

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
March 17, 2009 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Shotwell called the March 17, 2009 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION: by Commissioner Phil Duckham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by Chairman Steve Shotwell

ROLL CALL: County Clerk Amanda L. Riska

(12) Present. Commissioner Herl, Lutchka, Kruse, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Mahoney, Williams, Smith, Way, Elwell and Shotwell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Cmr. Elwell added Resolution (03-09.7) Asking the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to Remove All Highway Signs in Jackson County that Warn Motorists of Hitchhikers or Recommend Caution Due to Area Prisons under Commissioner Comments.

Chairman Shotwell added a Special Meeting to be held April 10, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. prior to the Study Session under New Business.

Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney for Approval of the Agenda as Amended. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

Chairman Shotwell notified the Board that they will be receiving a Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce that was received by him via e-mail, in support of Cmr. Elwell's Resolution.

SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Recovery/Mental Health Court Presentation
Chief Circuit Court Judge Chad Schmucker conducted the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Heyns spoke about removing signs on the highway that reference hitchhiking.

Mike Hoover asked to be re-appointed to the Lifeways board.

Rod Melling stated that he is a local realtor and asked to be appointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Ed Woods asked to be re-appointed to the Lifeways board.

Jeff Peterson asked to be re-appointed to the Lifeways board.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2/17/09 Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Williams to Approve the Minutes of the 2/17/09 Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cmr. Kruse asked that item 12. A. 2. Metro Parks Concept be removed from the Consent Agenda. Item was moved to 13. A. 2. under County Affairs.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Herl for Approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

A. County Affairs

1. Parks - Resolution (03-09.4) Supporting the Parks Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the Cascades Park Renovation Project Phase II

2. Parks - Metro Parks Concept

B. County Agencies

3. Sheriff - Jail Medical Request for Proposal (RFP)

C. Human Services

None.

D. Personnel & Finance

4. Parks - Parks Reorganization Proposal

E. **Claims** – 1/1/09 – 1/31/09

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. County Affairs – Commissioner Dave Lutchka

1. Appointments

a. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – 3 public members, terms to 3/2012

Commissioner Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Steve Shotwell, Rodney Melling and Christopher Dimas. No other nominations from the floor. Steve Shotwell, Rodney Melling, and Christopher Dimas appointed

b. Economic Development Corporation – 2 public members, terms to 3/2015

Commissioner Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Robert Simmons and Lanny Green. Cmr. Way nominated Philip Wrzesinski. Roll Call: (12) Simmons. Roll Call: (8) Wrzesinski. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Poleski, Videto, Mahoney, Williams, Way, and Shotwell. (4) Green. Cmr. Kruse, Duckham, Smith, and Elwell. Robert Simmons and Philip Wrzesinski appointed.

c. LifeWays – 3 public members, terms to 3/2012

Commissioner Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Jeffrey Peterson, Edward Woods, and Michael Hoover. No other nominations from the floor. Jeffrey Peterson, Edward Woods, and Michael Hoover appointed.

2. Parks - Metro Parks Concept

Much discussion held.

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney for the exploration of a joint Park Authority.

Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kruse supported by Duckham to amend the motion to include researching the feasibility of leasing the golf courses with Region II acting as the facilitator.

Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. County Agencies – Commissioner Gail W. Mahoney

None.

C. Human Services – Commissioner Mike Way

None.

D. Personnel and Finance – Commissioner James Videto

1. Budget Adjustments

- a. Worker Comp Fund Deficit Budget Adjustment
- b. Retiree Health Insurance Budget Adjustment

Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney to approve the budget adjustment for the Worker Comp Fund Deficit and Retiree Health Insurance. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Retreat Follow-Up

Deputy Administrator, Adam Brown, gave a brief presentation on the result of the budget retreat.

Moved by Poleski, supported by Mahoney to adopt the 2010 budget prioritization.

Roll Call: (11) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Kruse, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Williams, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (1) Nay. Cmr. Duckham. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Reviewed/Revised Policies

- 1. Personnel Policy 3245 – Termination of Employment Paid Time Off
- 2. Personnel Policy 3250 – Pre-Tax Medical Premium Plan
- 3. Personnel Policy 3330 – Identification Badges

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Poleski to adopt revised policies 3245, 3250, and 3330.

Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution (03-09.5) Supporting a Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the Concord Mill Pond Park-Falling Waters Trailhead

Moved by Herl, supported by Videto to approve Resolution (03-09.5) Supporting a Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the Concord Mill Pond Park – Falling Waters Trailhead.

Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Set Date for a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Special meeting set for April 10, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. prior to the Study Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Hoover thanked the Board for their support in his appointment to the Lifeways Board.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Dave Lutchka – Resolution (03-09.6) Supporting an International Agribusiness Expo Center and Horse Park Facility

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Herl to approve Resolution (03-09.6) Supporting an International Agribusiness Expo Center and Horse Park Facility. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Dave Elwell – Resolution (03-09.7) asking MDOT to Remove All Highway Signs in Jackson County that Warn Motorists of Hitchhikers or Recommend Caution due to Area Prisons

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Herl to approve Resolution (03-09.7) asking MDOT to Remove all Highway Signs in Jackson County that Warn Motorists of Hitchhikers or Recommend Caution due to Area Prisons. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shotwell adjourned the March 17, 2009 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at 8:15 p.m.

James E. Shotwell – Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Amanda L. Riska – County Clerk
Respectfully submitted by Carrienne VanDusseldorp – Chief Deputy County Clerk