

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
July 22, 2008 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Shotwell called the July 22, 2008 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION: by Commissioner Mike Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by Chairman Steve Shotwell

ROLL CALL: County Clerk Amanda L. Riska

(12) Present: Commissioners Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, Elwell, and Shotwell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Cmr. Herl removed item 13 B. 2. – Resolution (07-08.19) Brownfield Plan for former Plastigage Site, 2917 Wildwood Avenue in Blackman Charter Township

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Duckham for the approval of the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation (07-08.02) Honoring the Grass Lake Warriors Baseball Team on Winning the State Division 3 Championship, June 14, 2008 – Chairman Shotwell presented the Resolution.

B. Resolution of Commendation – Board of Jackson County Road Commissioners Resolution 08-11 – Tony Phillips presented the Resolution to Randy Treacher.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. A. Use of Justice Assistance Grant Funds through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the United States Department of Justice
No public comment.

B. County of Jackson, Michigan, 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007 – Dave Fisher from Rehmann Robson presented the report.
No public comment.

Moved by Videto, supported by Lutchka to receive. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

The meeting was adjourned briefly to allow the commissioners who are members of the County Agencies Committee to meet behind Cmr. Mahoney's desk.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the 6/17/08 Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Mahoney for approval of the meeting minutes from the 6/17/08 Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissions. Motion carried unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA:

Cmr. Poleski asked that item 12. D. 4. be removed – Resolution (07-08.20) Authorizing Borrowing from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for the General Fund. Item was moved to 13. D. 1. under Personnel & Finance.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Videto for approval of the consent agenda as amended. Roll call: (12) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

A. County Affairs

1. Falling Waters Trail Contract Modification with JJR

B. County Agencies

None.

C. Human Services

2. Region 2 Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan - 2009
3. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program Administration Contract between Jackson County and Community Action Agency

D. Personnel & Finance

4. Resolution (07-08.20) Authorizing Borrowing from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for the General Fund
5. Budget Adjustments
 - a. District Court – Drunk Driving Assistance Funds
 - b. Airport

E. Claims - 6/1/08 - 6/30/08

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs – Commissioner Dave Lutchka

1. July 2008 Appointments
 - a. Upper Grand River Watershed Council – one public member, term to 5/31/2010

Cmr. Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Kathlyn Kulchinski. No other nominations from the floor. Kathlyn Kulchinski appointed.

B. County Agencies – Commissioner Gail W. Mahoney

1. Use of Justice Assistance Grant Funds through the Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the United States Department of Justice

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Herl to adopt the Use of Justice Assistance Grant Funds through the Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the United States Department of Justice. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution (07-08.19) Brownfield Plan for former Plastigage Site, 2917 Wildwood Avenue in Blackman Charter Township

C. Human Services – Commissioner Mike Way

None.

D. Personnel and Finance – Commissioner James Videto

1. Resolution (07-08.20) Authorizing Borrowing from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for the General Fund

Moved by Videto, supported by Herl to adopt Resolution (07-08.20) Authorizing Borrowing from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for the General Fund. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. A. Report from Administrator/Controller on Discontinuing the Use of Take-Home Vehicles (from 6-17-08 BOC Meeting)

Administrator/Controller Treacher provided information that the four vehicles belong to the Sheriff, Undersheriff, and two Captains and what the annual cost to have them is.

Moved by Brittain, supported by Duckham to Discontinue the Use of All Take-Home Vehicles. Roll Call: (2) Yeas. Cmr. Brittain and Duckham. (10) Nays. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. Motion failed.

Discussion was held. Several commissioners felt that the issue could be taken up again at budget time.

B. Progress Report of Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Resources of the Sheriff's Department.
Cmr. Poleski provided the report.

Clarification was given that the intent of the motion is simply to get an idea from the body as to whether or not the Ad Hoc committee can even start investigating if there would be potential to put the City and County resources together.

Moved by Poleski, supported by Way to Expand the Charge of the Committee to Include Consideration of a Co-Location. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Retirement System Options
Administrator/Controller Treacher provided a report regarding the MERS Retirement System.

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Brittain to Proceed with Further Study of MERS. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Expand the Scope of Responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Resources of the Sheriff's Department to Include Review of Options for Operating 911 Services.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Duckham to Expand the Scope of Responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Resources of the Sheriff's Department to Include Review of Options for Operating 911 Services. Roll Call: (11) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, and Way. (1) Nay. Cmr. Elwell.

Cmr. Elwell stated that he would not be supporting the motion and believes that the police chiefs in the County are satisfied with Central Dispatch.

B. Retirement Health Benefits for Elected Officials

Moved by Herl, supported by Mahoney that Any County-Wide Elected Official, Who Was Elected or Appointed on or after January 1, 2009, Would Need to Attain the Following Continuous Service Credit to be Eligible for Health Insurance Coverage in Retirement.

0-15 years 0%
16 years 75%
17 years 80%
18 years 85%
19 years 90%
20 years 95%

This motion would not apply to any person who currently receives these benefits and is elected or appointed to a county-wide position on or after January 1, 2009.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Brittain to Amend the Motion to Read that Any County-Wide Elected Official Who Was Elected or Appointed After the Date of Adoption of this Motion Would Need to Attain the Following Continuous Service Credit to be Eligible for Health Insurance Coverage in Retirement. Said Percentages on Years of Service Requirements Shall also Apply to All New-Hire, Non-Bargained Employees After the Date of Adoption.

0-19 years 0%
20 years 75%
21 years 80%

22 years 85%
23 years 90%
24 years 95%
25 years 100%

This Motion Would not Apply to Any Person Who Currently Receives These Benefits and is Elected or Appointed to a County-Wide Position on or After the Date of Adoption of this Motion.

Administrator/Controller Treacher stated that he would like to be able to discuss this with the Department Heads before the commission voted, so they were at least aware of the motion.

Moved by Videto, supported by Herl to Table the Motion Until the Next Board of Commissioner Meeting. Roll Call: (6) Yeas. Cmr.s. Herl, Lutchka, Poleski, Videto, Brown, and Way. (6) Nays. Cmr.s. Brittain, Duckham, Shotwell, Mahoney, Smith, and Elwell. Motion failed.

Cmr. Elwell pulled his amended motion, however it was found that the amendment had to be voted on. Roll Call: (3) Yeas. Cmr.s. Brittain, Poleski, and Videto. (9) Nays. Cmr.s. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. Motion failed.

Moved by Brittain, supported by Elwell to Amend the Original Motion to be Effective at the Commencement of the Meeting with the Percentages as Follows:

0-20 years 0%
21 years 75%
22 years 80%
23 years 85%
24 years 90%
25 years 95%

Roll Call: (10) Yeas. Cmr.s. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (2) Nays. Cmr.s. Videto and Shotwell.

The commissioners voted on the original motion with the amendment. Roll Call: (9) Yeas. Cmr.s Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (3) Nays. Cmr.s. Poleski, Videto, and Shotwell.

C. New/Revised Policies

1. Revised Personnel Policy No. 3330 – Identification Badges

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Herl to Adopt Revised Personnel Policy No. 3330 Regarding Identification Badge. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Revised Purchasing Policy No. 2020 – Purchasing Procedures

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Way to Adopt Revised Purchasing Policy No. 2020 Regarding Purchasing Procedures.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Mahoney to Amend the Motion to strike the word “depending” from the sentence in bold that states “depending on the amount of the purchase, with no language following “shall be used.” Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Duckham to Amend the Motion to Strike Letter E. – Jackson County Fair, from the Applicability Portion of the Policy. Roll Call: (9) Yeas. Cmr.s. Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (3) Nays. Cmr.s. Herl, Lutchka, and Videto. Motion carried.

Original Motion – ***Moved by Mahoney, supported by Way to Adopt Revised Purchasing Policy No. 2020 Regarding Purchasing Procedures.*** Roll Call: (11) Yeas. Cmr.s. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (1) Nay. Cmr. Videto.

3. New Information Technology Policy No. 6070 – Network Password Policy

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Lutchka to Adopt Policy No. 6070 Regarding the Network Password Policy. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Set Date for Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to Make Final Selection for the Deputy Administrator Position (week of August 4)

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Mahoney that on the Issue of Hiring the Deputy County Administrator, I Move to Authorize the Administrator/Controller to Conduct Further Background Checks and a Site Visit as Approved by the Board of Commissioners. In Addition, Allow the Administrator/Controller, to Make an Offer of Employment Within the Salary Range for the Position, to Adam Brown if he Determines it to be Appropriate and in the Best Interest of Jackson County. Roll Call: (12) Yeas. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jack DeBoe spoke in favor of the Divided We Fail effort.

Mindy Reilly thanked the Commission for not revising the retiree health benefits for non-union employees prior to discussion with Department Heads/Elected Officials.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Cmr. Brittain requested that an incentive program for departments under budget be in the next study session.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Shotwell adjourned the July 22, 2008 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at 9:14 p.m.

James E. Shotwell – Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Amanda L. Riska – County Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Carrienne VanDusseldorp – Chief Deputy County Clerk