

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
April 20, 2004 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rice called the April 20, 2004 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Cmr. Mahoney introduced Pastor Parker of Canaan Land Temple Church and asked him to perform the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present (12). Cmr. Herl, Adams, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Rice, Lacinski, Wilson, & Elwell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Baxter supported by Lacinski to Approve the Agenda as written. Shotwell asked that County Agencies be placed under Special Order. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of April-Michelle White, Health Educator, and Shelly Bullinger, Health Education Manager, from the Health Department for their combined efforts in spearheading the Children of Children Exhibit. Presented by Rice with remarks by Health Officer Ronald Grimes.

B. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Lacinski to Approve the Retirement Resolution (04-04.22) Honoring Sergeant James Van Dyke of the Sheriff Department, with 21 Years, 5 Months of Service.* Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Rice with Remarks by Sheriff Dan Heyns.

(Note: This is the first meeting using the lighted board voting system)

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:15 p.m. with Janet Rochefort urging the Board to vote in favor of the Senior Millage Resolution. She would also like to see this issue on the August ballot as the voters that vote in the primary election are typically more informed.

Janet also reminded the Commissioners that she had not received County Administrator/Controller profiles from some of the Commissioners. They are to be turned in to Marge Teske in the Prosecutor's office.

Fred Drago asked the Board for their support in being appointed to the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging.

William Scott Brown, member of the Advisory Council on Aging, asked for the Board's support for the Senior Millage Resolution. He would also like to see it considered for the August primary vote. Mr. Brown complimented the Crouch center and its staff.

Debby Caterina, a city business owner and a volunteer at the Animal Shelter, spoke on behalf of the shelter. She wanted to know if there were any plans for expanding the shelter, of shorter stays for the animals, or Saturday hours. She feels that the City has shown up the County with their program of the Cascades Humane Society. Rice instructed her to give her telephone number to Randy Treacher and someone would be in contact with her regarding her questions.

Public comment ended at 7:23 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs:

- 1) Approval of the 2003 Equalization Report

B. County Agencies:

- 1) Authorize the Jackson County Clerk &/or the Election Director to submit a grant application for HAVA

C. Personnel & Finance

- 1) Senior Millage Resolution
- 2) Award Bid for Fiber Optic Cable Installation- Animal Shelter \$14,024.16
- 3) Authorize the Jackson County Clerk &/or the Election Director to submit a grant application for HAVA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Moved by Herl supported by Shotwell to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through S as contained in the following Consent Agenda list: Brittain requested items O, P, Q, & R be pulled. Motion carried.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2004 Regular Board Meeting

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

B. Award the bid for the Animal Control incinerator to Bestech Environmental Resources, Inc. in the amount of \$66,315, plus \$1,350 for engineering fees, and other costs for concrete slab, metal roof, wiring system, and gas hookup, utilizing the budgeted \$75,000 in the Public Improvement Fund.

C. Approve revised Vehicle Policy No. 7020 that clarifies which departments can perform routine maintenance on their vehicles

D. Approve New Vehicle Policy No. 7080 that clarifies which departments can perform routine maintenance on their vehicles

E. Award the Bid for Airport door replacement on County Hangar #201 to the low bidder, Prominent Design and Build of Jackson for the amount of \$87,227, with funds to come from the Airport Public Improvement Fund.

COUNTY AGENCIES:

F. Receive the District Court 2003 Annual Report and file same with the County Clerk's Office

HUMAN SERVICES:

G. Approve the Health Department's budget adjustment which decreases revenue and expense by \$58,186

H. Receive the Department on Aging 2003 Annual Report and file the same with the County Clerk's Office

PERSONNEL & FINANCE:

I. Approve a Parks \$1,450 Change Fund for the Falls and Out County Campgrounds for the Year 2004, to be returned at season's end

J. Approve setting a 1% interest rate on the Park's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Loan, with payments of the 1% interest retroactive to when the loan was made in 2000, to be taken from the Parks 3rd and 4th quarter appropriations each year and to adopt the 4/13/04 payment schedule as presented

K. Approve replacing a Sheriff's 2003 patrol vehicle 519, which was totaled in an accident, through Joregenson Ford at a cost of \$19,853 as follows:
\$14,825 = insurance settlement
\$ 2,885 = balance of funds after payment of last ordered vehicle
\$ 2,143 = from Drug Forfeitures Fund

L. Approve revised Fiscal Policy 1060, Transfers Out/Appropriations Policy, which provides an exception for the "Drains-at-Large" transfer out

M. Approve the 2003 Public Improvement carryovers in the total amount of \$149,400 as prepared by Deputy Administrator Randy Treacher

N. Approve the use of the Law Firm of Kevin M. Thomson, PLC as a County Attorney

O. Approve the transfer of the Jail Construction Fund Balance as follows:

- 1) \$850,000 to the Equipment Fund for the purchase of a new County telephone system
- 2) \$850,000 + interest to the Public Improvement and Building Fund for future use as designated by the Board of Commissioners

P. Award the bid for the purchase of an IBM 9406-810 AS400 Server to Application Specialists of Mason, MI in the amount of \$148,428 to replace AS400 servers in the Courthouse and Sheriff Department, with monies to come from budgeted funds (150,000)

Q. Award the bid for the purchase of a HP9000 rp3410 2-way server from Solution Centers of Placerville, CA in the amount of \$53,021 to replace the server that manages the Sungard Ti-Tech financial applications, with monies to come from the Equipment Fund balance

R. Award the bid for the purchase of a Voice Over IP System for the Human Services Building to SBC of Southfield in the amount of \$187,000 for the engineering, installation and maintenance of the system and the purchase of a Cisco 4510R distribution switch to SBC in the amount of \$46,897.94 (total = \$233,897.94), with monies to come from the Equipment Fund balance

S. Award the bid for the engineering, installation and testing of fiber optics and network cabling for the Human Services Building to Advanced Communication Cabling, Inc. of Spring Arbor, MI in the amount of \$53,877, plus an additional \$110 per drop, with monies to come from the Human Service Building Remodeling Fund

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. County Affairs

1) April Appointments:

a. Moved by Day to Appoint 3 of the following to the three open seats on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging Board for 2-year terms: Moved by Mahoney to vote on the 2 incumbent seats together. Rice said that there are 2 seats and it will be voted on individually.

Betty Jo DeForest	Patricia Crane
Gerald Holda	Fred Drago
Brenda Abbey	Bryan Fowler

Roll call: DeForest (9) Cmr. Herl, Adams, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Wilson, & Rice. Abbey (3) Cmr. Videto, Lacinski, & Elwell. Betty Jo DeForest was reappointed to the first seat on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging Board.

Roll call: Holda (8) Cmr. Herl, Adams, Day, Baxter, Shotwell, Mahoney, Wilson, & Rice. Abbey (4) Cmr. Brittain, Videto, Lacinski, & Elwell. Gerald Holda was reappointed to the second seat on the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging Board.

Roll call: Abbey (6) Cmr. Herl, Adams, Brittain, Mahoney, Lacinski, & Elwell. Drago (6) Cmr. Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Wilson, & Rice. Tie vote

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Roll call: Abbey (6) Cmr. Herl, Brittain, Day, Mahoney, Lacinski, & Elwell. Drago (6) Cmr. Adams, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Wilson, & Rice. Tie vote. Matter to be continued under New Business.

b. Moved by Day supported by Herl to concur with the designated seats on the Emergency Management Advisory Council for 2-year terms:

- 1) **Asst. City Fire Chief Brian Thurston (representing City Fire Chief)**
- 2) **Commissioner Cliff Herl (representing the County Commission)**
- 3) **Mayor Martin Griffin (representing the City Council)**

Moved by Mahoney supported by Lacinski **to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.** Motion carried.

2) Moved by Day supported by Brittain **to Approve the Board of Commissioners supplying the means to secure copies of County historical surveying documents and, in addition, to direct the County Administrator to work with all departments on document preservation.** Motion carried.

3) Moved by Day supported by Baxter **to Adopt Resolution (03-04.18) Honoring Joseph Pancerz on his length Broadcasting Career.** Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Moved by Day supported by Brittain **to Adopt Resolution (04-04.20) Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners to sign Amended MDOT Contract #2003-0137** (Federal Project # B-26-0051-1201) and Appropriate Amended Sponsor Contract with DLZ Inc. of Lansing, Michigan for the Phase II Environmental Assessment of Airport Property. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Moved by Day supported by Mahoney **to Approve the 2004 Equalization Report for Submittal to the State.** Motion carried.

B. County Agencies:

No report

C. Human Services:

No report

D. Personnel & Finance:

Consent Agenda Items pulled:

Item O, Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney **to Approve the transfer of the Jail Construction Fund Balance as follows:**

- 1) **\$850,000 to the Equipment Fund for the purchase of a new County telephone system**
- 2) **\$850,000 + interest to the Public Improvement and Building Fund for future use as designated by the Board of Commissioners**

Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

Item P, Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney **to Award the bid for the purchase of an IBM 9406-810 AS400 Server to Application Specialists of Mason, MI in the amount of \$148,428 to replace AS400 servers in the Courthouse and Sheriff Department, with monies to come from budgeted funds (\$150,000).** Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

Item Q, Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney **to Award the bid for the purchase of a HP9000 rp3410 2-way server from Solution Centers of Placerville, CA in the amount of \$53,021 to replace the server that manages the Sungard Ti-Tech financial applications, with monies to come from the Equipment Fund balance.** Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

Item R, Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney **to Award the bid for the purchase of a Voice Over IP System for the Human Services Building to SBC of Southfield in the amount of \$187,000 for the engineering, installation and maintenance of the system and the purchase of a**

Cisco 4510R distribution switch to SBC in the amount of \$46,897.94 (total = \$233,897.94), with monies to come from the Equipment Fund balance. Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

1) Moved by Elwell supported **to Adopt Resolution (04-04.21) approving placing an eight-year, .35 mill senior millage request on the ballot for the August 3rd primary election.** Elwell indicated that he is for this

millage, but would like to see it tabled to do it right and get their facts straight regarding the correct amount and the correct time to have it on the ballot. Brittain will oppose the .35 mill as he understood it to be .25 mill at the General Election. Lacinski said that the Chair of Finance said that tabling the issue 1 month would not make a difference. Videto thought this came out of committee with a consensus, but since he has heard the concerns of the other Commissioners he feels the Board needs to be united. The people running the campaign have assured him that the timetable is fine. Mahoney suggested a Committee of the Whole to put everyone on the same page. **Moved by Elwell supported by Brittain to Table the Senior Millage Request for one month and that it be sent back through committees for further discussion and clarification of the key issues.** Roll call: Erin Foster inadvertently erased the roll call but the board had been recorded.

2) **Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Award the Installation of Fiber Optic Cable for the Animal Shelter to Underground Contractors in the amount of \$14,024.16 to eliminate connectivity problems, with monies to come from the Human Service Building Remodeling Fund.** Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

3) **Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt a Resolution authorizing the County Clerk &/or the County Elections Director to Submit a Grant Application to the Secretary of State's Office to purchase Optical Scan Voting Systems to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 and related Election Management System Software.** Roll call: Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mahoney spoke to the issue of the appointment to the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging. As a member of that board she requested the support of Brenda Abbey, Lacinski and Elwell agreed. Shotwell endorsed Fred Drago, but thought the Board was taking this up under New Business. Roll call: (8) Abbey. Cmr. Mahoney, Lacinski, Elwell, Herl, Adams, Brittain, Day, & Rice. (4) Drago. Cmr. Vidto, Shotwell, Wilson, & Baxter. Brenda Abbey was appointed to the Region 2 Area on Aging Board

NEW BUSINESS:

Lacinski would like to have a Committee of the Whole prior to next month's meeting to further investigate the Senior Millage. Elwell would like to have the meeting before the date of the next regular meeting to give him time to come to a decision. Mahoney said that the meeting should be in the evening so that their constituents may attend. The date was set for May 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Wilson had a couple of announcements; the LifeWays Dinner on Wednesday, May 5, social hour at 5:15 and dinner at 5:45, and Blackman Township on April 20 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the options for the sewer project.

Wilson congratulated Herl and Elwell for their work on the I-94 Exchange. They have come down to 2 options to consider.

Moved by Wilson supported by Brittain to send the Issue of Commissioner Term Limits on Committees to County Affairs for Review. Mahoney feels that every election is a term limit, it's the responsibility of the voters to set term limits. Elwell interjected that it is only a motion to study. Rice said that it's an unwritten rule that you don't go against someone who is seated. Lacinski agreed. Adams feels it's a good thing to study, but there are some good people you want to remain on those committees. Wilson also suggested a way of tracking attendance, and Brittain agreed. Adams called for the Question. Motion carried. Vote on the Main Motion, motion was carried with the record reflecting a nay vote for Mahoney.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by Lacinski supported by Videto to Allow the Claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 8:27 p.m. with Brian Wheeler of the Jackson Citizen Patriot requested that the Board retake the vote that was erased so that it could be displayed for the audience. Roll call on tabling the Senior Millage Vote until May. (8) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Adams, Brittain, Videto, Shotwell, Lacinski, Wilson, & Elwell. (4) Nays Cmr. Day, Baxter, Mahoney & Rice. Motion carried.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Lacinski to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair. Motion carried. The April 20, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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