

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman James Rice called the March 19, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:02 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Reynolds

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

(14) Present: Cmr. Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Shotwell, Brittain, Day, & Rice. (1) Absent: Cmr. Beardslee.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by McNitt supported by Lacinski to approve the Agenda as published.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

Employee of the Month of March Award to Karen Robinson, Assistant Director, Friend of the Court. Presentation by Chairman Rice with comments by Andy Crisenberry and Judge Schmucker.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Reynolds to Adopt the Retirement Resolution Honoring William Scheele of the Parks Department for over 30 Years of Service.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carries unanimously. Chairman Rice presented the Resolution with remarks by Jim Guerriero.

**SPECIAL ORDER PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Public Hearing on RLF Loan Application for the Eagle Powder Coating Economic Development Project. Dave Miller from the EDC was present to answer any questions. Brittain asked for clarification on the bottom line dollar amount. Mr. Miller responded that the total revolving loan was \$200,000 with the rest being provided by private funding. He also added that 51% of the employment would be offered to low to moderate-income households. South Central Michigan Works! would be providing a pool of employees to be interviewed.

McNitt asked what the pay rate for the 21 jobs would be and what was considered low to moderate income? Mr. Miller introduced Matthew Olinyk, owner of Eagle Powder Coating to answer these questions. Mr. Olinyk indicated that the average pay would be over \$9.00 per hour, and a low to moderate income was considered approximately \$28,000 per year.

Public Hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

Presentation by Andy Crisenberry of the Outstanding Service Award to the Honorable Chad Schmucker.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None.

**SPECIAL ORDER/ PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Selection and Announcement of Logo Contest Winner. It was suggested by Mahoney-Sherrod to vote as if they were voting for a board or committee appointment. Roll call by number allocated on the Logo. (9) #5, (2) #2, (2) #4, and (1) #3. CherylLanne Levy's submission was chosen as the first place winner of the \$500.00 savings bond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment began at 7:30 p.m. with Rod Riggs, Chairman of the Jackson County Veterans Commission. Mr. Riggs asked for the Board's support of Walter Davis for the appointment to the Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Jim Shotwell appeared requesting support for the re-appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Dr. Jerry Kratz introduced himself as a candidate for the 65th District State Representative seat.

Greg Wilson expressed his concerns and asked the Board to please give more consideration to the Dunigan plan for the new jail.

Public Comment ended at 7:37 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by Hurl supported by Baum to approve the Consent Agenda items A through N as contained in the following Consent Agenda List:*

- A. Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2002 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2002 Closed Session.

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

- C. Approve amended Administrative Policy No. 5180, Security/Weapons Policy, to take effect May 20, 2002, which eliminates all pocketknives in the Courthouse and Friend of the Court

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

- D. Receive the Department on Aging 2001 Annual Report

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE**

- E. Approve the Parks budget adjustments, which reduce the Parks total budget by \$25,000
- F. Approve a waiver of Fiscal Policy 1060 for the Parks Department, authorizing a transfer of their second and third quarter appropriations at this time
- G. Approve that the insurance money of \$41,650.96 to cover fire loss and breaking and entering at the Fair, which was deposited into the County General Fund, be transferred back into the Jackson County Fair account
- H. Give first reading to a new fee schedule for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to be charged to bad check writers, as follows:
  - 1. Check less than \$50.....\$10
  - 2. Check between \$50 & \$100.....\$20
  - 3. Check between \$100 & \$300.....\$40
  - 4. Check over \$300.....\$50
- I. Approve District Court's re-application for Byrne Anti-Domestic Violence Grant funds in the amount of \$59,487, requiring a \$29,743 local match, to finance an Anti-Domestic Violence Probation Officer for the 3rd year
- J. Approve Amendment #1 to the Friend of the Court Fiscal Year 2000-2001 CRP Agreement
- K. Approve the Department on Aging's budget adjustments to reflect increases in funding for various programs
- L. Approve New Administrative Policy No. 5210, Closing of County Offices

**M. Approve a waiver of Fiscal Policy 1060 for Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission authorizing a transfer of their entire portion of County P.A. 2 of 1986 "Cobo Hall Convention Facility Tax" or "Liquor Tax" funds at this time**

**N. Approve the March 2002 budget adjustments as prepared by the Deputy Administrator Randy Treacher**

Motion carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **County Affairs:**

Appointments to Friend of the Court Advisory Committee – 3-year terms:

**1. Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to appoint Tim Wilson as the Attorney Representative to Friend of the Court Advisory Committee for a 3-year term.** Motion carried.

**Mental Health Representative – No candidate.** Chet indicated that Aileen had received a name, but they are waiting until the next meeting for an endorsement.

**Public Seat - Larry Houghton, Joanne A. Sheehan, Lesley A. Jarchow, or Tony Lewis.** Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod to close nominations and proceed to ballot. Motion carried. Roll call: (12) Jarchow. (2) Sheehan. Lesley A. Jarchow was appointed to fill the 3-year term on the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee.

**2. Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to re-appoint Walter L. Davis to the Vietnam War seat on the Veterans Affairs Committee for another 4-year term.** Moved by Lacinski to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Walter L. Davis. Motion carried.

**3. Moved by Day supported by Elwell to re-appoint Jim Shotwell and Commissioner Floyd Baum to the LifeWays Board for additional 3-year terms.** Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Shotwell to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

**4. Moved by Day supported by Baum to re-appoint Richard Stuart and Russ Youngdahl to the BRA Board for additional 3-year terms.** Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

**5. Moved by Day supported by DeForest to adopt the Resolution Supporting the County of Lapeer's Efforts to prevent Loss of County Revenue under the Guise of a FOIA Request.** Roll call: (13) Yeas. Cmrs. Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Shotwell, Brittain, & Rice. (1) Nay. Cmr. Adams.

**6. Moved by Day supported by Herl to adopt the Resolution Authorizing County Board Chairman James E. Rice to Sign Contract #2002-0295 (Federal Project #B-26-0051-0901) for Consultant Design for the Rehabilitation of Taxiways A & B at the Jackson County Airport.** Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to adopt the Resolution Approving a Loan for \$200,000 to Matthew L. and Tina M. Olynik dba Eagle Powder Coating, Inc. in Accordance with the Provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program, as Amended.** Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to authorize the County Board Chairman to be the signatory for the loan documents, the designated Environmental Certifying Officer and the Federal Labor Standards Compliance Officer for the EDC RLF Loan to Eagle Powder Coating, Inc., realizing that the EDC Executive Director will have the day-to-day responsibilities concerning this loan.** Motion carried.

**9. Moved by Day supported by Brittain to adopt the Resolution Supporting Display of "In God We Trust" Posters.** Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point Cmr. Day had nothing more to report under Affairs, but wanted to let the Board know that Cmr. Beardslee was expected to be released from the hospital in a few days and his condition was improving.

#### **County Agencies**

*Moved by Reynolds supported Mahoney-Sherrod to approve for first reading the large carnivore permit fee: an initial application fee of \$100, which includes \$25 for one animal, plus \$25 for each additional animal, and after the first year, a permit fee of \$25 per animal per year.* Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

*Moved by Reynolds supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to approve for first reading the wolf-dog cross fee: an initial application fee of \$100, which includes \$25 for one animal, plus \$25 for each additional animal, and after the first year, a permit fee of \$25 per animal per year.* Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

#### **Human Services:**

*Moved by DeForest supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to adopt a resolution Opposing the Transfer of Administrative Oversight of Substance Abuse Services.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

*Moved by DeForest supported by Shotwell to adopt a Resolution Supporting the Local Public Health Operations Funding Formula Workgroup Report.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

*Moved by DeForest supported by Elwell to adopt a Resolution Supporting Efforts to Establish a Permanent Repository for Nuclear Waste.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

DeForest introduced and welcomed Jan Seitz, the new County Extension Director. DeForest also indicated that the Annual Report for the Department on Aging would be presented next month.

#### **Personnel & Finance:**

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Day to adopt the Resolution Supporting Proceeding with the Sheriff's Plan for a new Jail and Jackson City/County Efforts to Co-Locate a police/Sheriff Facility in Downtown Jackson.* Lacinski indicated that although he supports the new jail, he thinks that perhaps there should be an opportunity for more public hearings. Lacinski also cautioned the Commissioners that we experienced the same type of situation with the Resource Recovery project, which ended up costing significantly more. Consequently we went to the bond market and then borrowed money from the delinquent tax revolving fund, which has not been repaid. Lacinski does support the concept.

Day agreed with Lacinski. Day did not feel that we need maximum security for the majority of those housed. We certainly are not intending to move the rest of the County offices after spending \$4 ½ million doing improvements and renovations on the other downtown sites over the past few years.

Pascal is in favor of one or more public hearings. *Moved by Pascal supported by Brittain to table the motion concerning the new jail until a later date.* Roll call: (12) Nays. Cmr. Adams, Herl, Elwell, Shotwell, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, & Rice. (2) Yeas. Cmr. Pascal and Brittain. Motion to table failed.

Brittain agrees that this is a step in the right direction but we should stay downtown. Purchase the land to the south of the Sheriff Department which contains mostly attorney's office's. There would be very few displaced families and we could purchase the land in Blackman for future use.

Baum indicated that the people he represents would be willing to go for ½ mil.

Elwell indicated that he has daily contact with people who have been turned away from the jail. They should not be on the streets. Also he is concerned with the exorbitant boarding fees.

Reynolds interjected that there have been public hearings and much research. This plan is the best compromise.

*Moved by Lacinski to call for the question.* There was no support for the question, after further discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the original motion. Roll call: (13) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Shotwell, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, & Rice. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to adopt a Resolution approving the Amendments to the Jackson County Retirement System Bylaws.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

The motion to go into closed session will be made after Public Comment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Service Improvement Coordinator Position.** *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to consider postponing hiring the SIP until December given the current financial uncertainties such as boarding out prisoners and the fact that the Medical Care Facility Board has chosen not to pay money that they owe on retirement benefits.* Motion carried with the record reflecting nay votes from Reynolds and Elwell.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Replacement of the County Logo.** *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by McNitt to Retain the Enhanced Version of the Current Logo.* Rice felt that it had been in existence for 70 years and that we should not throw it away. Reynolds indicated that she felt that the Board was unwilling to change and she was for a new logo. *Moved by Lacinski supported by McNitt to call for the question.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call original motion: (10) Yeas. Cmrs. Shotwell, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, Adams, Herl, Pascal, & Rice. (4) Nays. Cmrs. Brittain, DeForest, Reynolds, & Elwell. The vote was in favor of retaining the enhanced version of the current logo.

Elwell brought up concerns regarding the cell phone usage in the County. Out of 155 cell phones in the County, there are at least 5 different providers. If we could consolidate, the County could save up to \$55,000 annually.

Elwell also pointed out that there is no policy in effect right now regarding cell phones. *Moved by Elwell supported by Pascal to Authorize the Administrator to coordinate all cell phone service for County Government, narrowing Cell Phone Providers to two, if possible, as well as determining coordinating and negotiating call plans for same. This authority shall be regardless of budgeted amounts by individual departments. Additionally, a policy regarding the use of cell phones be sent to the appropriate committee for development.* Motion carried.

*Moved by Elwell supported by Brittain to send the issue of vehicle acquisition to committee for development of a policy. Included in the policy would be a mandate to define the type and style of vehicle and necessary equipment prior to shopping for a vehicle, and to then obtain a price on the State Purchase Plan or Oakland County Bid first. Those departments currently ordering their own vehicles could continue to do so.* 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 Baum to go into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners went into closed session at 8:24 p.m.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Shotwell to return to open session.* Motion carried. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:34 p.m.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Elwell to approve the Tentative Agreement for the Deputy Sheriffs' Association.* Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by McNitt to adjourn to the call of the Chair.* Motion carried. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

James Rice, Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Sandy Crowley, Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk