

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
June 15, 2004 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Rice called the June 15, 2004 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Cmr. Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Approve the Agenda as Written. Day requested item D be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

A. Employee of the Month of June- Josh Clamon, Airport Facilities Maintenance Technician, and David Parlow, Airport Maintenance Worker. Presented by Rice with remarks by Airport Manager Kent Maurer.

B. *Moved by Mahoney supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution 06-04.31 Honoring Brian Cecil, of the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department, upon his Retirement with 26 Years, 8 Months of Service.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Presented by Rice with comments by Health Officer Grimes.

C. *Moved by Shotwell supported by Baxter to Adopt Resolution 06-04.30 Honoring Captain Mike Henderson, of the Sheriff Department, upon his Retirement with 32 Years, 2 Months of Service and 2 Years, 4 Months on the DROP.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 7:17 p.m. with Jerome White. Mr. White expressed his concerns that the residents of Lake Columbia were not allowed to vote on the sewer issue. He cited P.A. 185 as the reason; P.A. 185 has to do with health and safety concerns. Mr. White feels that it is more of a development concern than a health concern. Public comment concluded at 7:20 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs

1) Amended Taxable Value Report

2) Compulsory School Attendance Age Open session resumed at 7:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through I as contained in the following Consent Agenda List: Brittain requested that items H and I be pulled. Day had requested under "Approval of Agenda" that item D be pulled.

A. Approve the Minutes of the May 18,2004 Board Meeting

County Affairs:

B. Approve second and final reading of new Board Rule No. 4045, Proclamations, which gives the Board Chairperson the authority to issue and sign County Proclamations and Special Tributes without Board Action.

C. Disband the Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Ad Hoc Committee upon completion of its mission.

D. Approve the 2004 Taxable Value Report (L-4046) as Prepared by the Equalization Department.

County Agencies:

Human Services:

Personnel & Finance:

E. Approve the Sheriff's application for 2005 Community Correction Funds.

F. Approve the Facilities budget adjustment, which transfers \$14,000 from Window Tint to Retention to move probate files

G. Approve a transfer of \$1.7 million from the RRF Contingency Fund (fund 719) to the Delinquent Tax Fund (fund 61t) leaving a balance in Fund 719 of \$1.8 million.

H. Approve transferring to the Public Improvement Fund (fund 245-Human Services Building Project) from the Delinquent Tax Fund (fund 616) monies needed to complete the Human Services Building project until the sale of the Kresge & Woolworth Buildings (estimated sales value of \$690,000), can be consummated. Upon sale of these buildings, proceeds will be paid back to the Delinquent Tax Fund.

I. Approve borrowing from the Delinquent Tax Fund (fund 616) to the Public Improvement Fund (fund 245-Human Services Building Project) for completion of Phase II construction an amount not to exceed \$300,000, all borrowing to be paid back in 10 years or less by the Public Improvement Fund. The approval for those Phase II expenditures to be made by Administrator & County Treasurer.

Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Affairs-Commissioner John Day

1) *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to Approve the Appointment of Commissioner David Elwell to the Community Corrections Advisory Council.* Motion carried.

2) Item D from the Consent Agenda: *Moved by Day supported by Brittain to Approve the Revised 2004 Taxable Value Report.* Motion carried.

County Agencies-Commissioner James Shotwell

Human Services-Commissioner Gail Mahoney

Personnel & Finance-Commissioner David Elwell

1) Item H from the Consent Agenda. *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Approve the Transfer of monies needed to complete the Human Services Building project from the Delinquent Tax Fund to the Public Improvement Fund to be Reimbursed when the Kresge and Woolworth Buildings are Sold.* Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

2) Item I from the Consent Agenda. *Moved by Elwell supported by Shotwell to Approve a Loan of an Amount not to Exceed \$300,000 from the Delinquent Tax Fund to the Public Improvement Fund for Completion of Phase II Construction of the Human Services Building, to be Paid Back within 10 Years.* Motion carried with the record reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

3) *Moved by Elwell supported by Day to Adopt Resolution (06-04.28) to Authorize Issuance of Bonds for Jackson County Standing Committee Reports con't Wastewater Disposal Facility (Lake Columbia Area*

Section).

Mahoney suggested waiting a month since the residents are presenting the township clerk with petitions tomorrow. Brittain agreed.

Shotwell pointed out that they are only voting on the bonding portion of the issue.

Chet stated that because this issue falls under P.A. 185, there is no public referendum. Discussion ensued pertaining to the fact that if they do not receive the bonds from the County, it would ultimately end up costing the taxpayers more money and time, as they would have to search for an outside source. Concerns were also raised regarding the letter that went out to the residents requesting their input.

Shotwell said that as a member of the Board of Public Works, the letters that came back were in favor of the project, and there were also open public meetings regarding the project.

Wilson said that a project of this magnitude deserved more input than just a letter.

Roll call: (8) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Lacinski, Elwell, & Rice. (3) Nays. Cmr. Brittain, Mahoney, & Wilson. Motion carried.

4) *Moved by Elwell supported by Mahoney to Adopt Resolution (06-04.29) Adopting Amendment No. 1 to the County of Jackson Amended and Restated Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.* Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wilson stated that he had presented the idea of raising the compulsory school age from 16 to 18 to County Affairs but was voted down. Wilson feels that the Board needs to send a message to the State Legislature that we have concerns regarding the 30% + drop out rate.

Moved by Wilson supported by Brittain to Adopt a Resolution Supporting Raising the Compulsory School Attendance Age from Sixteen Years Old to Eighteen Years Old.

Rice said that when he allowed Wilson to bring this to a vote in the Special Meeting of Standing Committees he was under the impression that would be the end of it.

Moved by Mahoney supported by Lacinski to Call for the Question. Roll call: (8) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Brittain, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, & Lacinski. (3) Nays. Cmr. Wilson, Elwell, & Rice. Motion carried. Roll call on Main Motion. (8) Nays. Cmr. Herl, Day, Baxter, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Lacinski, & Rice. (3) Yeas. Cmr. Brittain, Wilson, & Elwell. Motion to Raise the Compulsory School from 16 to 18 failed.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Videto to Approve the Claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment began at 8:05 p.m. with Janet Rochefort, Jackson County Treasurer, voicing her opposition to P.A. 185. She has spoken to Senator Schauer and asked him to work on changing this act. She encouraged everyone to get in contact with his or her representatives and senators and give their view. People have the right to vote.

Mary Ann Robillard was on the committee that counted the petitions at Lake Columbia. She said that the wording was very chaotic, and that not every lot owner received one. Many people at the lake have gone to local government and have not gotten anywhere, that's why they are appealing to the Board of Commissioners.

Michelle Demario voiced her concerns over the sale of animals to research.

Public comment concluded at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Mahoney supported by Herl to Adjourn to the Call of the Chair. Motion carried.

The June 15, 2004 meeting Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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