

**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes**  
**June 18, 2002 - Regular Meeting**  
**Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman James Rice called the June 18, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Cmr. Pascal

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL:**

(13) Present: Cmr. Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Shotwell, Brittain, Day, & Rice. Absent (2): Cmr. Lacinski & Baum.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Day to approve the Agenda as written.* Motion carried.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

Employee of the Month of June Award to the Treasurer's Department Team:

- Denise Butler, Chief Deputy
- Edie Hunter, Administrative Assistant
- Debbie Robertson, Debi Wilson, Bev Sigers, Tax Specialists
- Shirley Hogoboom, Dian Donaldson, Account Clerks

Rice presented the award with remarks by Janet Rochefort, Treasurer.

*Moved by Reynolds supported by Shotwell to Adopt the Retirement Resolution Honoring Patricia Kelley with Combined County Service of 28 years, 9 Months.* Roll call: (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Remarks by Ted Westmeier and Mary Ricciardello.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

None.

**SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:12 p.m. with Joseph Patrell. He voiced his concern regarding the sewer project in Hanover. He feels that the people should be allowed to vote on the issue.

John Tallis, Hanover Township Supervisor indicated that they spent 6 years putting the project before residents. This project is only a small part of the beginning of a much larger system.

Public comment closed at 7:21 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. County Agencies:**

Approval of the Revised Memo of Understanding between the City and County Regarding the Joint Use Facility for the Police and Sheriff Departments.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through I as contained in the following Consent Agenda list:*

- A. Approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2002 Committee of the Whole
- B. Approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2002 Regular Board Meeting

**COUNTY AFFAIRS:**

- C. Receive the 2001 Register of Deeds Annual Report and file same with the County Clerk

**COUNTY AGENCIES:**

- D. Approve the Sheriff Department Applying for FY 2003 Community Correction Funds
- E. Receive the 2001 District Court Annual Report and file same with the County Clerk

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE:**

- F. Award the bid for the Jail elevator replacement to Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$73,360 with a 4.5% contingency for electrical and any unforeseen expenses including the bid and performance bonds for a total of \$77,202.51, with monies to come from budgeted Public Improvement Funds of \$71,207 and moving \$6,500 from the District Courtroom renovation project to cover finishing the project.
- G. Approve the Equalization budget transfer of \$19,240 to offset the health insurance increase
- H. Approve the Animal Control budget transfer of \$7,535 to offset health insurance increase.
- I. Approve the County Treasurer's budget transfer of \$4,310 to offset the health insurance increase.

Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. County Affairs:**

- 1) *Moved by Day supported by Reynolds to concur with the Chairman's Reappointment of County Treasurer Janet Rochefort to the Jackson County Building Authority for another 3 years, until June of 2005. Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Brittain to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot.* Motion carried.
- 2) *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to appoint James R. Dunn, Area Manager for Consumers Energy to succeed Dick Stuart on the EDC Board until February of 2008.* Motion carried.
- 3) **Appointments to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)**
  - a. *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to appoint James R. Dunn, Area Manager for Consumers Energy to succeed Dick Stuart on the BRA Board until March of 2005.* Motion carried
  - b. *Moved by Day supported by Shotwell to appoint Daniel Greer as the City Council's representative on the County BRA Board until March of 2005.* Motion carried
- 4) *Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to Adopt a Resolution to Establish and Provide for the Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Round/Farwell Lakes Section) with County bonds being issued for the cost of the project – estimated at \$5,870,000. Drain Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder addressed the issue. Roll call: (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 5) *Moved by Day supported by Adams to Adopt a Resolution to Establish and Provide for the Grass Lake Water Project with County bonds being issued for the cost of the Grass Lake Village portion of \$2,275,000 and for the cost of the*

*Grass Lake Township portion of \$1,200,000 (total \$3,475,000). Roll call (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.*

**B. County Agencies:**

1) *Moved by Reynolds supported by Shotwell to Approve the Revised Memo of Understanding between the City and County Regarding the Joint Use Facility for the Police and Sheriff Departments.* Motion carried.

**C. Human Services:**

No report but DeForest wanted the Commissioners to be aware that the Health Department is in the process of reviewing and updating the Health Code and to be certain to let their townships know.

**D. Personnel & Finance:**

1) *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Reynolds to Adopt the Resolution to Approve Plans, Cost Estimate, Estimate of the Period of Usefulness and Lease Contract and Approve Insertion of Notice of Intent into the Jackson Citizen Patriot Regarding the Jail Project. Moved by Elwell supported by Brittain to amend the motion to include the correction of the word "crate" which should read, "create".* Motion carried. Roll call: (13) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2) *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by DeForest to direct the County Administrator to urge Department Heads/Elected Officials to come up with the money to cover the increase in health insurance costs of their staff or, if this is impossible because of the size of their departments, to come up with a plan to assist in offsetting the increased health insurance costs.* Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Com. Herl reviewed the packet regarding the Redistricting Ad-hoc committee. Brittain questioned the point that timing and statutes prevent voting for seats on committees after new commissioners are seated in January. It was explained that the commissioner whose term was over would be off the committee as of December 31, but the citizens can remain in their seats until re-appointment. The votes would continue with or without a commissioner. This also presents the possibility of not having a quorum. Brittain questioned what would prevent commissioners who had been voted out of office from appointing themselves to the public seat?

*Moved by Herl supported by Reynolds to Receive the Report of the Redistricting Ad-hoc committee.* Motion carried reflecting a nay vote from Brittain.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Moved by Pascal supported by McNitt to send the following to the Human Services committee for consideration:*

Due to the large volume of trash going to land fills and to the County Incinerator, the limited success of current voluntary recycling efforts, to promote good stewardship of our natural resources, and for the greater good of the community, Jackson will contract with local waste haulers to provide bi-weekly curb side recycling for every home in all areas in the county where it is not presently being provided. At a minimum paper, newsprint, cardboard, metal, glass, and some plastics will be picked up for recycling.

The County will divide the County up into two roughly equal districts and contract out these services to the lowest bidder every two years, with the two lowest bidders each getting one of the two districts. The oversight and administration of this program will rest with the Jackson County Health Department.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by McNitt that there be an ad-hoc committee appointed to review the matter of Commissioner compensation.* Motion carried. Rice appointed Mahoney-Sherrod as Chair with members Elwell, Lacinski, Herl, and Shotwell.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CLAIMS:**

*Moved by McNitt supported by Elwell to allow the Claims.* Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment began at 7:56 p.m. with Joseph Patrell thanking the Commission for allowing him to address the issue of the sewer project.

Janet Rochefort gave an update on a landlord/tenant foreclosure court case that was decided in Judge Perlos's court this morning. She informed the Board that they would be pursuing an appeal.

John Tallis thanked Reynolds and DeForest for keeping his township up to date on County issues.

Travis Fojtasek, the president of Recycle Jackson expressed his interest in helping the citizens of Jackson recycle.

Public comment closed at 8:02 p.m.

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

*Moved by McNitt supported by Reynolds to adjourn to the call of the Chair.* Motion carried. The June 18, 2002 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

James Rice-Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners; Sandy Crowley-Jackson County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.