

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**April 17, 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, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Thulin, Brittain, Day & Lacinski. Absent: Comr. Adams.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by McNitt, supported by Baum to approve the agenda as published.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

**Kay Houchin** was the recipient of a Retirement Resolution for 25 years 9 months of Service.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Reynolds to adopt the Resolution honoring Kay Houchin upon her retirement from the County with 25 years, 9 months of service.*

Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried.

Lacinski presented this, and Liane Morgan and Charles Adkins accepted it with remarks on her behalf, since Ms. Houchin was unable to attend.

The Employees of the Month of April, were the MSU Extension Secretaries, **Carol Sosinski, Becky Humphrey,** and **Joan Quinn**. The presentation was by Lacinski, with remarks by Les Schick.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:09 p.m. with **Doris Richards**. She expressed that she lives right next to the Airport and was against the Airport expansion.

**John Crist**, president of the Respite Center thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support.

**Janet Rochefort**, Jackson County Treasurer announced that there would be an Apportionment meeting for public comment on April 18 and April 26, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. The re-apportionment must be finished by June 10, 2001.

**Brad Schweda** appeared asking for appointment to the Region II board.

**Dan Moore**, owner of South Central Septic, expressed his opinion of the new Septage Ordinance, requiring all haulers to have their loads treated when the new expansion of the Leoni Township Waste Treatment Plant is completed. He feels that it is going to be too costly for his customers, and he will lose business to neighboring counties who still allow septage to be dumped on farmlands.

**Christine Carpenter**, co-owner of Tri-County Septic Company has a concern not only about the cost, but that the Treatment Plant is not open 24/7.

**Kirk Carpenter**, also co-owner of Tri-County Septic Company submitted a petition to override the Septage Ordinance signed by residents who believe the smell is coming from area farms.

**Tom Lewis** of Brooklyn Septic expressed his concerns of an increase from \$80 - \$200.

**Dave Kirpinski**, owner of Kurpinski Sanitation questions plant accessibility. His business runs 24 hours a day. He also would like to know what type of waste would be accepted.

**Jerry McDevitt** expressed his thanks to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners for the support of the

Cascades Manor House. Public comment closed at 7:28 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

County Affairs-Airport

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by Herl, supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to adopt the Consent Agenda as written.* Motion carried.

**A. Approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2001 Regular Board Meeting County Affairs**

B. Authorize the Facilities Manager to Allow Family Services and Children's Aid to Move into the Health Department and Prepare an appropriate Lease.

C. Approve the Parks' Revocable Licensing Agreement with the Clark Lake Community Center. **County Agencies**

D. Have the Board Chairman Establish a Committee to Study jail Options and Bring Recommendations Back to the Board.

E. Approve the Revised Administrative Policy No. 5210 Relative to Courthouse and Friend of the Court Security.

**Human Services Personnel & Finance**

F. Appropriate Funds for Demolishing, Blacktopping and Landscaping 226 and 228 W. Franklin.

G. Approve the Youth Home's Application for Third Year Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Funds.

H. Approve the Budget Adjustments as Prepared by the Deputy Administrator.

I. Approve the Lease Agreement between the County and the Community Respite Center, Inc.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: County Affairs**

**1. April Appointments**

- A. **Appointments to Region II Area Agency on Aging – 2-year terms-** *Moved by Day, supported by Reynolds to accept the County Affairs recommendation of the re-appointment of Commissioner Gail Mahoney-Sherrod to the Region II area Agency on Aging for another 2-year term. (1 Commissioner seat)*

*Moved by McNitt, supported by Elwell to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Mahoney-Sherrod.* Motion carried.

*Moved by Day to accept the County Affairs recommendation of the entire slate of applicants to the Region II Area Agency for a 2-year term. (1 seat) Bradley Schweda, Monica Salgat, William Snyder, and John "Jack" Kowalski. Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod to close nominations and proceed to ballot.* Motion carried. Roll call: Schweda (3), Snyder (2), Kowalski (8). John "Jack" Kowalski was elected to the Region II Area Agency.

- B. **Emergency Measures Advisory Council – 2-year terms-** *Moved by Day, supported by Reynolds to accept the County Affairs recommendation of the entire slate of applicants for the seats on the Emergency Management Advisory Council:*

- **Sheriff or Representative-Sheriff Hank Zavislak**
- **City Police Chief or Representative-Lt. John Stressman**
- **City Fire Chief or Representative-Chief Ken Gaiser**
- **Michigan State Police Jackson Post Commander or Representative-Tom Sands**
- **Township Fire Chief-Chief James Hesselgrave, Parma/Sandstone Fire Dept**
- **Township Police Chief- Chief Michael Curry, Napoleon Twp.**
- **Emergency Medical Services Provider-Dick Borton, Jackson Community Ambulance**
- **Jackson County Medical Control Representative-Jill Glair, Medical Examiner's Office- 2 Citizens at Large-John Worden and Ted Brezinski**  
*Moved by Day, supported by Reynolds to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.

- C. **Jury Board Appointment-5-year term-Moved by Day, supported by Herl to accept the County Affairs recommendation to re-appoint Dennis Rowilson to the Jury Board for another 5-year term, as recommended by the Circuit Court Judges.** Motion carried.

- D. **Appointment of a Region II Planning Commission Member to the Parks Commission to February, 2002-1 seat-Moved by Day, supported by Herl to accept the County Affairs recommendation of the entire slate of applicants for the seat on the Region II Planning Commission** Jack Koch Bernard Carey, Jr. Herb Howard Cmr. Floyd Baum David Irvine Warren Renando Don Parrott Cmr. Jim Rice

Roll call: Koch (1), Carey (8), Howard (1), Irvine (1), Parrott (3). Bernard Carey, Jr. was elected to the Region II Planning Commission Member to the Parks Commission.2. **Moved by Day, supported by Brittain to adopt the Resolution Approving the Project Area, Establishing Project District Area, and Confirming Appointment of Additional Directors to the Board of Directors of the Issuer.** Roll call: (14) Yeas.

Motion carried.3. **Moved by Day, supported by Thulin to confirm the 2 Neighborhood Directors, Stan L. Grundemann, a developer and Jack A. Rowe, to the EDC Board for the duration of the American Tooling Center, Inc. project.** Motion carried.4.

**Moved by Day, supported by Pascal to adopt a Resolution endorsing the City of Jackson's Sister City program.** Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried.

Note-a number of people supported, but the support was given to Pascal due to his involvement in the project.

#### **Agencies:**

1. **Moved by McNitt, supported by Rice to adopt a Resolution Amending the 911 Service Plan relative to cell phones and to schedule a public hearing for the August 14, 2001 Board meeting as recommended by the Sheriff.** Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried.

2. **Moved by McNitt, supported by Reynolds to adopt a Resolution-Approval of Administrative Findings which lists the wire-based service suppliers currently facilitating emergency telephone calls from within the Service District and the list of public service agencies currently providing emergency services within the Service District.** Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried.

#### **Human Services:**

Nothing to report

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

Resolution honoring Kay Houchin taken care of under Awards and Recognition.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Lacinski announced that there would be a special meeting to receive the Equalization report on April 30, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. Lacinski recommends that our Agencies Board act as an ad hoc committee to do the jail recommendations. **Moved by DeForest, supported by Thulin.** Motion carried.

#### **CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The final public comment began at 7:52 p.m. with Doug Cunningham, Executive Director of Respite thanking the Commissioners.

Ron Hall, the Jackson County Airport Manager thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Bernard Carey, Jr. thanked the Board for his appointment to the Parks Commission.

Public comment closed at 7:55 p.m.

**Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by Day to adjourn to the call of the chair.** Motion carried.

The April 17, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sandy Crowley - County Clerk

Robert Lacinski – Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners