

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**February 20, 2001 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Commissioner Judy Reynolds

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Cmrs. Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, Rice, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Thulin, Brittain, Day & Lacinski.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by DeForest and supported by McNitt to delete 10A, Special Meeting of the Standing Committees and add 11B, Approval of the Minutes of the January 16 Closed session.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

Presentation of the Employee of the Month of February was to Deputy Scott Kart of the Sheriff Department. Remarks were made by the Sheriff and the presentation by Lacinski.

Presentation of Retirement Resolution to Linda Fitch. Lacinski introduced Judge Falahee, who presented Linda Fitch. Mrs. Fitch has 32 years 3 months with Jackson County and has served under Judges Falahee, Biewend, McGarvey, and Baugh. Lacinski read the Resolution of Retirement.

Presentation of Retirement Resolution to Deputy Garry Teske with 26 years, 6 months of service. Deputy Teske was unable to attend this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by DeForest supported by McNitt to approve the agenda.* Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

Nancy Lapinski presented petitions to the clerk.

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Community Action Agency Annual Report given by Marsha Kreucher, CAA Executive Director. Community Action is an effective planning and building tool. Community Action Agencies were established as part of the war on poverty in 1965. Federal Programs were not effective, so they were established as a local response to poverty. Local people would identify what was specifically causing poverty in our community and determine strategies to address them. The following are just some of the programs that CAA is involved in: home delivered meals, sickle-cell testing, SIDS testing, family planning, legal aid, Head Start, and the establishment of the Center for Healthy Beginnings.

Ms. Kreucher also reviewed the information in the packet provided. She discussed affordable housing, latchkey programs, pre-school, senior housing, welfare to work, weatherizing homes, helping fathers in child support arrearage, literacy, child care, and the Community Dispute Resolution program.

The Board consists of 1/3-elected officials, 1/3 private sector, and 1/3 people eligible for services.

Brittain discussed the fact that Lyle Tarrant had an additional 2 Headstart classrooms built on, and Ms. Kreucher added that they had a 25-year lease at no cost.

Baum wanted to know where the money comes from. Ms. Kreucher indicated that they have a \$14 million budget: 60% federal, 10% private, 10% state, and some local.

- B. *County Quality 1* Support Team Semi-Annual Report: Ruth Pozner explained that *County Quality 1* is a total quality improvement process for Jackson County Government. It was established in 1994. They have developed and facilitate employee education programs, Mentoring teams, Goal teams, employee surveys and follow up, and the Mid-Management retreat.

Janet Rochefort indicated that one of the things they feel is most important is employee education. *CQ1* provided 10 educational meetings in March 2000 in 3 days. These included Understanding You as a Commissioner, required services under the Constitution, budget and finance, the county video, and a jeopardy game to help employees remember what they had learned.

In June 2000 Mike Dillon, Karen Coffman, and Anethia Brewer gave a customer service presentation.

Planned for 2001 are strategic planning sessions for employees, another customer service presentation, and in September or October, there will be a humor in the workplace presentation.

The last employee survey indicated a need to talk more about County Government. There was also a need for alternative ways of disbursing funds for Management Development money, and that team is now in place.

*CQ1* revised and shortened the mission statement, began publishing in the Open line, gathered information, arranged training for Department Heads and Elected Officials, and added *CQ1* as part of the employee orientation.

*CQ1* has also been working on a Systems map that gives an overview of what Jackson County Government does. It will be taken in June to the Department Heads, then to the Commissioners, and then to the rest of the employees.

Judy Reynolds indicated that *CQ1* meets twice a month. A couple of the things that they have accomplished are "Commissioners 101" for new commissioners and 2 meetings of "Meet your Commissioners", an opportunity for people to find out who their Commissioner is and to meet them.

The County Picnic was considered a success with 374 reservations. Unfortunately it poured rain and only 100 still showed up. If the picnic is approved, it will be August 26 at the Fairgrounds in case of inclement weather.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:40 with Nancy Lapinski secretary of Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) whose purpose is the protection of the water quality of the Grand River. Ms. Lapinski passed out brochures.

Ms. Lapinski has appeared 2 previous times regarding the I-73 freeway study. She also handed out maps. The petitions that she presented to the Clerk sight their objection to the north loop. The petition presented tonight combined with the 2 previous petitions totals 1,037 signatures.

Ms. Lapinski's next concern was the issue of treated sewage in Washtenaw County. She feels that this is an ongoing problem and is opposed to the shipping of treated sewage from Huron River watershed to Grand River Water shed. Huron has reached its capacity and Grand River water shed has not.

Public comment was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by DeForest supported by Brittain to approve the consent agenda as written.*

**MOTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2001 BOARD MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2001 Regular Board Meeting.**

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE:**

- A. **Approve the Sheriff's Corrections Division reorganization, which promotes three corporals to the rank of sergeant with a total cost of \$3000 which, is anticipated to come from existing appropriations or enhanced revenues.**
- B. **Approve the Friend of the Court 2001 Access and Visitation Grant of \$50,000, which requires a \$5,000 local match that has been budgeted.**
- C. **Approve the Youth Home's Comprehensive Strategies Grant of \$47,000, with no local match required, together with a one-year commitment.**
- D. **Receive the 2000 Hospital Finance Authority Report and File Same with the County Clerk.**

Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE:**

- A. **County Affairs:** No report.
- B. **County Agencies:** No report.
- C. **Human Services:** No report.
- D. **Personnel & Finance:**

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by McNitt to Adopt a Retirement Resolution Honoring Linda Fitch, District Court Reporter with 32 Years, 3 Months of Service.* Roll call: (15) Yeas.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Rice to Adopt a Retirement Resolution Honoring Deputy Gary Teske with 26 Years, 6 Months of Service.* Roll call: (15) Yeas.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Reynolds to adopt a Resolution Terminating the MAC Service Corp. Plan.* Roll call: Chair will abstain since he serves on MAC. Roll Call: (14) Yeas.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pascal is concerned about Washtenaw hauling sewage to our county. They have trouble with urban sprawl; they need to deal with it all. Pascal proposed a resolution supported by Herl to not accept sewage, and to send to Human Services, as septic waste is Health Dept. issue.

Adams reminds us that we need to keep in mind that when we put the sewage in the Grand River, Ingham County will say they have had enough.

Mahoney-Sherrod questions the purpose of referring to Human Services. A resolution would not do what is intended, an ordinance would have to be created.

Lacinski clarifies that Pascal would like it sent to Human Services because we are talking about emanation from one unit of Government, Washtenaw, to another, Jackson County. There will be many others involved before it can be resolved. Lacinski indicated that he had referred Ms. Lapinski's concerns to Commissioner Yekulis of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

Day indicated that he has a Board of Public works meeting Monday, and that he would talk to Geoffrey Snyder.

Motion to refer to Human Services carried.

Rice acknowledges that John Midgley was honored in the paper as the Road Commission Engineer of the year by his association. *Moved by Rice, supported by Brittain to refer to County Affairs for recognition.* Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**

*Moved by DeForest, supported by Reynolds to allow the claims.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Day to adjourn to the call of the chair.

The February 20, 2001 Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Sandy Crowley Chairman Robert Lacinski  
County Clerk Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.