

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**April 16, 2002 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jim Rice called the April 16, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Comr. Reynolds

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Item 12A5 was removed from the Agenda. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Brittain to approve the Agenda as written with the exception of item 12A5.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

**A.** Employee of the Month of April Award to William Smith, Maintenance II, in the Facilities Department. Presentation by Chairman Rice with remarks by Jerry Bethel.

**B.** *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Day to adopt the Resolution honoring the "Cap" William and Matilda Sparks Family.* Roll call: (15) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Day to adopt the Resolution honoring Frank and Irene Myers.* Roll call: (15) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Brown accepted on behalf of both the Sparks family, and Frank and Irene Myers.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None.

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A.** Presentation of the Road Commission Financials by Karl Schmidt.

**B.** Presentation of the Department on Aging Annual Report by Lisa Tinsley

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment began at 7:36 p.m. with Steve Czarnecki, President & CEO of the Enterprise Group. Mr. Czarnecki had the following two announcements for the Commissioners:

1. April 24, 2002 from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting at the Michigan Theater. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Art Colony that is being planned at the Acme Complex.

2. May 8, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The DDA, in conjunction with other groups will host a seminar entitled "A Call for Business". Entrepreneurs will be invited to take a look at opportunities establishing retail operations in downtown Jackson. This event will take place in the Commonwealth Center.

Michael Cunningham introduced himself as a candidate for the Advisory Board for the Department on Aging.

Elwin Johnson, Chairman of the State Commission on Aging, complimented the Commissioners, both past and present on Jackson's beautiful Senior Center.

Joseph Burns introduced himself as a candidate for the FoC Advisory Board, Mental Health position.

Public Comment concluded at 7:45 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. County Affairs

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Beardslee to approve the Consent Agenda items A through S as contained in the following Consent Agenda List:*

Lacinski abstained from the vote pertaining to item Q in Committee due to a possible conflict, but the conflict was resolved and he will be voting in support of the Consent Agenda.

McNitt requested that item B, the Minutes of the March 19, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners be pulled.

- A. **Approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2002 Committee of the Whole**
- B. **Approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2002 Regular Board Meeting**
- C. **Approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2002 Closed Session.**

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

D. **Establish a special Board Meeting on April 30th at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of approving the 2002 Equalization Report**

E. **Give first reading of revised Board Rule No. 4020, which inserts a sentence stating that on an odd numbered year, the Board Chair will automatically serve a two-year term unless a resolution is adopted at the Organizational meeting for a one-year term**

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

F. **Approve the Township of Leoni's Support Emergency Action Guidelines**

G. **Give second and final 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**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**H. Establish a Food Protection Program Formal Hearing Board made up of the Health Officer and two Commissioners serving on the Human Services Committee**

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE**

I. **Establish a budget of \$31,000 for the MSU Extension After School Grant**

- J. Approve a waiver of Fiscal Policy No. 1060, Appropriations Policy, for the Jackson Fair Housing Center so that they may receive their entire 2002 appropriation of \$10,000 at this time
- K. Approve the amendments to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan and the amendment to Section 8 of the Retirement System Bylaws
- L. Approve the Circuit Court budget carryover of \$9,472
- M. Authorize all amounts expended for workers compensation in 2002 to be transferred from the Workers Comp Fund back to the budgets from which they were expensed, excluding the Parks and Airport Funds
- N. Authorize all budgeted amounts for workers compensation in 2002 for all funds except the Parks and Airport be transferred to the health insurance expense budgets
- O. Move the budgeted amount (approx. \$46,000) for the Service Improvement Coordinator to Contingency
- P. Authorize \$150,000 be transferred from Contingency to the insurance and Bonds expense to cover increased reinsurance costs on county buildings and grounds
- Q. Contribute \$10,000 towards a lobbyist for two-thirds of the year for the Enterprise Group to lobby on important economic issues affecting Jackson and Jackson County, with funds to come from Economic Goals monies
- R. Approve the County Treasurer's purchase of CherryLan document imaging software for \$9, 914 and a new Dell server for \$16,901.97 from American Office Solutions to help with title searches, with funds to come from the Delinquent Tax Account
- S. Approve contributing \$500 to the "A Call for Business" campaign, with funds to come from Economic Goals monies

Motion carried.

McNitt requested that on page 5, item B2, the Minutes should reflect that he also voted no on the wolf dog cross permit fee. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2002 meeting with the stated correction.* Motion carried.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A. County Affairs – Committee/Board Appointments

1. County Affairs recommends the re-appointment of Betty Jo DeForest for another 2-year term on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. DeForest is re-appointed to the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.

2. County Affairs recommends the full slate of applicants for the 2 public seats on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging: Incumbent Jerry Holda, Incumbent Barbara Ann Barton, or Michael C. Cunningham for two-year terms. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Brittain to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: (14) Holda: Cmr. Lacinski, McNitt, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Beardslee, Shotwell, Brittain, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, & Rice. (1) Cunningham: Pascal. Jerry Holda was appointed to the 1<sup>st</sup> public seat on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.

Roll call for the 2<sup>nd</sup> seat: (9) Barton: Cmr. McNitt, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Beardslee, Shotwell, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, & Rice. (6) Cunningham: Cmr. Baum, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Brittain, & Lacinski.

Barbara Ann Barton was appointed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> seat on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.

3. County Affairs recommends **the re-appointment of Cmr. Judy Reynolds and the City Council Member Judy Dupuis for the 2 seats on the Emergency Management Advisory Council.** *Moved by Lacinski*

supported by DeForest **to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.** Motion carried. Cmr. Judy Reynolds and City Council Member Judy Dupuis were re-appointed to the Emergency Management Advisory Council.

4. County Affairs recommends **the appointment of Paul Garcia to the Citizen Representative Seat on the Jackson Traffic Safety Commission term to expire 12/31/03.** *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.* Motion carried. Paul Garcia was appointed as the Citizen Representative on the Jackson Traffic Safety Commission.

5. County Affairs recommends **the appointment of either Marilyn Meadowcroft or Joseph P. Burns to the Mental Health Professional seat on the Friend of the Court Advisory Council for a 3-year term.** *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Day to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: Burns (9): Cmr. Baum, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Brittain, Mahoney-Sherrod, Lacinski, & Rice. Meadowcroft (6): Cmr. DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Shotwell, Day, & McNitt. Joseph P. Burns was appointed to the Mental Health Professional seat on the FoC Advisory Council.

6. *Moved by Day supported by Elwell to adopt the Jackson I-94 Freeway Modernization Project Resolution supporting Alternative 2 as sponsored by Commissioner Elwell.* There was discussion about Region II sending their Resolution back to the table for further consideration. Roll call: (15) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. County Agencies:**

1. *Moved by Reynolds supported by Herl to approve for second and final 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.

2. *Moved by Reynolds supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to approve for second and final 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 and McNitt.

#### **C. Human Services:**

No report

#### **D. Personnel & Finance:**

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to adopt the Resolution approving the Sublease between the County of Jackson and the Community Respite Center, Inc. and authorize the Jackson County Board Chairman to sign the Sublease after the following conditions have been met:*

1. ***The Community Respite Center Board deposits \$200,000 with the Jackson County Building Authority by May 1, 2002 per the Sublease***

2. ***The Medical Care Facility, through the Family Independence Agency Board, deposits \$335,443 (the remaining building cost for the Community Respite Center) with the Jackson County Building Authority by April 24, 2002***

3. ***The Medical Care Facility, through the Family Independence Agency Board, assures that the November bond payment in the amount of \$432,075 will be paid out of the operating funds of the Medical Care Facility.***

Mahoney-Sherrod expressed concern that the Community Respite Center would not have their money and that taxpayer dollars would be used. DeForest indicated that situation was not unusual in non-profit housing projects. The money would be paid back.

Cheryl Keenoy and John Steele were present in the audience. When asked, they indicated that they were not present for the purpose of answering questions. After discussion, it was determined that the FIA Board of Directors had not acted on the Respite Center Resolution. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Lacinski to table the motion regarding the Community Respite Center until the Special Meeting on April 30, 2002, giving the FIA Board an opportunity to act.* Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

*Moved by McNitt supported by Lacinski to approve the Claims.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

*Moved by Lacinski supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair.* Motion carried.

The April 16, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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