

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
March 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:

Comr. Reynolds

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Lacinski added item 8B, a report given by Mead and Hunt regarding the Jackson County Airport; setting a date for the Committee of the Whole and moved items 12D2 and 12D3 to after 10A because of a presentation with regard to the property involved.

Moved by McNitt, supported by Reynolds to approve the Agenda of the March 20, 2001 Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Lacinski presented the Employee of the Month of March to Mona Webb, Chief Deputy Register of Deeds, with remarks by Mindy Reilly, Register of Deeds.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Rice to adopt the resolution honoring John Midgley. Roll call: (14) Yeas.

Lacinski presented the Congratulatory Resolution for Road Commission Engineer John Midgley for being named "Engineer of the Year" by his peers.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing for the Closeout of the Allied Infrastructure CDBG Project was opened at 7:10 p.m. There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

Ron Hall introduced Stephanie Ward of Mead & Hunt who gave a brief report regarding the Runway Safety Area Study that her firm performed, and requested a Meeting of the Whole to further discuss the findings.

A Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers to discuss the findings of the Runway Safety Area Study on the Jackson County Airport.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:20 p.m. with Rod Riggs of Jackson County requesting reappointment to the Veteran's Affairs Executive Committee as a Korean War Representative.

Steve Czarneki, president and CEO of the Enterprise Group, spoke on behalf of Enterprise Group Board of Directors supporting the County's consideration of 2 resolutions pertaining to the acquisition of tax delinquent property and making that property available for Smart Zone designation. Mr. Czarneki thanked Janet Rochefort for bringing this matter to the attention of the Enterprise Group, and bringing it before the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Walt Davis spoke on behalf of reappointing Rod Riggs to the Veteran's Affairs Executive Committee.

Lauren Grinage, an attorney from Horton, spoke regarding the FIA Board and the debt owed to the County for the pre-1999 employee's health insurance. Mr. Grinage handed out a letter regarding this matter and requested that the Board of Commissioners table action on the proposed resolution requesting the FIA Board to reimburse the County for the pre-1998 retiree's health insurance until the next meeting. He also asked that a resolution be passed directing the Jackson County Treasurer to return the cost of the election paid from the bond proceeds which was not authorized by the FIA Board to the construction fund.

Phil Ambs of Columbia Township spoke of his support for the waste disposal ordinance.

Public comment closed at 7:32 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Human Services: Approval of the Septage Waste Disposal Ordinance.

Tax Reverted Land:

Janet Rochefort gave a report regarding the land of Travel America, a tax reverted land that is available to the county for purchase for \$335.00. Ms. Rochefort provided a hand out with information regarding this property.

Steve Czarneki also spoke regarding the land layout, including ingress's and egresses.

Adams asked what the purchase price would be for anyone else that wanted to buy this property from the DNR. Ms. Rochefort explained that County entities have the first right to purchase, and then it would go to public auction.

McNitt asked if there were any guidelines for companies that wanted to move in to have to hire a certain number of local employees. Mr. Czarneki indicated that the plans are to make this into a Smart Zone office park development where space would be available to businesses related to technology.

Brittain wanted to know who else besides the County could benefit from this property. Ms. Rochefort indicated that the Township of Grass Lake could purchase it. They had spoken with Grass Lake, and they were very excited about the County and the Enterprise group working together with this property.

Moved by Rice, supported by Reynolds to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Conveyance of State-Owned, Tax Reverted Campground Property to the County. Roll call: (14) Yeas.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by DeForest to Adopt a Resolution Approving a Development Agreement with the Enterprise Group for an Industrial Park. Roll call: (14) Yeas

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by DeForest, supported by Herl to adopt the Consent Agenda. McNitt requested the removal of item H. H to return to Personnel & Finance. Motion carried.

MOTIONS FOR THE MARCH 20, 2001 BOARD MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2001 Regular Board Meeting

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

B. Discontinue the Audit Review Committee

C. Discontinue the Commissioners Policies and Procedures Committee

D. Approve the following actions connected with the Boardman Road Extension at the Airport:

1) signing a warranty deed for the Boardman Road extension to the Road Commission

2) giving an easement for storm sewers and roadway embankments to the Road Commission

3) giving an easement for grading to the Road Commission

COUNTY AGENCIES:

E. Receive the 2000 Friend of the Court Advisory Committee's Report of Activities dated December 31, 2000

HUMAN SERVICES:

F. Approve adding Midwest Cancer Screening for laboratory services in the Health Department's Reproductive Health Clinic

G. Approve the Health Department grant of \$10,000 from Jackson County Community Foundation for the Youth Access Reduction, Education and Cessation Program

PERSONNEL & FINANCE:

H. Approve the Board of Commissioners endorsing the payment of \$36,944.04 for the Special MCF millage election of November, 1999 from the MCF bond proceeds

I. Approve the 2001 Byrne Anti-Domestic Violence Grant for District Court in the Amount of \$52,451, which requires a local match of \$20,980

J. Approve the 2001 Balanced and Restorative Justice Grant of \$8,333 for the Youth Home, with no match required

K. Approve the 2001 Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant for the Youth Home in the amount of \$25,265, with the local 10% match to be taken from the Youth Home's existing budget

L. Approve the amendment to the Leave Time Subsidy Personnel Policy, Policy No. 3270

M. Approve the budget adjustments as presented by Deputy Administrator Randy Treacher

N. Discontinue the Retirees Health Insurance Fund Committee

O. Approve awarding the Treasurer's web application bid to BS&A for the following costs: \$20,000 for the software, \$1,800 for installation and setup, and a yearly support fee of \$4,000

P. Accept the State rejected taxes in the amount of \$102,979

Q. Approve an increase in the County Clerk's petty cash in the amount of \$50, making it \$150.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Affairs: Cmr. Adams for Cmr. Day

1. Appointments to the LifeWays Board:

A. County Affairs recommends the reappointment of Ernest Bako and William Bockwicz to the two Consumers seats on the LifeWays Board for three-year terms. *Moved by Adams, supported by Mahoney-Sherrod. Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Herl to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ernest Bako and William Bockwicz. Motion carried.*

B. County Affairs recommends the re-appointment of Cmr. McNitt to the LifeWays Board for another three years and the appointment of Cmr. Baum to complete an unexpired Commissioner term on the LifeWays Board to March 31, 2002. *Moved by Adams,*

supported by DeForest. Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Pascal that nominations are closed and a unanimous ballot is cast for Cmr. McNitt and Baum. Motion carried.

2. County Affairs recommends the full slate of applicants to each of the following Boards/Committees:

- A. Region 2 Planning Commission – To complete the term of John Dabbert to 12-31-01, 1 Seat. Donald E. Harris and Daryl R. Marsh. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (14) Marsh. Marsh was elected to the Region 2 Planning Commission.
- B. Department on Aging Advisory Council – To complete the term of Milo Thompson to 12/31/01. (1 Seat) Arthur Greenman, Mary Markle, Rodney Walker, Daryl R. Marsh and Frank Weathers, Jr.
- C. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (12) Weathers. (1) Markle. (1) Marsh. Frank Weathers, Jr. was elected to the Department on Aging Advisory Council.
- D. FOC Advisory Council- 3 Year term, 3 seats.

Sheriff's Designee – Lt. Dave Luce

Prosecuting Attorney's Designee- Marilyn Stephen

FIA Designee – Lauren Grinage

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

- E. Veterans Affairs Committee – Korean War Era, 4 Year Term, 1

seat. Roderick D. Riggs, PhD., Incumbent, Charles F. Prescott, & Ernest J. Truman, Sr. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (14) Riggs. Roderick D. Riggs, PhD. was re-elected to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

- F. EDC Board-To complete the term of Woody Furman to 01-07, 1

seat. Lynn Vermeulen per EDC Board recommendation. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Elwell to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. Lynn Vermeulen was elected to the EDC Board.

- G. BRA Board-Appointing Township Seat on the BRA Board to 3-2002, 1 seat. Russ Youngdahl, per BRA Board recommendation. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

3. *Moved by Adams, supported by Rice to adopt a resolution authorizing the Airport Board to give the County Administrator/Controller supervisory duties over the Airport Manager.* Roll call: (13) Yeas. Cmr. Rice, Herl, Pascal, Adams, Beardslee, Baum, Brittain, Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, Elwell, Reynolds, DeForest, & Lacinski. (1) Nay. Cmr. Thulin. Motion carried.

County Agencies: Cmr. Robert McNitt

Moved by McNitt, supported by Elwell to approve the process of people paying child support by credit card through Government Payment Service, Inc., at no cost to the County. Ward Staffeld, Deputy Director of the Jackson County Friend of the Court, was asked to talk about this issue. Motion carried.

Human Services: Cmr. DeForest

Moved by DeForest, supported by Thulin to Approve Jackson County Ordinance No. 10, Septage Waste Disposal Ordinance. Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried.

Personnel & Finance: Cmr. Mahoney-Sherrod

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Rice to Approve the Board of Commissioners endorsing the payment of \$36,944.04 for the Special MCF millage election of November, 1999 from the MCF bond proceeds.

McNitt expressed that this was a difficult decision. From a business standpoint, you have to pay what you owe, but the bottom line is that it would affect the patients of the Medical Care Facility. He will be voting no on this motion.

DeForest reminded the Board that at the beginning of the election process, it was stated that the County would incur no cost. Also, if the election would have piggybacked with one of the County elections, the cost would have been paid, but the Medical Care Facility chose to have an election of their own, on a separate election incurring this cost on their own.

Mahoney-Sherrod supported what DeForest said.

Rice feels that this is an issue of keeping your word. It is a separate financial issue. This is not money specifically for the residents. It's about keeping your word. Motion carried with 2 "no" votes noted, Cmr. McNitt and Pascal.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Reynolds to approve giving \$75,000. This year (2001) from fund balance and budget the additional \$75,000 next year (2002) for major exterior building renovations and repairs to the Cascades Manor House. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Reynolds to Adopt a Resolution Requesting the Medical Care Facility to Reimburse for Retirees Health

Insurance Costs. *Moved by Pascal, supported by McNitt to table the motion.* Roll call: (12) Nays. DeForest, Rice, Herl, Thulin, Adams, Beardslee, Baum, Brittain, Mahoney-Sherrod, Elwell, Reynolds & Lacinski. (2) Yeas. Pascal and McNitt. Motion to table failed.

Roll call on original motion. DeForest points out that we are not asking for money from their coffers, but money that has been reimbursed from the State. Chet Taraskiewicz explained the 80% reimbursement. Rice said the reason that we are doing this resolution is because no one has been able to produce a resolution from 1988, and this will patch the hole. Roll call: (12) Yeas DeForest, Rice, Herl, Thulin, Adams, Beardslee, Baum, Brittain, Mahoney-Sherrod, Elwell, Reynolds & Lacinski. (2) Nays. Pascal and McNitt. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 8:25 p.m. with Rod Riggs thanking everyone for re-appointing him to the Veterans Affairs.

Public comment closed at 8:25p.m.

Moved by DeForest, supported by Reynolds to adjourn to the call of the Chair.

The March 20, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Sandy Crowley-County Clerk

Robert Lacinski- Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.