

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**December 14, 2004 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Herl called the December 14, 2004 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:07 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Comr. Shotwell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Holiday Musical Presentation: Northwest Vocal Dimension Choir** under the direction of Wendy Treacher.

**ROLL CALL:**

(11) Present: Comrs. Adams, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl.  
(1) Absent: Comr. Videto.

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

These meetings were to be held at 5:20 and 5:25 but were delayed due to the Holiday Music presentation.

A. Public Hearing on the Armory Arts CDBG Infrastructure Project-Deborah Kelly-5:29 p.m. Elwell expressed concerns over the verbiage of the contract, specifically "decision making and action". David Miller spoke to the contract stating that it is a "boiler plate" contract and nowhere does it hold the county financially responsible for the contamination.

B. Budget Public Hearing to Review the 2005 General Fund Budget, Capital Improvement Fund Budget and Equipment Fund Budget-5:37 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Approve the Agenda as Written.*

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

A. Presentation of Employee of the Month of December 2004 Award – Jerrold Schrotenboer, IV, Chief Appellate Attorney in the Office of the Prosecutor. Presented by Herl, with remarks by Prosecutor Hank Zavislak.

B. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (12-4.55) Honoring Linda Little, Deputy Clerk in the 12 th District Court, after 26 Years of Service.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The Resolution was presented by Herl with remarks by the Honorable Judge Charles Falahee, Chief District Court Judge.

C. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to Adopt Resolution (12-4.56) Honoring Ila Demarco, Deputy Clerk in the 12 th District Court, after 26 Years of Service.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The Resolution was presented by Herl with remarks by the Honorable Judge Charles Falahee.

D. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Berkemeier to Adopt Resolution (12-4.54) Honoring the Honorable Lysle G. Hall upon his Retirement.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Remarks by the Honorable Judge Charles Falahee.

E. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (12-4.57) Honoring Marilyn Sanderson, Account Clerk in Administrative Services, after 23 Years 7 Months of Service.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Herl with remarks by Finance Officer Gerard Cyrocki.

F. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Elwell to Adopt Resolution (12-4.58) Honoring Retiring Commissioner Gary Adams.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Herl.

G. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Day to Adopt Resolution (12-4.59) Honoring Retiring Commissioner Rick Baxter.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Herl.

H. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Adams to Adopt Resolution (12-4.60) Honoring Retiring Commissioner David Elwell.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Herl.

I. *Moved by Baxter supported by Brittain to Adopt Resolution (12-4.61) Honoring Retiring Commissioner Bob Lacinski.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Herl.

J. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Berkemeier to Adopt Resolution (12-4.62) Honoring Chet Taraskiewicz, County Administrator/Controller, upon his Retirement.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Herl.

Ed Sharkey appeared for Retiring Congressman Nick Smith. Mr. Sharkey presented a certificate and a flag that had been flown over the Capitol to each of the following for their 32 years of service with Nick Smith:

- Jim Videto
- John Day
- Bob Lacinski

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 6:16 p.m. with the following people requesting support for Board/Commission/Authority/Department appointments:

- Barbara Surbrook – Fair Board
- Tom Finco – Fair Board
- Steve Wellman – Airport Board. Mr. Wellman also spoke for Tom Davis –Airport Board. Mr. Davis had a previous work related commitment.
- Fred King – Airport Board
- Rev. Tom Ball – Department on Aging
- George Cujar-Airport Board
- Dick Hayes – Parks Commission
- Nancy Seydell- Parks Commission
- Mike Trudell – Road Commission
- Randi DeVries – Parks Commission
- Janet Berkemeier – Parks Commission
- Jerry McDevitt – Parks Commission

Steve Maddalena of Maddalena's expressed his concern that the Board did not choose the lowest bidder on the Health Department offices. The 2 nd lowest bidder bid outside the prospectus. If the County wanted a different product, there should have been a re-bid.

Cherry Mosier spoke regarding the restaurant fees. She still feels that there should be a flat rate fee. She thanked the Commissioners that believe in her.

Judy Reynolds spoke as the Vice-Chair of the Parks. She feels that Nancy Seydell and Randy DeVries would be very qualified for the Parks Commission.

Public comment concluded at 6:41 p.m.

#### **SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

None

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Berkemeier to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through O as contained in the following Consent Agenda List:* Shotwell requested that Item 11B be pulled. Elwell requested that Items A, I, and M be pulled. Brittain requested that Items G and H be pulled.

- A. *Approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2004 Board Meeting*  
**County Affairs:**  
**County Agencies:**  
**Human Services:**  
**Personnel & Finance:**
- B. *Accept the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control proposal from Region 2 Planning Commission*
- C. *Approve the 2004 Airport Budget Adjustments which adjust line items but do not change the total Budget*
- D. *Approve the Department on Aging budget adjustments which reflect the increase in income from the senior millage, incorporating about 70% of the millage dollars*
- E. *Approve the Department on Aging position reorganization as follows:*  
*Eliminate a FT Sr. Center Manager (Grade 12, 5 yr. step)*  
*Do not fill a PT (30 hrs.) Sr. Center Specialist (Grade 10, 5 yr. step)*  
*Create a FT Activity Specialist (Grade 10, new hire rate)*  
*Create a FT Community Relations Coordinator (Grade 10, 5 yr. step)*  
*Upgrade Social Worker-Grandparent Program Position to FT (Grade 11, 1 yr. step)*  
*Create a PT (30 hrs.) Volunteer Coordinator (Grade 7, new hire rate)*  
*Create a PT (30 hrs.) Home Based Services Asst. (Grade 4, new hire rate)*  
*Create 2 PT (30 hrs.) Para-Pro In-Home Care Workers (Grade 2, new hire rate), which reflects a net cost of \$100,301*
- F. *Approve a 2% wage increase 2005 for nonunion employees*
- G. *Approve a 2% wage increase for 2005 for the Jackson County Road Commission*
- H. *Approve a 2% wage increase for 2005 for the six Elected Officials (Sheriff, Prosecutor, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, County Clerk)*
- I. *Approve keeping the mileage rate for 2005 at 37.5 cents for employees and jurors*
- J. *Approve the Sheriff's 2004 budget adjustments*
- K. *Approve the 2004 budget adjustments which adjust for 2% salary increases for all departments for 2004 and the Sheriff department retro payments with funds to come from Contingency*
- L. *Approve the additional December 2004 budget adjustments*
- M. *Drop the entire issue regarding charging direct and/or indirect costs to the Fair and Retirement Board*
- N. *Approve Jackson County continue as an opt-in County in the foreclosure and sale phases of the tax-reversion process*
- O. *Approve the expenditure of \$19,749.00 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for BS&A software from the City in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation*

Motion carried.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

##### **A. County Affairs:**

##### **1. Board/Committee Appointments:**

a. *Moved by Day supported by Elwell to Recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of Steven Wellman for the 2-year seat and Tom Davis for the 1-year seat on the Airport Board. Moved by Brittain to nominate Charles Adams. Moved by Shotwell to nominate George Cujar. Moved by Brittain to nominate Fred King. Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (9) Wellman. Cmsrs. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Elwell, & Herl. (2) Adams. Cmsrs. Brittain and Wilson. Steven Wellman was appointed to the 2-year seat on the Airport Board.

Roll call: (9) Davis. Cmr. Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (2) Adams. Cmr. Adams, & Brittain. Tom Davis was appointed to the 1-year seat on the Airport Board.

b. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to recommend to the Full Board the Appointments of Walter Pascal, Edith Forth, Fred Drago, Barbara McClure, James Kulas, Diane Derby, Thomas Ball, Michael Butchart to the 8 seats on the Department on Aging Advisory Council. Moved by Berkemeier supported by Lacinski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. Main motion carried.

c. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to Recommend to the Full Board the Designated appointments of Dr. John Maino, Medical Director, Sheriff Dan Heyns, 911, Harold Hoaglin, Michigan Township Association Representative, and Joan Lefere, Foote Hospital Representative to the Emergency Medical Service Commission. Moved by Mahoney supported by Berkemeier to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. Main motion carried.

d. *Moved by Day supported by Wilson to recommend to the Full Board the appointment of Thomas Finco to the seat on the Fair Board. Moved by Brittain to nominate Barb Surbrook. Moved by Mahoney to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (6) Finco. Cmr. Adams, Day, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Wilson, & Elwell. (5) Surbrook. Cmr. Brittain, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Herl. Thomas Finco was appointed to the Fair Board.

e. *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to concur with the Chairs recommendation to the Full Board the Appointments of Phil Willis, Victoria Bowzer, Phil Hayne, & Bob Elliott to the 4 seats on the Hospital Finance Authority. Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. Main motion carried.

f. *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of James Best to the Library Board. Moved by Brittain to nominate Sandy Lester. Moved by Mahoney to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. (9) Best. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Elwell, & Herl. (2) Lester. Cmr. Brittain & Wilson. James Best was appointed to 1 seat on the Library Board.

g. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of David Hays (to December 2005), Janet Berkemeier, & Nancy Seydell to the Parks Board. Moved by Brittain to nominate Charles Adams. Moved by Mahoney to nominate Randi DeVries. Moved by Day to nominate Jerry McDevitt. Moved by Mahoney to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (7) Berkemeier. Cmr. Brittain, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, & Wilson. (3) Seydell. Cmr. Day, Elwell, & Seydell. (1) DeVries. Cmr. Adams. Janet Berkemeier was appointed to the Parks Board for a 3-year term. Roll call: (9) Seydell. Cmr. Brittain, Day, Baxter, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (1) DeVries. Cmr. Adams. (1) McDevitt. Cmr. Shotwell. Nancy Seydell was appointed to the Parks Board for a 3-year term.

Roll call: (8) DeVries. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, Elwell, & Herl. (3) Hays. Cmr. Brittain, Berkemeier, & Wilson. Randi DeVries was appointed to the Parks Board for a 1-year term.

h. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to recommend to the Full Board the Appointment of Allan Hooper and Bob Elliott to the Region 2 Planning Commission. Moved by Brittain to nominate Robert Taylor. Moved by Mahoney supported by Day to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (11) Elliott. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Elliott was appointed to the Region 2 Planning Commission for a 3-year term. (9) Hooper. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (2) Taylor. Cmr. Brittain & Berkemeier. Allan Hooper was appointed to the Region 2 Planning Commission for a 3-year term.

i. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to recommend to the Full Board the appointment of Mike Trudell to the Jackson County Road Commission. Moved by Day to nominate Elwin Johnson. Moved by Mahoney to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (8) Johnson. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (3) Trudell. Cmr. Brittain, Mahoney, & Berkemeier. Elwin Johnson was appointed to the Jackson County Road Commission for a 6-year term.

j. *Moved by Day supported by Berkemeier to concur with the Chairs recommendations to the Full Board the appointment of Gail Mahoney to the Armory Arts Alliance.* Motion carried. Gail Mahoney was appointed to the Armory Arts Alliance for a 3-year term.

k. *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to recommend to the Full Board the appointment of Jim Dunn, as the Township Supervisor representative, to assume the seat vacated by Russ Youngdahl on the BRA Board.* Motion carried.

2. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to Adopt Resolution (12-04.48) Advising and Consenting to the Appointment of the Members of the Commission to the County of Jackson Hospital Finance Authority.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to Adopt Resolution (12-04.64) Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Armory Arts CDBG Infrastructure Project Application and other Necessary Assurances.* Elwell expressed concern over the verbiage regarding the grantee, Jackson County, review, decision-making, and action. We need to be given contracts that we can fulfill, not "boiler plate" documents. Mahoney expressed that it is unfortunate that the government put things forth that they don't intend to enforce, but the Board can't afford the time to put this on hold. She encouraged the Board to move forward. Roll call: (8) Yeas. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, & Herl. (3) Nays. Cmr. Brittain, Wilson, & Elwell. Motion carried.

Chet stated that Item A under the Consent Agenda was pulled, but it would not fall under any of the committees since it refers to the minutes. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2004 Board meeting with the correction where it references the contract for the new Administrator/Controller the word contact be changed to contract.* Motion carried.

#### **B. County Agencies:**

No report

#### **C. Human Services:**

1) *Moved by Mahoney supported by Wilson to Award the bid for the purchase, delivery, and installation of furniture for the Health Department's new offices to The Empire Group, of Jackson, in the amount of \$121,754.47, with funds to come from the Health Department Fund Balance.* Brittain does not agree with going with the 2 nd highest bidder. If the warranty is the same, we should be going with the low bidder. Elwell stated that he sat through the presentations, and the Health Department had more set up options with the 2 nd bidder. *Move by Elwell supported by Shotwell to return the bid back to the Human Services committee for review.* Motion carried.

#### **D. Personnel & Finance:**

Item B from the Consent Agenda- *Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Accept the Region 2 Planning Commission SESC Proposal.* Roll call: (10) Yeas. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

Item G from the Consent Agenda-*Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Approve a 2% 2005 Wage Increase for the Road Commissioners.* Brittain will be opposing this as he feels that they are already overpaid. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote for Brittain and Berkemeier.

Item H from the Consent Agenda-*Moved by Shotwell supported by Lacinski to Approve a 2% Wage Increase for the Six Elected Officials.* Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote for Brittain.

Item I from the Consent Agenda-*Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Approve the Mileage Rate for 2005 at 37.5 cents.* Mahoney pointed out that the Board generally passes what the IRS recommends, which is 40.5 cents. People need to be aware that they are eligible to apply on their taxes for the additional 3 cents. Mahoney thinks that Board should have stayed with the IRS recommendation. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote for Mahoney.

Item M from the Consent Agenda-*Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Drop the entire issue regarding charging direct and/or indirect costs to the Fair and Retirement Board.* Elwell feels that it is appropriate to charge the direct cost. Berkemeier agrees. Direct costs should be attributed to the entity that generates them. Brittain requested a roll call vote. Roll call: (7) Yeas. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, & Herl. (4) Nays. Cmr. Brittain, Berkemeier, Wilson, & Elwell. Motion carried.

1) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Brittain Approve dropping the \$20 SESC Exemption fee, notifying every township that the Exemption fee is removed, and directing the Administrator to develop an Exemption form for use in the SESC program as soon as possible in conjunction with Region 2 Planning.* Elwell

asked to add the friendly amendment to **acknowledge that there is no fee for Exemption and to abolish the waiver fee.** Shotwell accepts the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

2) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (12-04.50) to Establish and Provide for the Jackson County Water Distribution System (Spring Arbor Township Section) Contract.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. *Moved by Shotwell*

3) *supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (11-04.51) to Authorize Execution of Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Southern Regional Interceptor Section) Bond Contract and to Provide for Certain other Matters Pertaining Thereto after Leoni Township Approves it.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

4) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution (12-04.52) to Authorize Issuance of Series 2005 Bonds for Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Round/Farwell Lakes Area Section).* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

5) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Day to Adopt Resolution (12-04.63) Adopting Amendment No. 2 to the County of Jackson Amended and Restated Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.* (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

6) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt the 2005 General Appropriations Act Resolution (12-04.49), which establishes the 2005 General Fund budget at \$41,528,361.00.* Brittain stated that he would be voting against this motion because he asked that the number of vehicles be cut, and that issue was never addressed. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

7) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Establish the 2005 Equipment Fund budget at \$197,350.00.* Motion carried.

8) *Moved by Shotwell supported by Mahoney to Establish the 2005 Public Improvement Fund budget at \$500,850.00.* Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Wilson supported by Elwell to Establish a Food Licensing Fee for 2005 at a single fee of \$382. Non-profits will remain the same at \$149, vending per location will remain the same at \$58, vending per machine will remain the same at \$5, STFU's will remain at \$123, Temporary remain at \$76, the Office Conference will remain at \$100, Informational Meetings will be \$125. The \$50 credit for certification is eliminated.* Brittain stated that he will be supporting this, but asked if Wilson was sending it to committee or offering this motion to be passed tonight. Wilson said that he would like to see it passed tonight. Mahoney reminded the Board that they already held two public hearings and passed a fee schedule, and asked Chet to clarify what this motion means. Chet explained that if the Board wants to change the fees, they would need to make a motion to rescind the fee schedule or follow County policy and schedule two readings to establish new fees. Elwell suggested that they just waive the rules as they have done in the past. There are commissioners here tonight that were not present for the vote that passed by one. He feels that the single fee structure is the most fair, it raises the funds that the Health Department requires and it compromises with the requests of the restaurateurs. Elwell moved to waive the Board rules; Shotwell called for point of order, there is a motion and a second on the floor. *Moved by Elwell supported by Brittain to make a friendly amendment to the motion waiving the Board rule requiring two readings.* Mahoney reminds the Board that we have heard from 70 out of 382 restaurateurs, and the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is in favor of the two-tier system. Everyone is not equal, and it's not fair that the bar that sells potato chips and peanuts is charged the same as a full service restaurant. The professionals in the Health Department feel that the two-tier system is the best, and the fees that we have already passed need to remain in place. Berkemeier feels it is distressing that the Board is back on this issue. The Board has devoted a great deal of time to this issue. We took a vote last month and it passed. There is no perfect resolution, and we will never please everyone. It is bad policy to continue revisiting issues that have been taken care of. There are one or two very passionate restaurant owners who feel we are doing it wrong. We have studied this, our professional people have had numerous meetings with the restaurateurs, they have looked at the numbers and adjusted them, and it's best policy to stick with what we did last month. Wilson expressed his distress at the fact that Mahoney shifted the agenda in committee to hold the vote until Berkemeier arrived, otherwise, the two-tier structure would have been voted down in committee. The Chamber also withdrew their

support because they were in favor of the four-tier structure. Chet and Elwell discuss the two-reading rule and the suspension of the same. Roll call vote on friendly amendment to suspend the rules requiring two readings. (6) Nays. Cmr. Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Berkemeier. (5) Yeas. Cmr. Brittain, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. Motion failed. Roll call on main motion to change to a single tier structure. (7) Yeas. Cmr. Adams, Brittain, Day, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Herl. (4) Nays. Cmr. Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Berkemeier. Motion carried. There will be a second reading on this fee structure at the next meeting. Mahoney wants to know what rate new restaurants will be paying right now. It was determined that the previous rate would be charged.

Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of "second reading". Chet feels that it must be available for discussion two months in a row. Elwell and Shotwell feel that there should not need to be a second reading of the new proposed fee structure as it has been available for discussion for the past four months. Chet explains the difference is that they adopted a fee structure last month, thus making this a new issue. Brittain strongly urged that Day or Adams change their vote pertaining to rescinding the fee structure that was adopted last month as they voted in favor of the new fee structure. Adams stated that he voted against rescinding the fee structure because he is not in favor of changing the rules. He doesn't agree with the fees, he thinks they should be lower, but we should not continue to manipulate the rules. Elwell points out that there has been at least two occasions in the past that the Board has passed something, and then reconsidered it. Mahoney said the difference is that we have tabled something and sent it back to committee. We have never just passed something and then changed it. It needs to be rescinded or start all over and have two readings. Wilson reminded the "yes" voters from last month that they have the right to reintroduce the issue. Berkemeier stated that he would be the last person to do that because this should have never come up again. It was taken care of last month. Herl said that the second reading would be next month.

**CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF THE CLAIMS:**

*Moved by Shotwell supported by Lacinski to Approve the Claims.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:48 p.m. with Elwin Johnson thanking the Board for their appointment to the Road Commission.

Cherry Mosier told Day that Rhonda Elliott was in the audience who did back the single fee.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to go into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act to discuss Labor Negotiations.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to return to Open Session.* Motion carried. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

*Moved by Shotwell supported by Brittain to Approve the Contracts with the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Deputy Sheriff's Association both expiring December 31, 2005.* Motion carried. Elwell said that his son is a member of the Deputy Sheriff's Association but there is no conflict, so he will be voting on it. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:**

*Moved by Shotwell supported by Elwell to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair.* Motion carried. The December 14, 2004 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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