on, he is also very impressed with the new commissioners coming on board.

Todd Brittain said that it has been pleasure working with the outgoing commissioners and he is looking forward to working with the new ones.

Phil Duckham said he has learned a lot from everyone. It has been a lot of work, even more than he realized but feels it has been a good year. He wishes the outgoing commissioners well.

Gail Mahoney will miss the outgoing commissioners very much.

Chairman Shotwell addressed the outgoing commissioners by saying it has been a pleasure and an honor to be their chairman. He feels they have brought Jackson County forward in the right direction. He also addressed the new commissioners by asking them to keep in mind that some of the commissioners have a tendency to be a little heated and passionate when things are debated. He feels that is a strong thing and something that makes this community a better place to be. To the remaining commissioners, he said he appreciates everything that they have done with him as chairman. He hopes that he has led the county the way that they have wanted it led and he hopes that they can go forward and continue to do that in the next two years with the new commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shotwell adjourned the December 12, 2006 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at 8:12 p.m.

Steve Shotwell – Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Sandy Crowley – Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Amanda L. Rutan – Chief Deputy County Clerk