

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**April 18, 2006 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Steve Shotwell called the April 18, 2006 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Reynolds

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney supported by Berkemeier to Approve the Agenda as Published.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

A. Employee of the Month Award for April: Brandon Ransom - Out-County Parks Supervisor; Mike Hoskins - Falls Technician; and Ron Osborne - Maintenance Worker III. Presented by Chairman Shotwell with a video and remarks by Jim Guerriero, Parks Director.

B. Presentation on the 2005 Outcomes Evaluation for the Jackson County Recovery Court by Circuit Court Judge Charles A. Nelson.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:**

*Moved by Brittain, supported by Reynolds to Receive the Communication from Kristen Reagan. (Copy of a Free Press article regarding efforts of Oakland County to develop a Ano kill @ shelter.)* Motion carried.

**SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment began at 7:15 p.m. with Kristen Reagan speaking with regards to her handout against selling animals for research.

John Crist discussed the Cascades Renovation Project.

(Cmr. Wilson arrived at 7:21 p.m.)

Fred Drago and Howard Griffis requested the Board to appoint them to the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.

Public Comment concluded at 7:23 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Affairs met behind Cmr. Lutchka's desk with regards to the Cascades Renovation Project Fund.

**MINUTES:**

*Moved by Herl, supported by Duckham to approve the minutes of the 2/21/06 Commission Meeting.* Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney, supported by Videto to Accept the Consent Agenda Items A through E as follows:*

**A. County Affairs**

**1. Airport:**

a. Proposal Award for Airport Engineering Services - Mead & Hunt

**2. Parks & Recreation Commission:**

- a. Imprest Cash in the amount of \$1,450 for Cascades Falls and Pleasant Lake and Swain's Lake County Campgrounds for Parks & Recreation Department.

**B. County Agencies:**

None

**C. Human Services:**

**1. Health Department:**

- a. Amendment to the Health Department Staffing Levels to Delete a Full- Time Secretary I Position and to create Two Part-Time Secretary I Positions.

**2. Department on Aging:**

- a. Amendment to the Department on Aging Staff Levels by Creating One Social Worker Position

b. Establishing Imprest Cash in the amount of \$300 for the Department on Aging

c. Department on Aging 2005 Annual Report

**D. Personnel & Finance:**

1. Budget Adjustments - Parks Department

**E. Claims:**

1. Claims dated 3/01/06 through 3/31/06 in the amount of \$1,619,062.37 as presented to and approved by the Standing Committee. Motion Carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. County Affairs - Commissioner Dave Lutchka**

1. County Affairs 4/10/06 Meeting Minutes. No action required.

2. *Moved by Lutchka* to recommend to the Full Board Brenda Abbey, Howard Griffis, and Fred Drago for the three public seats on the **Region 2 Area Agency on Aging**. *Moved by Herl, supported by Mahoney* to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

3. *Moved by Lutchka* to recommend to the Full Board Commissioner Herl for the one Commissioner seat to the **Emergency Management Advisory Council**. *Moved by Duckham* to nominate Commissioner Reynolds. Both Commissioner Herl and Reynolds spoke briefly, then the clerk proceeded to ballot. **Roll Call: 5 votes for Herl; 7 votes for Reynolds**. Reynolds was elected.

4. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Brittain* to **Adopt Resolution (03-06.19) Authorizing the County Board of Commissioners Chair, James E. Shotwell, Jr. To Sign MDOT Contract #2006-0269 (Federal Project #C-26-0051-1505) for Airport Layout Plan Updates at the Jackson County Airport**. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

5. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney* to **Adopt Resolution (04-06.21) Approving Project Area, Establishing Project District Area, Confirming Appointment of Additional Directors to the Board of Directors of the Issuer, and Setting Hearing Date (Production Saw & Machine Co. Project)**. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

6. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Duckham* to Approve the 2006 Equalization Report. Julie Kolbe, Equalization Director, spoke regarding clarifications to the report. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney* to accept the corrected handouts on the Equalization Report. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Duckham* to **Approve the Agreement to Establish the Cascades Renovation Project Fund - A Donor Advised Fund within the Jackson County Community Foundation**. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Proposal Award for Landscape Architectural Services for the Cascades Renovation Project - Smith Group JJR**. Lutchka reported that no action is needed on this item because the amount of the contract decreased.

9. **Professional Services Agreement for the Cascades Renovation Project.** Lutchka reported that no action is needed because the amount of the contract decreased. Mr. Elliott clarified that because no formal action is required by the Board of Commissioners due to the funding level, Items 8 and 9 need no action.

**B. County Agencies - Commissioner Judy Reynolds**

1. County Agencies 4/10/06 Meeting Minutes. No action required.  
Commissioner Reynolds had no business to bring before the Board.

**C. Human Services - Commissioner Phil Berkemeier**

1. Human Services 4/10/06 Meeting Minutes. No action required.  
Commissioner Berkemeier had no matters to bring before the Board.

**D. Personnel & Finance - Commissioner James Videto**

1. Personnel & Finance 4/11/06 Meeting Minutes. No action required.

2. *Moved by Videto, supported by Reynolds* to **Approve the Transfer of funds in Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Fund in the amount of \$758,000 to the Medical Care Facility Fund.** Roll Call: (10) Yeas; (2) Nays - Wilson and Brittain. Motion carried.

3. *Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney* to **Enter into a Rental Agreement between the County of Jackson, as Lessor and the State of Michigan, as Lessee on the Northlawn Building.** Commissioner brought up concerns he had with that agreement and wanted to know if any of that was addressed as far as the fact that they are not paying any triple net on this lease; that we're covering all of the operational expenses. Chairman Shotwell clarified that this is a one-year rental agreement. This is not the lease. The lease will be coming back to us again and we'll be voting again on it and there will be further negotiations between the Administration and the State of Michigan. This is just for one year. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

4. *Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney* to **Adopt Resolution (04-06.20) Extending the Term of the Ad Hoc Committee on County Policies of the Board of Commissioners.** Roll Call: (11) Yeas; (1) Nay - Brittain.

5. *Moved by Videto, supported by Gumbert* to **Concur with the Treasurer's Recommendation to Establish a Land Bank Authority.** Wilson asked Janet Rochefort, Treasurer, if they are going to be able to follow any type of measurements on this program as far as progress. What's the plan to keep the Commission informed? Chairman Shotwell asked Rochefort to come forward and answer the questions. Janet informed them that page 8 of the agreement that there's going to be four commissioners on it. That's one-third of you. Janet will give a monthly update to commissioners through Personnel & Finance and will also give a quarterly report or semi-annual report, whatever is deemed necessary. Brittain asked who the county authority would be and Janet explained that it is comprised of: County Treasurer; two representatives of the City of Jackson; one representative of a Township located in Jackson County, one representative of a non-profit, and four members of the County Board of Commissioners. Those nine members would make up the Authority. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Brittain* to **Ratify the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA) 2006 Contract.** Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

B. *Moved by Lutchka, supported by Herl* to **Ratify the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) 2006 Contract.** Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

C. *Moved by Mahoney, supported by Reynolds* to **Call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners as a Committee of the Whole to conduct the 2 nd session of the 2006 Goals & Objectives Planning Retreat, to be facilitated by Dr. Joseph Ohren from Eastern Michigan University/ICARD, in the Commission Chambers at the County Tower Building from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2006.** Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comment began at 7:49 p.m. with Daryl Campbell introducing himself. He's a police officer from Ann Arbor and is running for the 7 th District seat in the U.S. Congress.

Public Comment closed at 7:53 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Mahoney appreciates the negotiating team and what a wonderful job they did with bringing the contracts here tonight to ratify.

Reynolds reported that she and Commissioner Berkemeier were at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Salvation Army. It would be wonderful if each and every one of you would try to get over and see their new additions. It's just incredible what they're doing over there.

Wilson commented on the Medical Care Facility that he is very concerned that we got into this predicament and would like to ask the commissioners to consider putting some pressure on their Board of Directors to make sure that we get a monthly report at Human Services from this point moving forward. He hopes we get paid back the \$750,000 that we had to extend and hopes it doesn't happen again. Number 2, regarding the food poisoning incident last week with TRW. Wilson spoke with Ron Grimes last week to find out what was going on because there was no administrative alert coming from Mr. Elliott. We need to be given a heads up as County Commissioners and would appreciate these types of notifications.

Berkemeier congratulated our Fair Manager for putting together an excellent program of entertainment for this year's Fair. He also spoke with the Health Administrator as well as several employees that work in the Health Department and that everyone should know the new furniture is in and they love it and it looks great. Berkemeier commented on the two employees that had been terminated from the Facilities Department through arbitration and felt it was a real vindication for our administration the way the issue was handled.

Videto thanked the group working on the Cascades Renovation Project. Also commended the County Parks employees who spent a lot of time and effort taking upon themselves to do a project that was cost efficient and effective. Videto also appreciates the time and effort that volunteers make and especially the DHS Board.

Duckham noted that this is his last Board of Commissioner Meeting as an appointed commissioner and he wanted everyone to know he's enjoyed working with them and appreciates the opportunity. He's campaigning hard and hopes to be back next month.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Moved by Shotwell, supported by Videto to Adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried.***

The April 18, 2006 regular meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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