

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Day

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by Shotwell supported by Herl to Approve the Agenda as Published.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

A. Employee of the Month of March – Amanda Rutan, Deputy County Court Clerk, Clerk's Office. Presented by Rice, received on behalf of Amanda, with remarks, by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

B. Retirement Resolution Honoring Liane Morgan, Casework Supervisor for Circuit/Family/Probate Court with 30 Years, 1 Month of Service. Presented by Rice with remarks by Charles Adkins, Circuit Court Administrator.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Community Action Annual Report – Marsha Kreucher, Executive Director. *Moved by Adams supported by Brittain to Accept the Annual Report of the Community Action Agency.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment began at 7:25 p.m. with Dr. Rod Riggs. Dr. Riggs announced the interviews of 6 candidates tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. for the position of the Executive Director of Veteran's Affairs. Dr. Riggs also asked for support for the re-appointment of Mike O'Keefe to the Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Mike Hoover spoke and requested support for his re-appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Joe Patrell of Hanover reviewed a report on water quality that he handed out.

Jeff Peterson requested LifeWays re-appointment.

Ed Woods requested LifeWays re-appointment.

Kip Cunningham spoke on behalf of Drain Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder. Mr. Cunningham said that Geoff goes "above and beyond" the call of duty.

Frank VanGoethem requested appointment to the Board of LifeWays.

Mary Baetz requested appointment as Advocate for Children on the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee.

Public Comment closed at 7:40 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS STANDING COMMITTEES:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by Herl supported by Elwell to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A Through J as Contained in the Following Consent Agenda List:*

**A. Approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2003 Regular Board Meeting.**

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

**B. Approve District Court's re-application for 2003-2004 Byrne Anti-Domestic Violence Grant Funds in the amount of \$61,000, which requires a split of 60% payable by the County and 40% by the State.**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE:**

**C. Approve Fleet Management's request to carry over \$20,583 in the Equipment Fund to 2003.**

**D. Approve the Parks requests for PIF carryovers to 2003 in the total amount of \$95,870**

**E. Approve the budget adjustment of \$13,500 to accommodate the parks purchase of a 1995 Case Backhoe**

**F. Approve District Court's request to carry over \$15,000 to 2003 for purchase of a microfilm/digitizer machine which was not purchased in 2002**

**G. Approve the request to carry over \$5,800 to 2003 for LAN network improvements for District/Circuit Courts**

**H. Approve the Department on Aging's request to carry over their balance in the Capital Equipment fund of \$8,484 to 2003 to be used for kitchen improvements**

**I. Approve the Human Resource Department's request to carry over \$4,631 to their 2003 Equipment Fund budget to use for office improvements.**

**J. Approve the March 2003 budget adjustments as prepared by Deputy County Administrator Randy Treacher.**

Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**County Affairs:**

**1) Appointments to the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee:**

a) *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to Recommend the Appointment of Tony Lewis to the Advocate for Children seat on the FOC Advisory Committee for a 3-year term. Moved by Elwell supported by Day to Close Nominations and Cast Unanimous Ballot.* Motion carried.

b) *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to Recommend the Appointment of Brian Rockwell to the Noncustodial parent Representative Seat on the FOC Advisory Committee for a 3-year term. Moved by Elwell supported by Shotwell to Close Nominations and Cast Unanimous Ballot.* Motion carried.

c) *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to Recommend the Appointment of Barbara Treacher to the Custodial Parent Representative Seat on the FOC Advisory Committee for a 3-year term. Moved by Adams supported by Brittain to Close Nominations and Cast Unanimous Ballot.* Motion carried.

d) *Moved by Day supported by Elwell to Appoint Eric White to the Attorney Representative seat on the FOC Advisory Committee to complete a term to March of 2005.* Motion carried.

**2) 1 Appointment to the Veterans Affairs Committee:** *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to Appoint Michael O'Keefe to the Veterans Affairs Committee as the Persian Gulf Veteran representative for another 4-year term.* Motion carried.

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**3) 3 Appointments to LifeWays Board:** *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to Recommend the reappointments of Michael Hoover, Edward Woods, and Jeffrey Peterson to the LifeWays Board for 3-year terms.* *Moved by Shotwell supported by Day to Close Nominations and Cast Unanimous Ballot.* Motion carried.

**4) 3 Appointments to the BRA Board – 2 Public Openings, 1 Commissioner Opening:** *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to recommend the reappointments of William McConkey and Richard LaFlamme to the two public openings and the appointment of Cmr. Jim Shotwell to the Commissioner seat on the BRA Board for 3-year terms.* Motion carried.

**5) 1 Appointment to Blackman Township LDFA – Indefinite Term:** *Moved by Day supported by Herl to recommend the appointment of Janet Rochefort for an Indefinite Term to the Blackman Township LDFA.* Motion carried.

**6) *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to Approve the change of seat designations on the JACTS Policy Committee: making Jim Rice the Airport Board Representative and Cliff Herl the Commissioner Representative.*** Motion carried.

**7) *Moved by Day supported by Baxter 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.*** Herl spoke and said that he could not support this issue as the Special Committee had already addressed it. Roll call: (6) Yeas: Cmr. Brittain, Baxter, Videto, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice. (5) Nays: Cmr. Herl, Adams, Day, Shotwell, & Lacinski. Motion carried.

**8) *Moved by Day supported by Wilson to Adopt the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Resolution.*** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**9) *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign MDOT Contract #22003-0137 (Federal Project #B-26-0051-1201) and Appropriate Sponsor Contracts with DLZ Inc. of Lansing, Michigan for the Environmental Assessment of Airport Property.*** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**10) *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to***

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***sign MDOT Contract #2003-0149 (Federal Project #B-26-0051-1302) and Appropriate Sponsor Contracts with mead and Hunt of Lansing, Michigan for Preliminary Engineering Services of Runway 7/25 at the County Airport.*** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

#### County Agencies:

No report

#### Human Services:

***Moved by Brittain supported by Shotwell to Adopt a Retirement Resolution Honoring Dr. Christina M. Thompson, LifeWays CEO.*** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Personnel & Finance:

**1) *Moved by Elwell supported by Shotwell to Adopt the Resolution Ratifying the Execution and Delivery of***

**Amendment Two to the Agreement between the County and U.S. Filter.** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2) *Moved by Elwell supported by Day to Approve the Register of Deeds Fee Increases and Adopt a Resolution to Establish a Register of Deeds Automation Fund.* (10) Yeas: Cmrs. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Lacinski, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Herl supported by Brittain to Form an Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Employee Compensation.* Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

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

*Moved by Adams supported by Shotwell to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair.* Motion carried. The March 18, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Jim Rice – Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Sandy Crowley – Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk