

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**February 18, 2003 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jim Rice called the February 18, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Comr. Brittain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

(9) Present: Comrs. Herl, Brittain, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice. (3) Absent: Comrs. Adams, Day, & Lacinski.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to Approve the Agenda.* Herl indicated that there was an insert, which would be 10A under Personnel & Finance. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to Approve the Agenda as amended.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

- A. Employee of the Month of February – Louise Bernstein, MSS/ISS/FIMR Coordinator, Health Department. Present by Rice with remarks by Renee Marks.
- B. Retirement Resolution Honoring Barbara Keyes of the County Clerk's Office with 27 Years, 3 Months of Service. Presented by Chairman Rice with remarks by Judge Alexander Perlos.
- C. Retirement Resolution Honoring Ruth Pozner, former Human Resources Director, with 24 Years, 4 Months of Service. Presented by Rice, received on Ruth's behalf by Randy Treacher, Deputy County Administrator.
- D. Presentation of GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Finance Officer Gerard Cyrocki. Presented by Chet Taraskiewicz, County Administrator/Controller.
- E. Presentation of Jackson County Fair Coverlet to Board of Commissioners by Sally Griffis, Fair Manager.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None.

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Report on the New Jail – Sheriff Dan Heyns  
Herl asked if the dorm was going to hold 240 or 280. The Sheriff responded that they kept it at 240 to stay within the budget and the staff to inmate ratio for safety.

Brittain asked if we would be able to afford the 18 additional staff 10 years from now. The Sheriff replied that there is no crystal ball. He's working as economically as he can. This will be bare bone staffing. Chet added that not boarding out inmates would save a great deal of money. The Sheriff said that we had 25 inmates boarded in Clinton County at this point in time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment began at 7:38 p.m. with Pam Warren of South Central Sewage. She expressed concern that people were being punished for not being on a sewer line. They now must pay extra for Holidays and weekends to have their septic systems pumped.

Curt Carpenter of Tri-County Septage Service voiced his concern about the ordinance that was passed in June stating that they must dump only at Leoni Township waste disposal facilities, no matter how far away. Some companies are not complying and are hauling it out of the township.

Christine Carpenter, also of Tri-County Septage Service indicated that the companies who are hauling out of the township are not completing their manifests. The Health Department is not policing this issue.

Public Comment closed at 7:50 p.m. Rice indicated that they should address the price of dumping with Leoni. They do not work for this Board.

Wilson expressed concern that the Health Department had been contacted with no response regarding the dumping issue. Rice will have the Administrator look into the matter. There was written correspondence that was handed over to the Prosecutor's office and the file is now missing.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A.** Personnel & Finance : *Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to Recommend to the Full Board the Resolution Confirming Awarding the County of Jackson 2003 Resource and Energy Conversion System Full Faith and Credit Revenue Refunding Bonds (LTGO)*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through L as contained in the following Consent Agenda list:*

Wilson requested to have items G & H pulled for clarification.

**A.** Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2003 Regular Board Meeting

**B.** Approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2003 Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

**C.** Approve the second and final reading of revised Board Rule 4020 – Organizational Meeting – that states that in an odd numbered year, the Board Chairman will automatically serve a two-year term as Board Chairman unless a Resolution is adopted for a one-year term before the election of the Chairperson.

**D.** Approve the second and final reading of the revised Board Rule 4070 – Committees – to add wording to say that the Vice Chairman in addition to the Chairman may also serve as an ex-officio member of each Standing Committee.

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

**E.** Remove the Attorney Representative, last year's Chairman of the FOC Advisory Committee, from that Committee before the normal expiration of his term for lack of attendance.

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**F.** Approve the Health Department budget adjustments, which decrease expenditures and revenues by \$86,566, reflecting State budget cuts.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE:**

**G.** Transfer the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003 Appropriations to the Parks Fund.

**H.** Approve the Administrator/Controller entering into an agreement with JuliAnn Kolbe to serve as the Equalization Director of Jackson County until December 31, 2003 and provide Equalization Director services an average of two days per week, with total compensation not to exceed \$36,800 plus \$333.50 for COBRA health insurance.

**I.** Approve the application for a Title V Planning Grant, allowing Jackson County to serve as fiduciary, with Full Circle of United Way being the grant recipient.

J. Approve the 2003 Department on Aging budget adjustments which correct FICA and create new cost centers.

K. Approve the Department on Aging Grandparent Program staffing change, which eliminates a Home Care Worker position and creates a part time Social Worker position with wages/FICA to be covered by grants for 2003.

L. Approve a County in-kind contribution to the GIS Program to include remodeling office space on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of the Tower Building to be used as the GIS office and paying the utilities, in addition to using approximately \$36,303 from the Equipment Fund balance to pay for necessary GIS equipment.

Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **County Affairs:** *Moved by Herl supported by Shotwell to Adopt a Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of the First Amendment to Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Round/Farwell Lakes Section) Bond Contracts.* Roll call: (9) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **County Agencies** – No report

C. **Human Services** – No report

D. **Personnel & Finance:** *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt a Resolution Confirming the Committee's Action (Janet Rochefort, James E. Rice, and Chet Taraskiewicz) in Awarding the County of Jackson 2003 Resource and Energy Conversion System Full Faith and Credit Revenue Refunding Bonds (LTGO)* Roll call: (9) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

(G) **From the Consent Agenda** – *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Transfer the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003 Appropriation to the Parks Fund.* Wilson expresses concern that we are only 7 weeks into the first quarter and they already need more money. Rice explained that they are in their off season with no revenue. Herl added that this has been past practice until golf season. Mahoney suggests appropriating more for the first quarter and decrease during the summer. This is a budgeting issue. Wilson suggested an Enterprise Fund like other self-sufficient entities have such as the Fair and Resource Recovery. Elwell called for Point of Order. Vote on the original motion to Transfer the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003 Appropriation to the Parks Fund. Motion carried.

(H) **From the Consent Agenda** – *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Approve Signing an Agreement with JuliAnn Kolbe to Serve as County Equalization Director until the end of the Year.* Wilson asked if this position needed to be filled and was informed by Rice that it must be filled by statute. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Wilson expressed concerns about the Parks situation. He doesn't feel that we are taking care of this asset as well as we should. Videto said that he had the same concerns, and had spoke with the Parks Board. Videto suggested letting them come up with a strategic plan and bring it to the Commission. Rice said that they just had their first meeting in January and needed time to formulate a plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Baxter supported by Brittain to Move the December Commissioner Appointments to the January Organizational Meeting and to Forgo the Procedure of Recommendation of the County Affairs Standing Committee to these Boards and Committees for the January Organizational Meeting Only.* Baxter feels that this would afford the new Commissioners the opportunity to express why they would like to become members of certain committees. Elwell indicated that he made the same motion 1 year ago, but has learned to trust the wisdom of Affairs. Mahoney pointed out that Affairs rarely make a specific recommendation, but recommends the entire slate. Herl reminded the Commission that a special committee had been appointed to review how and what the Commission does. They spent 6 months studying the way the Commission does things and it was determined that due to timing and statutory constraints that the appointments were to be left in December. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Herl to Send the Matter of Committee Appointments to County Affairs.* Elwell quoted Roberts Rules and indicated that it would have to be a motion to table. Mahoney interjected that the special committee, not Affairs, determined it. Shotwell revoked his motion to Affairs and Herl revoked his support. *Moved by Shotwell to Table the Matter of Committee Appointments to next meeting.* Roll call: (6) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Elwell. (3) Nays. Cmr. Brittain, Wilson, & Rice. Motion carried.

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to Send the Matter of Committee Appointments to County Affairs.* Motion carried.

Brittain indicated that he had talked to an aide in Senator Hammerstrom's office who said that the Clean Air Act could be placed on the local ballot as long as it is not asking for recommendations.

Wilson asked if they were to turn in their notebooks full. Chet responded that they could and Administration would take everything out and place it in their drawers.

Herl requested the minutes of when the wastewater ordinance passed. Rice indicated that Administration would see to that.

**CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

*Moved by Shotwell supported by Elwell to Allow the Claims.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 8:26 p.m. with Nancy Seydell of Tompkins Township. She indicated that she was on the Parks committee, but had to withdraw to run for Supervisor of Tompkins. The Parks are in distress, and they have suffered 2 years of bad weather. She also commented that Jackson has too many golf courses and the County can't raise its prices so the taxpayers end up paying for it.

Carol Bowles, a County Commissioner from Lenawee offered the greetings of Larry Gould, their Chair. She also indicated that they are experiencing many of the same problems with their Parks and jail.

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

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Videto to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair.* Motion carried. The February 18, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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