

Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meetings Minutes
September 23, 2008 - Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners Chambers: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Shotwell called the September 23, 2008 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: by Commissioner Mike Way

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by Chairman Steve Shotwell

ROLL CALL: County Clerk Amanda L. Riska

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

(1) Absent: Commissioner Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Shotwell added Travel Expenses under #14 New Business. Moved by Mahoney, supported by Brittain for the approval of the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

A. National Association of Counties (NACO) 2008 Achievement Award Winner – Jackson County, Michigan for its program “Courts-to-School”

Chairman Shotwell presented the Award. The Chair of County Agencies, Cmr. Mahoney accepted the Award on the County's behalf.

B. Resolution (09-08.32) Commending the Jackson County Health Department on Achieving Accreditation

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Elwell to Approve Resolution (09-08.32) Commending the Jackson County Health Department on Achieving Accreditation. Roll Call: (11) Yeas. Motion Carried unanimously.

Chairman Shotwell presented the Resolution.

Ted Westmeier accepted the Resolution on behalf of the Health Department.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

SPECIAL ORDERS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Strategic Planning Presentations

1. Cooperation Between Governments – Cliff Herl gave update.
2. Economic Vision of Jackson County - Karen Coffman gave update.
3. Vision of a Healthy Community – Shelly Bullinger gave update.
4. Quality of Life – Kristy Smith gave update.
5. Improved Work Environment – Brandon Ransom gave update.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Gaede asked to be considered for appointment to the Agricultural Preservation Board.

Robert Sutherby asked to be considered for appointment to the Agricultural Preservation Board.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the 7/22/08 and 8/08/08 Special and 7/22/08 Regular Meetings of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Herl, supported by Lutchka to approve the Minutes of the 7/22/08 and 8/08/08 Special and 7/22/08 Regular Meetings of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Cmr. Brittain asked that item B. 4. regarding the Inmate Food Service Contract for the Jackson County Jail System be removed from the Consent Agenda. Item was moved to 13. B. 1. under County Agencies.

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Elwell for approval of the consent agenda as amended. Roll call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

A. County Affairs

1. Resolution (09-08.30) Authorizing the Jackson County Board of Commissioners Chair, James E. Shotwell, Jr., to Sign Amended MDOT Contract #2007-0615/A1 (Federal Project #B-26-0051-1707)

2. Resolution (09-08.31) Authorizing the County Board of Commissioners Chair, James E. Shotwell, Jr., to Sign MDOT Contract #2008-0530 (Federal Project #B-26-0051-2205)

3. Proposed Contract to SME for Environmental Services

B. County Agencies

4. Inmate Food Service Contract for Jackson County Jail System

5. Child Support Contract between the DHS, the County of Jackson and the Prosecuting Attorney

6. Livestock Loss Claim

7. Resolution (09-08.34) Opt-Out Tax Exempt Resolution Grass Lake Charter Township LDFA (2nd Time)

C. Human Services

8. 2008-2009 Proposed Budget – Jackson County Health Department

D. Personnel & Finance

9. FTE Reduction Schedule

10. Friend of the Court CRP Contract

11. Friend of the Court 2008-2009 Budget

12. Resolution (09-08.33) for the Adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Group Health Plan of Jackson County

13. Budget Adjustments

E. Claims – 8/1/08 – 8/31/08

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. County Affairs – Commissioner Dave Lutchka

1. September 2008 Appointments

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

Cmr. Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Roger Gaede. Cmr. Brittain nominated Robert Sutherby. Roll Call: (9) Gaede. Cmsrs. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Mahoney, Way, Elwell, and Shotwell. (2) Sutherby. Cmsrs. Brittain, and Brown. *Roger Gaede appointed.*

b. Jackson LDFA/LBRA – one Commission Member, term to 2012

Cmr. Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Mike Brown. No other nominations from the floor. (11) Yeas. *Mike Brown appointed.*

c. Upper Grand River Watershed Council – one public member, term to 5/31/2010

Cmr. Lutchka stated that the committee recommended Jeffrey Heston. No other nominations from the floor. (11) Yeas. *Jeffrey Heston appointed.*

B. County Agencies – Commissioner Gail W. Mahoney

1. Inmate Food Service Contract for Jackson County Jail System

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Way to Approve the Inmate Food Service Contract for the Jackson County Jail System.

Moved by Brittain, supported by Duckham to Table Issue Until Three Different Bids are Received. Roll Call: (3) Yeas. Cmr. Brittain, Duckham, and Mahoney. (8) Nays. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Brown, Way, and Elwell. Motion failed.

Much discussion held. Some commissioners are not satisfied with the contract, as well as not following the policy on the bidding process. Other alternatives were suggested by some commissioners.

Roll Call on Original Motion: (9) Yeas. Cmr. Herl, Lutchka, Duckham, Poleski, Videto, Shotwell, Brown, Way, and Elwell. (2) Nays. Cmr. Brittain and Mahoney. Motion carried.

C. Human Services – Commissioner Mike Way

None.

D. Personnel and Finance – Commissioner James Videto

1. One Time Payment of \$100,000 to Enterprise Group

Moved by Videto, supported by Mahoney to Make a One Time Payment of \$100,000 to the Enterprise Group. Roll Call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Travel Expenses

Moved by Poleski, supported by Elwell to Approve Travel Expenses up to \$1500 for Cmr. Mahoney for MAC and NACO Related Travel Expenses Until the End of 2008. (10) Yeas. (1) Nay. Motion carried, with Cmr. Brittain opposing.

B. Fiscal Policy 900-1090 Revisions

Policy 900 – Fiscal Policies
Policy 1000 – Budget Resolution
Policy 1010 – Balanced Budget
Policy Policy 1020 – Additional Operating Appropriation Policy
Policy 1030 – Capital Budget Policy
Policy 1040 – Departmental Float Policy
Policy 1050 – Budgetary Adjustment Policy
Policy 1060 – Transfers Out-Appropriations Policy
Policy 1070 – Unreserved Fund Balance Policy
Policy 1080 – Budget Stabilization Fund Policy
Policy 1090 – Public Improvement Fund Policy

Moved by Mahoney, supported by Brittain to Approve Fiscal Policy 900-1090 Revisions with the Understanding that the Administrator/Controller Can Clean Up Any Language that May Be Inadvertently Written. Roll Call: (11) Yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roger Gaede thanked the Board for his appointment.

Robert Sutherby congratulated Roger Gaede on his appointment and asked the Board to keep him in mind for future Boards.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Cmr. Videto recognized staff and community participants in strategic planning process.

Cmr. Poleski stated that he was glad they moved forward on the Enterprise Group contribution.

Cmr. Duckham announced the Tim Walberg Town Hall meeting on October 9th at 5:30 p.m. at the Super 8 Motel.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Shotwell adjourned the September 23, 2008 meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at 8:14 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