

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
March 21, 2006 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Steve Shotwell called the March 21, 2006 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Comr. Duckham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(11) Present. Comrs. Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Shotwell. (1) Absent. Comr. Herl

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Videto supported by Lutchka to Approve the Agenda as Published. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month Award for March: Judy Jones, Secretary, Friend of the Court. Presented by Shotwell with a video, and remarks by John Manser, Attorney/Referee and Andy Crisenbery, Director, Friend of the Court.

B. *Moved by Lutchka supported by Brittain to Adopt Resolution (03-06.17) Recognizing the Contributions of Consumers Energy Employees Carl Boylan and Randy Kulhawik to the Citizens of the County of Jackson.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Remarks by Airport Manager Kent Maurer.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7:15 p.m.

Jackson County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Revolving Loan Fund - Public Hearing Regarding Use of \$122,000 of the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for Infrastructure Improvements in the Village of Parma. David Miller, Vice President of the Economic Development Division of the Enterprise Group spoke. *Moved by Reynolds supported by Brittain to Close Public Hearing.* Motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. Bob Elliott, Jackson County Administrator/Controller explained for the record that no action was necessary on the part of the Board as the EDC would be handling this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:

Moved by Wilson supported by Duckham to Receive the Communication from Judy Dynnik. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS con't:

Presentation on Veteran's Affairs Office "Voluntary Service (24V)-Needs List: Presented by Veteran's Affairs Director Dave Welihan. Reynolds implored everyone to participate.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS con't:

7:20 p.m.

Use of Justice Assistance Grant Fund through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the United States Department of Justice. Comments by Chief Irvin Portis. Brittain asked if the grant was for one-year and clarified that there was no match, and Chief Portis concurred. Berkemeier asked if the program was ready to go, to which Chief Portis responded that they would be ready very quickly. Wilson thanked Chief Portis for his hard work with the County. *Moved by Videto supported by Lutchka to Close Public Hearing.* Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment began at 7:32 with Mike Hoover asking for re-appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Judy Dynnik spoke on behalf of animal rights.

Ed Woods asked for re-appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Jeff Peterson asked for appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Janie Hildebrandt asked for appointment to the Jury Board.

Tom Wilson introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for the Circuit Court Judge seat.

Nancy Camden spoke on behalf of animal rights.

Lisa McCully also spoke on behalf of animal rights.

Public Comment concluded at 7:50 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

MINUTES:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Berkemeier supported by Brittain to Accept the Consent Agenda Items A through E as Follows:

A. County Affairs

1) Parks & Recreation Commission:

a. Imprest Cash in the Amount of \$1,400 for Parks & Recreation Department

2) Fair:

a. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD) FY06 Grant Application- Jackson County Fair Grounds Rain Gardens Demonstration Project

3) Airport:

a. Contract for Airport Layout Plan Updates (ALP) Resulting from Modifications with the Runway Area Safety Project-Mead and Hunt, Inc.

County Agencies:

1) District Court:

a. 12 th District Court Annual Report

2) Jackson County Youth Center

a. Annual Report

3) Animal Control:

a. Livestock Loss Claim in Leoni Township

Human Services:

1) Health Department:

a. Health Department Annual Report

Personnel & Finance:

1) Circuit Court:

a. Elimination of a Full-Time Bailiff Position and Creation of a Part-Time Bailiff/Research Clerk Position in the Circuit Court Department

2) Budget Adjustments:

a. Department on Aging

b. Animal Control

3) Employee Retirement System:

a. Amendment 2006-1 to the Jackson County Employees' Retirement System Bylaws Pertaining to an Increase in Age and Years of Service Requirements for New Employees and newly Elected Officials.

E. Claims:

1) Claims dated 2/01/-06 – 2/28/06 in the amount of \$1,345,994.17 as presented to and approved by Standing Committees.

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs : Commissioner Dave Lutchka

1) County Affairs 3/13/06 Meeting Minutes-no action required

2) **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend Kim Crowel-Richards to the Full Board for the one public seat on the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission. Moved by Berkemeier supported by Brittain to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.** Motion carried.

3) **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend Jason Sanders, Diane King, to the Full Board for the three public seats on the Hospital Finance Authority. Lutchka also nominated Michael Mortimer from the floor. Moved by Shotwell supported by Lutchka to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.** Motion carried.

4) **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend Leanna Hildebrandt to the Full Board for the one public seat on the Jury Board. Moved by Berkemeier supported by Reynolds to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.** Motion carried.

5) **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend Ron Ellison to the Full Board for the one public seat on the Economic Development Corporation. Moved by Berkemeier supported by Duckham to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.**

6) **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend to the Full Board William McConkey and Richard LaFlamme to the public seats and Steve Shotwell to the one commissioner seat on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Moved by Wilson supported by Reynolds to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.** Motion carried.

7) **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend James N. Phillips, Jr. to the one seat on the Veterans' Affairs Commission-Viet Nam Era Veteran, Term to 4/01/10 . Moved by Wilson supported by Mahoney to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.** Motion carried.

8) Shotwell indicated that Michael Mortimer rescinded his application and endorsed the remaining three candidates. **Moved by Lutchka to Recommend to the Full Board the Appointments of Edward Woods, Michael Hoover, and Lutchka would also like to nominate Jeffrey Peterson. Moved by Berkemeier supported by Brittain to Close Nominations and Cast a Unanimous Ballot.** Motion carried.

9) **Moved by Lutchka supported by Mahoney to Adopt Resolution (03- 06.15) Opposing Senate Bill 959 of the Michigan Legislature Eliminating Re monumentation Grant Funding for FY.** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

10) **Moved by Lutchka supported by Reynolds to Adopt Resolution (03-06.14) Opposing HB 5124 in the Michigan Legislature Pertaining to Restrictions on the Business Operations and Revenues of the Register of Deeds.** Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. County Agencies- Commissioner Reynolds

1) County Agencies 3/13/06 Meeting Minutes-no action required.

2) **Moved by Reynolds supported by Wilson to Adopt Resolution (03-06.16) to Establish a Fee for the Licensing of Pawnbrokers as Specified in the Jackson County Ordinance to Regulate and Require the Licensing of Pawnbrokers.** Brittain stated that initially he had voted in favor of this Resolution in Committee because Pawn Brokers can receive property that has been stolen from people's homes, but has since reconsidered because it is essentially a tax and is against what he stands for. Roll call: (10) Yeas. Cmrs. Lutchka, Duckham,

Reynolds, Videto, Mahoney, Berkemeier, Smith, Wilson, Gumbert, & Shotwell. (1) Nay. Cmr. Brittain. Motion carried.

C. Human Services-Commissioner Phil Berkemeier:

Human Services 3/13/06 Meeting Minutes-no action required.

D. Personnel and Finance- Commissioner James Videto

1) Personnel & Finance 3/14/06 Meeting Minutes – no action required.

2) *Moved by Videto supported by Reynolds to Adopt Resolution (03-06.12) Pertaining to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and the Jackson County Road Commission.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3) *Moved by Videto supported by Reynolds to Adopt Resolution (03-06.18) Readjust the Prescription Coverage Co-Pays for Non-Union County Employees, County-Wide Elected Officials, and Police Officers Association of Michigan (POEM) Effective July 1, 2006.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

After reviewing the final draft of the policies and recognizing that there have been changes inserted since coming out of Committee without the Ad-Hoc Committees knowledge it was *moved by Gumbert supported by Mahoney to Refer the Board Policies Back to the Ad-Hoc Committee and Delaying the First Reading until the May Board meeting.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Berkemeier supported by Reynolds to Call a Committee of the Whole meeting for the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County to Conduct a Planning Session on 2006 Goals and Objectives to be held in the Commission Chambers at the County Tower Building from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Mahoney supported by Duckham to Ratify the 2006 Assistant Prosecutor's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 8:05 p.m. with Mike Hoover thanking the Board for his appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Public comment closed at 8:07 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Reynolds brought to the attention of all that Commissioner Phil Berkemeier is running for Probate Judge.

Lutchka thanked all that helped with Project Red on behalf of the Jackson County Agricultural Council, Consumer's Energy, Rural Agricultural Division, and the Jackson County Farm Bureau. There were over 1,000 third graders present, and a good time was had by all.

Videto said that we are fortunate in Jackson County because we have so many volunteers that put their names in for all of the committees and boards.

Duckham commended LifeWays on the wonderful job that they are doing; and it's a pleasure to appoint dedicated people.

Mahoney has talked to Mary Daley on Station 970. She has had many phone calls encouraging her to go on the show. If this is truly going to be a countywide show, Commissioners need to step up to the plate and go on his show. People in the community need to know that there are 12 voices that serve the county.

Brittain has been on the WKHM show twice and found the people to be very nice. They are very willing to get you on the air.

Berkemeier was pleased to attend the LifeWays lunch program yesterday for some of the leadership in the community about some of the programs that are ongoing. It was a very positive experience, and it was with good feelings that we were able to reappoint some of these people because they are doing a very good job. Also worth mentioning is that last month we created a "Trash Cop" position and according to Jim Glenn tonight and find out that the flow of garbage to the Incinerator continues to be up significantly.

Wilson agrees with Mahoney that it is a WKHM offered their show as a county show, and the invitation has been extended by Mark Daley for all of us to be on the show. Bob Elliott is on the show on the last Friday of each month. We need to be a transparent commission and not be afraid to take the issue's head on.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Duckham **to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair.** Motion carried.*

The March 21, 2006 regular meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Steve Shotwell-Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Sandy Crowley-Jackson County Clerk
Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster-Chief Deputy County Clerk