

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
September 18, 2001 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lacinski called the September 18, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

County Administrator/Controller Chet Taraskiewicz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

(14) Present: Cmsrs. Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, Rice, Baum, DeForest, Reynolds, Adams, Herl, Elwell, Pascal, Beardslee, Thulin, Day, & Lacinski. (1) Absent: Cmr. Brittain

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Lacinski added 16a., Motion to go into Closed Session. *Moved by Baum supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to approve the agenda.* Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod, supported by DeForest to adopt a resolution honoring Jerry Bethel on receiving the "2001 Department Head of the Year Peer Recognition Award". Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Employee of the Month of August Award to Terry Crawford, Legal Secretary, Prosecutor's Office, presented by Chairman Bob Lacinski, Remarks by David Lady.

B. Employee of the Month of September Award to Randy Treacher, Deputy County Administrator, Presented by Chairman Bob Lacinski, Remarks by Chet Taraskiewicz.

C. Presentations Honoring Jerry Bethel:

1) Resolution Honoring Jerry Bethel, Facilities Manager, for Receiving the Department Head of the Year-2001 Award (Presented by Chairman Bob Lacinski)

2) Presentation of Award on Behalf of the Department Heads and Elected Officials who Nominated Jerry (Presented by Human Resources Director Ruth Pozner)

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

SPECIAL ORDER/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing on the EDC Project Plan and Issuance of Bonds for the Vista Grande Villa Project. Dave Miller was present for the public hearing, but there were no questions. Mr. Miller explained a little bit about Vista Grande Villa's 205 apartments, 60-bed health center, 69 assisted living, and the construction of a 16-unit 1-story duplex. He then introduced Richard Tucker from Vista Grande Villa. Public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

David Miller announced that Eaton Hydraulics owns 2 plants and will be closing one. Incentives were offered by Jackson County to keep them viable and the Rockford, IL plant will be the one closing. This will save 142 jobs and possibly add 80-119 jobs from Rockford.

Randy introduced his family, Wendy, Colin, Mark & Tim.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment opened at 7:23 p.m. with Nancy Seydell, the Tompkins Township Supervisor. She asked the Commission for support for the resolution regarding the safety issue of M-50 & Rives Junction Rd.

She also commented that she has hope for the human race. Sunday she assisted Parks in handing out 2000 flags at Cascades. 3000 people prayed for unity, peace, and wisdom for our leaders. She is proud to be an American.

Public comment closed 7:29 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING STANDING COMMITTEES:

Human Services:

a. *Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by Beardslee to recommend to the full Board approval of the CPBC Agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Jackson County Board of Commissioners for FY 2001/2002.* Motion carried.

b. *Moved by Beardslee supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to recommend to the full Board adoption of the resolution in support of relief efforts in the September 11, 2001 disaster.* Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Herl supported by Reynolds to Approve the Consent Agenda items A through P as written. Motion carried.

A. Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2001 Regular Board Meeting

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

COUNTY AGENCIES:

HUMAN SERVICES:

B. Approve MSU Extension – Jackson County’s grant application for a Jackson County Community Foundation Grant to establish a local youth council in the amount of \$22,004, requiring in-kind support from Jackson County in the amount of \$12,890

C. Approve the first reading of the Health Department fee schedule which will go into effect on November 1, 2001.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE

D. Approve the Parks budget adjustment connected with the Swain’s Lake DNR Grant

E. Approve the following regarding imaging software and hardware for the Friend of the Court in a total amount of \$74,917.50:

1) To award the Friend of the Court’s imaging software bid to Hasselbring-Clark of Lansing, Michigan in the amount of \$40,095.50

2) To purchase one Dell Model 4400 Server at a cost of \$9,922

3) To purchase 24 Dell P1100 21” PC monitors for key persons at a cost of \$12,500

4) To install fiber optic cabling at the Friend of the Court building at a cost of \$12,000

5) To allow \$400 for incidentals

F. **Approve the Prosecuting Attorney’s Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract and Restrictions on Lobbying Certification, effective October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002**

G. **Approve the Friend of the Court’s Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract and Restrictions on Lobbying Certification, effective October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002**

H. **Approve the Department on Aging budget adjustments which reflect an increase in grant dollars**

- I. **Approve the Health Department FY 2002 budget, which includes a County General Fund appropriation to the Health Department of \$515,000**
- J. **To continue the contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield as 3rd party administrator for the County's self insured insurance plan**
- K. **To accept the Prudential proposal for life and AD&D and optional life and dependent life insurance for coverage with a three-year rate guarantee**
- L. **To approve the UNUM proposal to provide supplemental critical care insurance coverage as an added benefit to the cafeteria plan wheel of benefits**
- M. **To approve the budget adjustment to move \$60,000 from the 2001 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority County allocation to Contingency**
- N. **To approve the budget adjustment to cover the purchase of 226 and 228 W. Franklin Street for \$35,635, which were purchased for Courthouse parking, with funds to be taken from Contingency**
- O. **To award the purchase of a used van for the County Treasurer's Office to Extreme Dodge in the amount of \$15,019, with funds to come from the Forfeiture Fund**
- P. **To receive the report prepared by Finance Officer Tony Samon, which responds to concerns in the Audit Management Letter.** Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. County Affairs

1) **Appointments to the Board of County Canvassers. *Moved by Day supported by Thulin to accept the recommendation of committee appointing Barry Marsh as the Republican representative on the Board of Canvassers. Moved by Herl supported by Elwell to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Barry Marsh.*** Motion carried. ***Moved by Day supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to accept the recommendation of committee appointing Kay Pepper as the Democratic representative on the Board of Canvassers. Moved by Baum supported by Pascal to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Kay Pepper.*** Motion carried.

2) ***Moved by Day supported by Reynolds to adopt the resolution approving the EDC Project Plan and issuance of bonds for the Vista Grande Villa project.*** Roll call: (14) Yeas. The motion carried unanimously.

3) ***Moved by Day supported by Elwell to adopt the resolution supporting safety measures at the intersection of M-50 and Rives Junction Road.*** Roll call: (14) Yeas. The motion carried unanimously.

4) ***Moved by Rice supported by Thulin to approve the newly appointed Road Commissioners shall be provided health insurance benefits only if they do not have no-cost health insurance available through another employer, spousal coverage, or a part of a retirement or disability benefit from a previous employer.*** Mahoney-Sherrod feels that full time deserves benefits. Rice does not deny benefits, only if they don't have benefits from another source. Mahoney-Sherrod said that there is generally a cash reward in lieu of insurance. Day said "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". The townships are very pleased with the Road Commission. ***Moved by Herl to table.*** Lacinski ruled against the motion. When tie occurs it fails. Consider the issue and be finished with it. Lacinski clarified that a yes vote takes away the benefits, a no vote, remains status quo. Elwell clarifies this only effects new commissioners. Roll call requested by Chair. Roll call: (6) Yeas. Elwell, Reynolds, Rice, Pascal, Thulin, & Beardslee.

(8) Nays. McNitt, DeForest, Herl, Adams, Baum, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, & Lacinski. Motion defeated.

5) ***Moved by Thulin, supported by Pascal to approve Pension benefits being eliminated for Newly appointed Road Commissioners.*** Reynolds points out that you must work 8 years to be vested. Lacinski clarifies that a yes vote removes the pension benefits, no vote remains status quo. The Chair requested a Roll call vote: (10) Nays. Reynolds, DeForest, Herl, Adams, Beardslee, Baum, Day, Mahoney-Sherrod, McNitt, & Lacinski. (4) Yeas. Rice, Pascal, Thulin, & Elwell. Motion defeated.

B. County Agencies:

1) *Moved by McNitt supported by Rice to adopt the E 9-1-1 Surcharge Resolution of Intent initiating the process of amending the E 9-1-1 Service Plan by establishing a public hearing at its December 18, 2001 Board meeting at 5:45 p.m., and rescinding the previous motion of August 14, 2001 which established the public hearing on the E 9-1-1 surcharge for November.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

McNitt spoke to Dan Heyns regarding the jail population of 202, capacity 193. The County cannot board out prisoners that have not been sentenced or that have medical & psychological problems.

McNitt also discussed an article given to him by Charles Adkins indicating a serious rise of juvenile and female crime. Let's stop filling up the jails and mentor youths.

C. Human Services:

1) *Moved by DeForest supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to Approve the Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contract Agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and Jackson County Board of Commissioners for FY 2001/2002.* Lacinski requested a roll call vote. Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2) *Moved by DeForest, supported by Mahoney-Sherrod to Adopt a Resolution in Support of Relief Efforts in the September 11, 2001 Disaster.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

3) *Moved by DeForest supported by Day to adopt a resolution honoring John L. Resor as recipient of the 2001 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for Volunteer Service.* Roll call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

4) *Moved by DeForest supported by Baum to adopt a resolution honoring Betty Dahlem Desbians as recipient of the 2001 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for Volunteer Leadership.* Roll Call: (14) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Personnel & Finance:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

McNitt reminded everyone about the Government Mall show on October 13, 2001 at the Jackson Crossing.

CONSIDERATION & ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

Moved by McNitt supported by Elwell to allow the claims. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Tucker thanked the Board for their support.

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by McNitt to go into closed session after public comment. Motion carried.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners went into closed session at 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR:

Moved by Mahoney-Sherrod supported by McNitt to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried.

The September 18, 2001 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Robert Lacinski – Chair, Jackson County Board of Commissioners; Sandy Crowley – Jackson County Clerk Respectfully submitted by Erin Foster, Chief Deputy County Clerk.