

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
February 19, 2002 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Herl called the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Cmr. DeForest

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: (12)

Present: Cmrs. Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Shotwell, Brittain, and Day.

Absent: (3) Reynolds, Beardslee, & Rice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Herl added item C under Awards & Recognitions, Introduction of the new Airport Manager. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Brittain to Approve the Agenda.* Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of February Award to Nadeen Miles, Deputy County Clerk, County Clerk's Office. Presented by Vice-Chair Herl with remarks by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

B. Retirement Resolution Honoring Deputy Scott Kart with 25 Years of Service. Presented by Vice Chair Herl with remarks by Sheriff Hank Zavislak.

C. Introduction of the new Airport Manager Kent Maurer by Cmr. McNitt.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None.

SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Acknowledgement of Board of Commissioner Support for Community Human Services, Phil Hayne, Executive Director of United Way and on Behalf of the Human Service Coordinating Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:17 p.m. with Jerry Emmons, President of the AFL/CIO. Mr. Emmons asked that any work contracted out for the building of a new jail is done so under prevailing wage.

John Klink of Waterloo introduced Macy Dalton, a juvenile neighbor. Miss Dalton indicated that she thinks Mr. Klink's bears are not a threat to the community and he should be allowed to keep them.

Public comment closed at 7:21 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs

Resolution to Establish a Public Hearing at the March 19, 2002 Board Meeting, at 7:15 p.m., on a Loan Application for the Eagle Powder Coating Project Recommended by the Economic Development Corporation of Jackson County.

B. County Agencies

Approve for the Purchase of a 2002 Buick LeSabre for the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$26,024.55 with budgeted funds.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by McNitt supported by Baum to approve the Consent Agenda as published. Motion carried.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2002 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2002 Special Meeting.

County Affairs

- C. Correct the Ending Date of Bob Lacinski's Term on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.
- D. Give Second and Final Reading to New Board Rule 4130, Services of Legal Firms

Human Services

- E. Give Support to a Jackson County Board of Commissioners Youth Council

Personnel and Finance

- F. Award the Bid for Re-Roofing the Courthouse Building
- G. Approve the Reconfiguration of the Parks Job Position
- H. Approve the 12th District Court Casework Coordinator Positions
- I. Approve the 2002 FoC Access and Visitation Grant
- J. Approve the Creation of a Family Court Counselor Position for FoC
- K. Award Program Administration of the Jackson County CDBG homeowner Assistance Program to Community Action Agency
- L. Approve Revised Personnel Policies No. 3010, 3190, and 3300

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Affairs:

A. *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to approve the recommendation of the appointment of either Robert Ross or Gerald DeLuca as the County's representative to the Jackson Transportation Authority for a three-year term.* Roll call: (11) Ross: Elwell, Pascal, Shotwell, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Adams, & Herl. (1) DeLuca: Brittain. Robert Ross was appointed to the Jackson Transportation Authority.

B. *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to re-appoint Mayor Martin J. Griffin and Richard G. Stuart to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for six-year terms in concurrence with the EDC Board recommendation.* Motion carried.

C. *Moved by Day to approve the Resolution to Establish a Public Hearing at the March 19, 2002 Board Meeting, at 7:15 p.m., on a Loan Application for the Eagle Powder Coating Project Recommended by the Economic Development Corporation of Jackson County.* Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

County Agencies:

A. *Moved by McNitt supported by Elwell to give Second and Final Reading to an Increase in the Large Carnivore Annual Permit Fee.* Pascal indicated that he is not on this committee but that for someone with multiple animals, \$100. per animal is expensive. He suggested \$100. for the first animal and \$25. for each subsequent animal. *Moved by Pascal supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to refer the Large Carnivores motion to Committee for study and a recommendation back to the Commission.* A friendly amendment was suggested by DeForest to include the Wolf-Dog fee. Motion carried.

McNitt informed the Commission that the cost for jail boarding for 2001 was \$191,311.

Human Services:

Human Services had no report, but DeForest introduced the new Environmental Health Director, Eric Pessell.

Personnel & Finance:

No report here. A motion will be made after Public Comment to go into Closed Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lacinski thanked the Board and the County employees for their support.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elwell had 3 issues that he wanted to discuss. He indicated that he felt the term for the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and Committee Chairs should be 2-years. He also felt that the election and appointments for the Board should happen in January as opposed to December so that the incoming Board would have the decision regarding the appointments. Herl suggested sending these ideas to the Ad Hoc committee that was in place studying Board Procedure. Elwell thinks that the December Board appointment is a separate issue from redistricting.

Moved by Shotwell supported by DeForest to turn the issues over to the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee for investigation. Pascal and Brittain both voiced the opinion that they did not feel the issues should go to the committee. Shotwell interjected that there had not been enough time to discuss statutory time frames with the appropriate staff. Adams indicated that he felt there was no harm in putting this through the process.

Moved by Lacinski supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to call for the question. Motion carried, reflecting a nay vote by Brittain.

Moved to take the issues of Commission terms and appointments to the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried with the record reflecting 3 nay votes of Brittain, Elwell, & Pascal.

Chet reminded the Commissioners of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on March 19, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. The Administrator and Chair of the Washtenaw County will be speaking about their Service Improvement Program.

Chet also informed the Commissioners that at the March meeting the 5 finalists for the logo contest would be presented. All of the runner's up will be displayed in the windows of the 1st floor of the Tower building.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by Lacinski supported by McNitt to allow the claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Shotwell to go into Closed Session to discuss the Administrator/Controllers Performance Evaluation and contract negotiations. Roll call: (12) Motion carried unanimously. Open session ended at 7:42 p.m. Lacinski indicated that he had been unable to attend any of the employee evaluation trainings so he would be excusing himself from Closed Session.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Shotwell to approve the letter of understanding between the County of Jackson and the AFSCME Local 2098 regarding retirement with 35 years of service. Motion carried.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to give the County Administrator/Controller Chet Taraskiewicz a 3.5% incentive bonus. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain and Pascal.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by McNitt supported by Shotwell to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried.

The February 19, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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