

Jackson County Committee Meetings Minutes County Agencies - January 11, 2010

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Gail W. Mahoney, Vice-Chairman Phil Duckham Jim Videto, Jeff Kruse, Jon Williams

Steve Shotwell, Jr., Chairman,
Earl Poleski, Vice-Chairman

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED/ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

A. Brown, S. Schweizer, R. Treacher, H. Klafft, T. Bates, D. Heyns, A. Riska, P. Grubba, P. Rayl

MEETING CONVENED

10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Kruse, supported by Videto to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Videto, supported by Williams to approve the minutes of the 12/7/09 County Agencies Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

B. Reports/Action Items

1. Sheriff – **Quarterly Report** – Sheriff Dan Heyns provided a powerpoint presentation regarding updates in the Sheriff's Office. A copy of this presentation will be provided to all commissioners.

Sheriff Heyns wanted to review 2009 and show where money was spent. Traffic enforcement has a positive effect besides revenue – they result in a reduction in accidents. They handled 43% of out-county calls. Inmate bookings are down somewhat. They are continuing to rent out bedspace if it is available which results in a considerable amount of revenue for the county. They did extremely well this year in revenue generation in the area of lodging of parolees. Patrol division – dispatch (911) - calls for service is up dramatically, probably due to downsizing of other local law enforcement and the Michigan State Police. The Sheriff complimented the great work of the major crimes task force with the sharing of information and cooperation of multiple agencies. Animal control has been a success story for them. They have been doing a great job and he is very proud of the work they have done. For 2009 as a whole, he is very proud of the work his people have done. He also thanked the committee for all their support of their efforts. Williams expressed his appreciation for the 9th district as he always hears of the good job being done by the sheriff's office.

2. County Clerk – **Quarterly Report** – Amanda Riska presented an update on the Clerk's office. She was contacted by governor about the 65th district seat opening in regard to dates, etc. for a possible special election. It is possible to have a primary on March 16 which would have a filing deadline of January 29. The general election would then coincide with the normal May 4 election date. It is up to the governor to decide to call or not to call for a special election.

Amanda asked if the Committee would like to review the mileage paid to jurors. Jackson County pays the state recommended mileage payment, but other counties pay much less. She will provide the data of what the county paid last year and the list of what other counties pay and the Committee can take action if they desire.

The fingerprinting service currently utilized needs another location and the Clerk talked with the Sheriff's office and the Administrator/Controller's Office to see if a location in the Tower building was available. The representative's office on the main floor of the Tower building will be available and will be used for CCW finger printing only during the normal hours, by appointment only.

The Clerk would like to sell divorce form packet kits for \$35-40, which is the current rate for such a forms packet. It may help with the Clerk's office in answering questions from the public and would help the customer to have forms designed for use in the Jackson court system.

Motion: Moved by Williams, supported by Duckham to have the Administrator/ Controller review this item and then forward to the full Board for consideration (1st reading). Motion passed.

3. Youth Center – **Quarterly Report** – Patrick Grubba provided an update for the Youth Center. It was a challenging year regarding staff since they were not at full staff a good portion of the time. A more detailed report can be provided at their next reporting time.

4. District Court

a. **Contract for Court Appointed Services** – Misdemeanant Defendants

The committee took no action. They asked that the Administrator/Controller work with District Court and the judges to negotiate an agreed-upon salary/fee and bring the item back to committee with a recommendation.

Duckham stated that the D12 website seemed very slow and was there any way to improve it? The areas of concern were the calendar and history. Tammy will check into this.

5. Enterprise Group

a. **Scorecard – November 2009** – There were no questions on the report.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Claims – The December claims were not available due to year end. They will be presented for payment in February.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mahoney invited everyone to the Martin Luther King annual dinner at JCC on Saturday, January 16. She is going to be a recipient of an award.

ADJOURNMENT

To the call of the Chair at 11:20 a.m.