

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**April 15, 2003 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rice called the April 15, 2003 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Baxter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by Herl supported by Mahoney to Approve the Agenda as Published. Moved by Elwell supported by Day to Move the Personnel and Finance Report Before the County Affairs Agenda.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

A. Employee of the Month of April – Deputy Ronald “Lee” Rose II of the Sheriff’s Department. Presented by Rice, remarks by Sheriff Dan Heyns.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None

**SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Presentation on Local Development Finance Authorities, with a Focus on the Blackman LDFA by David Miller, Enterprise Group. Wilson asked if the ISD and JCC could be exempted from the Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIF)? Local taxing entities will have the opportunity to opt out of the tax capture. Chet asked how long the TIF’s remain in effect.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:21 p.m. with Mike Hoover who thanked the Board for his re-appointment to LifeWays. Mr. Hoover also discussed the drug problem in Jackson, Jackson being second in the State in Meth labs, following only Allegan County. The drug problem is a contributing factor to teens taking control in their homes over their parents.

Anita Mure spoke requesting appointment to Emergency Management Advisory Council.

Public comment closed at 7:25 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Approve the Consent Agenda Items A through K as Contained in the Following Consent Agenda List:* Brittain requested item K be removed.

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

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

**B. Approve the request of Ella Sharp Museum for the County to serve as the grant agency for a 2003-2004 Museum application to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs’ Capital Improvement Project Fund for it’s Hillside Farmhouse Restoration Project.**

C. Give first reading to revised Board Rule 4020, Organizational Meeting, which adds Section 2.6 dealing with December Commissioner appointments at the January Organizational meeting.

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

D. Receive the District Court 2002 Annual Report and file same with the County Clerk's Office

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

E. Receive the Department on Aging's 2002 Annual Report Update and file same with the County Clerk's office.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE:**

F. Approve the facilities management public Improvement Fund Carryover request to 2003 in the amount of \$308,405

G. Approve the Parks budget adjustment of \$56,949 needed to reinstate the budget to original requests in the Administrative and Golf Course budgets and to decrease Transfer-Out from the Delinquent Tax Fund to be used toward the 2002 deficit

H. Award the bid for Jail medical services to Coordinated Car, PLLC in the amount of \$285,000 per year for a term of 3-years

I. Approve the Sheriff's budget adjustments of \$12,344 to complete payment of seven new patrol cars

J. Approve the Department on Aging's budget adjustments which reflect reductions in Medicaid Waiver funding and grant funds

K. Approve the elimination of a PC Network Coordinator Position and the Creation of an additional Assistant PC Network Administrator Position as recommended by the IT Director

Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**F. Personnel & Finance:**

1) *Moved by Elwell supported by Baxter to Approve the amendment to Section 2 DEFINITIONS of the Jackson County Employees' Retirement System Resolution and forwarding the amendment to the Retirement Board for addition to the Bylaws.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2) *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt the Resolution (No. 04-03.2) Authorizing Transfer and Loan of Funds in the sum of \$423,300 from the Jackson County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to be used to call the balance of the Refunded RRF Bonds on May 1, 2003.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

*Moved by Elwell supported by Brittain to Table Item K – "to Approve the elimination of a PC Network Coordinator Position and the Creation of an additional Assistant PC Network Administrator Position as recommended by the IT Director" until the May meeting of the Board of Commissioners.* Motion carried.

**A. County Affairs:**

**1) 2 Appointments to the Region II Area Agency on Aging**

a) *Moved by Day supported by Herl to re-appoint Gail Mahoney to the Commissioner seat on the Region II Area Agency on Aging.* Motion carried.

b) *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney to re-appoint William Snyder to the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.* Motion carried.

**2) Appointment to Department on Aging Advisory Council**

a) *Moved by Day supported by Baxter to appoint Robert Tavalisky to the Department on Aging Advisory Council.* Moved by Wilson to appoint Hoyt Crane to the Department on Aging Advisory Council. Roll call: Tavalisky (10) Cmr. Herl, Adams, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Elwell, & Rice. Crane (1) Cmr. Wilson. Robert Tavalisky was appointed to the Department on Aging Advisory Council.

**3) 10 Appointments to the Emergency Management Advisory Council**

**a) 2 Citizen at Large Seats:**

*i. Moved by Day supported by Baxter to appoint John Worden and Anita Mure to the two Citizen at Large seats on the Emergency Management Advisory Council for two year terms. Moved by Brittain to nominate Michael Trepka. Moved by Mahoney to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Roll call: Worden (10) Cmr. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Wilson Elwell, & Rice. Trepka (1) Cmr. Brittain. Michael Trepka was appointed to the first Citizen at Large seat on the Emergency Management Advisory Council.

*ii. Roll call: Mure (10) Cmr. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Wilson, Elwell, & Rice. Trepka (1) Cmr. Brittain. Anita Mure was appointed to the second Citizen at Large seat on the Emergency Management Advisory Council.*

**b) 8 Designated Seats:**

*i. Moved by Day supported by Brittain to appoint the following to the 8 Designated Seats:*

- **Sheriff Dan Heyns**
- **Lt. John Stressman for the City Police**
- **City Fire Chief Ken Gaiser**
- **Michigan State Police Lt. Monica Yesh**
- **Parma-Sandstone Fire Chief James Hesselgrave**
- **Napoleon Twp. Police Chief Michael Curry**
- **Dirk Borton, Emergency Medical Services Provider**
- **Jill Glair, Jackson County Medical Control Rep.**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Shotwell to close nominations and cast unanimous vote.* Motion carried.

**4. 1 Appointment to the Jury Board**

*a) Moved by Day supported by Videto to re-appoint Richard Halsey to the Jury Board for another five-year term based upon the recommendation of the Circuit Court Judges. Moved by Mahoney supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

*5. Moved by Day supported by Baxter to Adopt the Resolution (No. 04-03.1) Approving Project Area, Establishing Project District Area and Confirming Appointments of Additional Directors (Kirk Mercer and All Spiess, Jr.) to the Board of Directors of the Issuer.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

*6. Moved by Day supported by Baxter to Adopt the Resolution (No. 04-03.3) Authorizing Execution of Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Vineyard Lake Area Section) Bond Contract and to Provide for Certain other Matters Pertaining Thereto.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. County Agencies – No report**

**C. Human Services - No report but Mahoney wanted to recognize Chuck Ortiz for his recognition from National Associations of Area Agencies on Aging. Also, to recognize Lisa Tinsley, Director Department on Aging on her retirement.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Shotwell supported by Wilson to send a letter of concern to the Jackson Public school system regarding restructuring the alternative school system.* The County needs to look at the long-term impact on youth, juvenile facilities, court system, and possibly the criminal system. Brittain would like to see an outline of the letter before being approved. Motion carried.

Wilson announced his candidacy for the Jackson Public School Board. He indicated that he checked with Secretary of State and there is no conflict of interest.

Rice indicated that there needs to be a date set for a Special meeting to accept the Equalization Report. April 22, at 5:00 p.m. was the suggested time. Elwell indicated that is the date for the upcoming election. Videto indicated that he would be in South Carolina. Rice took a vote with a show of hands and April 29, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. was chosen for the Special meeting.

**CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to allow the claims.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:54 p.m. with Mike Hoover who clarified his comment from the beginning of the meeting. STAND is an acronym for Supportive Techniques and New Directions, a peer led support group for parents who are experiencing trouble with their children.

Adam Ulbin, Supervisor of Norvell expressed his thanks and those of Columbia Township regarding the Vineyard Lake sewer project.

Public comment closed at 7:56 p.m.

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

*Moved by Videto supported by Elwell to adjourn to the call of the Chair.* Motion carried. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Jim Rice – Chairman Jackson County Board of Commissioners  
Sandy Crowley – Jackson County Clerk  
Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk