

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
August 19, 2008 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Shotwell called the August 19, 2008 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION: by Commissioner Todd Brittain

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:

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

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation Honoring Betty Konipecki for Site Leadership to the Leoni Township Community – Chairman Shotwell presented the Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing Regarding a Revision to the Parks Ordinance to Add a New Section 13, Entitled "Non-Motorized Pathways"

No public comment.

B. Public Hearing Regarding Inclusion into the County's Brownfield Plan of the Former Plastigage Site Located at 2917 Wildwood Avenue Within Blackman Charter Township, in the County of Jackson, Michigan

Amy Torres, Director of Economic Development and Jay Hoffman, Attorney representing owner Dale Stevens were present and answered questions from the Board.

No public comment.

C. Public Hearing Regarding Community Outreach for U.S. EPA Hazardous Waste and Petroleum Assessment Grants for the Benefit of the County of Jackson, Michigan

Amy Torres spoke.

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Monica Moser asked for support for her appointment to the LifeWays Board of Directors.

Mike Hoover spoke supporting Monica Moser for appointment to the LifeWays Board.

Tony Lewis asked introduced himself and asked for support in appointing him to the LifeWays Board.

John Wilson spoke against the County contributing to the Enterprise Group.

Tony Philipps asked for support of the Road Commission ordinance request.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the 7/22/08 Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners will be provided in September.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. County Affairs

1. Road Commission 2007 Annual Financial Report
2. Falling Waters Trail Grant Agreement Deadline Extension
3. Trailhead Agreement with Summit Township
4. Amendment to Parks Ordinance to Add a New Section 13, Entitled "Non-Motorized Pathways"
5. Village of Parma Sewer Project – Resolution (08-08.24) to Approve and Authorize Execution of Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Parma Wastewater Treatment Plant Section) Contracts and to Provide for Certain Other Matters
6. Village of Parma Sewer Project – Resolution (08-08.25) to Authorize Issuance of Bonds for Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Parma Wastewater Treatment Plant Section)
7. Rives Township Sewer Project – Resolution (08-08.26) to Approve and Authorize Execution of Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Rives Township Section) Contracts and Agreements and to Provide for Certain Other Matters Pertaining Thereto
8. Rives Township Sewer Project – Resolution (08-08.27) to Authorize Issuance of Bonds for Jackson County Wastewater Disposal Facility (Rives Township Section)
9. Loan Resolution (08-08.28) (Public Bodies) – RUS Bulletin 1780-27

B. County Agencies

10. Resolution (08-08.29) Brownfield Plan for former Plastigage Site, 2917 Wildwood Avenue in Blackman Charter Township

C. Human Services

11. Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contract (CPBC) Agreement for October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

D. Personnel & Finance

12. Management Response to 2007 Audit Comments and Recommendations
13. Proposed BCBS Dependent Continuation Language Change
14. Deletion of Full-Time Position from 2nd Shift
15. Resolution (08-08.23) Adopting Amendment No. 2008-2 to Retirement System Bylaws
16. Deletion of Full-Time Position – Friend of the Court
17. Budget Increase to Increase Casual Funding by \$14,000 in Friend of the Court
18. Budget Adjustment for Youth Center

E. Claims – 7/1/08 – 7/31/08

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs – Commissioner Dave Lutchka

1. August 2008 Appointments

a. Agricultural Preservation Board – one public member, term to 6-30-2011

Cmr. Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Robert Sutherby.

Moved by Elwell, supported by Herl to send this appointment back to Affairs. Motion passed 11-1; Brittain opposed.

b. LifeWays – one public member, term to 3-31-2011

Cmr. Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Monica Moser. Cmr. Mahoney nominated Tony Lewis. Roll Call: (10) Moser. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Smith, Way, Elwell, and Shotwell. (2) Lewis. Cmr. Mahoney and Brown. *Monica Moser appointed.*

2. Request that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners Adopt the Jackson County Road Commission's Policy No. 08-01 Roads Terminating at Navigable Waters as a County Ordinance that Specifies a Penalty for Violation of the Ordinance and Aforementioned Policy

Discussion was held. Cmr. Elwell recommended tightening up the language in the actual policy to prevent room for interpretation.

Moved by Lutchka, supported by Elwell to Adopt the Jackson County Road Commission's Policy No. 08-01 Roads Terminating at Navigable Waters as a County Ordinance that Specifies a Penalty for Violation of the Ordinance and Aforementioned Policy. Roll Call: (10) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (2) Nays. Cmr. Brittain and Duckham. Motion carried.

B. County Agencies – Commissioner Gail W. Mahoney

None.

C. Human Services – Commissioner Mike Way

None.

D. Personnel and Finance – Commissioner James Videto

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Motion that any non-union employee needs to attain the following continuous service credit to be eligible for health insurance coverage in retirement, effective with the commencement of this meeting:

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

Moved by Elwell, supported by Way that any non-union employee needs to attain the following continuous service credit to be eligible for health insurance coverage in retirement, effective with the commencement of this meeting.

Moved by Brittain, supported by Elwell to insert language that states that this motion only applies to new-hires.

The new motion shall read as follows: that any non-union employee needs to attain the following continuous service credit to be eligible for health insurance coverage in retirement, effective for new hires with the commencement of this meeting:

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

Roll Call: (9) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Brittain, Duckham, Poleski, Mahoney, Brown, Smith, Way, and Elwell. (3) Nays. Cmr. Lutchka, Videto, and Shotwell. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Monica Moser thanked the Board for appointing her to the LifeWays Board.

Tony Philipps thanked the Board for their support for the Road Commission ordinance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Cmr. Mahoney spoke regarding the Michigan Association of Commissioners. She had information regarding the conversion from analog to digital television, and discussed issues regarding homelessness.

Cmr. Brittain congratulated Amanda Riska and Jeff Kruse on their election victories.

Cmr. Poleski commented on health insurance matters.

Cmr. Lutchka announced the September 20th Family Farm Fest.

Cmr. Herl thanked the Board for approval of the sewer projects. He also commented on the success of the Jackson County Fair.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Shotwell adjourned the August 19, 2008 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at 7:53 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