

Jackson County Boards and Commissions

911 Advisory Committee

Meetings: quarterly, 2021 meetings Feb. 1, May 3, Aug. 2, Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m., Jackson County Human Service Bldg., 1715 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI 49201, in Room 248

To provide recommendations to Jackson County regarding qualifications and levels of staffing, technical policy, policies and procedures, budget and operations

Airport Board

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:00 am, EAA Hangar, 3606 Wildwood Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202

Provide airport with supporting infrastructure for aviation and community partners

Anti-Discrimination Ad-Hoc Committee

Meetings: contact info: Administrator/Controller's Office 517-788-4335

Assist the county in developing Anti-Discrimination Policy

Board of Canvassers

Meetings: contact info: 517-768-6759, 312 S. Jackson St., Jackson MI 49201

The Board is responsible for canvassing and certifying all primaries and elections held in Jackson County. Also responsible for conducting recounts of votes cast, validation and inspection of Election Equipment, Election workers and Election procedures in Jackson County.

Board of Public Works

Meetings: contact info: 517-788-4335, 120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201

Involved in all facets of sewer construction in the county, including grants, bids, funding, rights of way, etc. Also involved in landfill operation and the Resource Recovery Facility (incinerator).

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Meetings: contact info: Amy Dickerson, 517-768-8507, 312 S. Jackson St., 512 Court Bldg., Jackson, MI 49201, email: adickerson@mijackson.org

Primary responsibility is the development of a comprehensive corrections plan consistent with the requirements of P.A. 511 and the criteria, standards, rules and policies developed by the State pursuant to Section 4 of the Act.

County Building Authority

Meetings: as needed, contact info: Karen Coffman, Jackson County Treasurer, 517-788-4418, email: Kcoffman@mijackson.org

To oversee and direct financial investments and bonds of building projects, i.e. Youth Home addition, Cascades Falls renovation, Courthouse/Tower Building/Woolworth Building remodeling, Health Department addition, new Medical Care Facility

Department of Health and Human Services Board

Meetings: contact info: 517-780-7600, 301 Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, MI 49201

Priorities may be found in Section 400.45 of Public Act 280 of 1939

HE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT Act 280 of 1939 AN ACT to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates.

Department on Aging Advisory Council

Meetings: contact info: 517-788-4364, 1715 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI 49201

Provides information about the needs and opinions of older adults in Jackson County, offers input on the desirability of programs, advises Department on Aging on matters concerning senior citizens.

Economic Development Corporation of Jackson County

Meetings: *EDC Board Meetings are held on an as-needed basis, and no meetings have occurred in 2020 but the Annual meeting is anticipated for the first or second week in December, and meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Please check the bulletin board at the Jackson County Tower Building for upcoming meetings for 2020 and for Zoom Meeting log-in credentials. To reach EDC Staff – Alex Masten, Debbie Kelly, or Emily Cones, please call 517-788-4455.*

Purpose is to bring quality jobs and new investment to the county and help existing businesses succeed. Manages two financial incentive programs: the Revolving Loan Fund Program and the Private Activity Bond Program

Emergency Management Advisory Council

Meetings: contact info: Jason Breining 517-768-7946

Advise the chairperson and the Emergency Management Coordinator on matters pertaining to emergency management, especially in plan development.

Employees Retirement System Board

Meetings: contact info: Jessica Gerlach. Pension Coordinator, jgerlach@mijackson.org

Primary responsibility is general administration, management and proper operation of the Retirement System.

Fair Board

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 5:30 pm., Jackson County Fair Office, 200 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI 49201

Operating the County Fair and publishing the Fair Premium Book each year.

Food Protection Hearing Board

Meetings: this board only meets when the Health Department takes a serious enforcement action (formal hearing) on the license of a restaurant.

Hospital Finance Authority

Meetings: no contact info found. Daniel Mahoney is the appointed Board Commissioner
Primary responsibilities are to construct, acquire, reconstruct, remodel, improve, add to, enlarge, repair, own and lease hospital facilities for the use of a hospital within the boundaries of Jackson County

Human Services Coordinating Alliance

Meetings: 4th Monday of each month, 12 noon, Jackson County Human Services Building, 1715 Lansing Ave., Jackson MI 49201

Mission statement not found

Jackson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (Enterprise Group)

Meetings: administered by the Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc., 517-788-4455, 100 E. Michigan Ave., #1100, Jackson, MI 49201

Help companies build a tax base, rejuvenate decaying infrastructure, establish a rapport with the community, re-vitalized depressed urban areas.

Jackson County Land Bank Authority

Meetings: contact info: Karen Coffman, Jackson County Treasurer, 517-788-4418

Created to return tax reverted property (commonly from tax foreclosures) to productive use.

The Land Bank will buy, renovate, resell in a designated area with the goal of owner-occupancy.

Jackson County Planning Commission

Meetings: 2021 – Thursdays, Aug.12, Sept. 9, Oct.14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9; 6:00 p.m., Commission Chambers on the 5th floor of Jackson County Tower Building (120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI 49201)

Duties include reviews and recommendations on township zoning ordinance amendments, community land use and master plans, and farmland and open space preservation agreements. The JCPC also maintains the Jackson Community Comprehensive Plan.

JACTS Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study Policy Committee

Meetings: as of May 2021 Region 2 Planning Commission are still being held remotely, see Region 2 Planning Commission Website

Provide the leadership necessary for the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use – Transportation Planning Study (see Region 2 Planning Commission for projects)

Jury Board

Meetings: for more information see Jackson County Clerk, Amanda Kirkpatrick, 517-788-4268, 312 S. Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201

Operates under PA 454 of 2000

600.1301 Jury board; appointment; qualifications; terms; existing boards; vacancies.

Sec. 1301.

(1) In counties having a population of less than 2,000,000, the jury board consists of 3 qualified electors of the county appointed by the county board of commissioners on recommendation of the circuit judges of the judicial circuit in which the county is situated, not more than 2 of whom shall be members of the same political party. The appointments shall be for 6-year terms.

Duties not found on Jackson County website. From Clinton County, MI website:

Purpose

The County Jury Board conducts annual jury draw, assign specific jury panels, and review jury questionnaires to determine if individuals are qualified to serve.

Parks Board

Meetings: monthly meetings are generally held in the Parks/ Fair Office Conference Room, Contact info: 517-788-4320, 128 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI 49201

Policy making board, operating and maintaining the Parks and Recreation System of Jackson County.

Remonumentation Peer Group

Meetings: contact info: County Surveyor Dean Gutekunst, 517-784-9548, email: GutekunstSurveyors@yahoo.com

The Remonumentation Program strives to identify and remark property controlling corners in Jackson County. These property controlling corners locate land ownership, both public and private, in the County.

Activities: Participate in the State's Remonumentation Program by applying for grant money. Interface with the County Surveyor to coordinate remonumentation work with local surveyors and purchase of equipment required to complete the work. Cooperate with grant requirements for reimbursement by filing applicable forms for remonumentation work completed in the

County. Report to Michigan's Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation to document remonumentation work done for the grant year

Sanitary Code Board of Appeals

Meetings: meetings are called when necessary to hear appeals and are held at the Health Department, 1715 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI 49201

Contact through Environmental Health Programs: 517-788-4433 or ehhealth@mijackson.org

The Sanitary Code Board of Appeals primary responsibility is to hear variance requests for water and sewage systems for on-site wells and sewage systems for new construction.

Street Naming and Addressing Committee

Street Naming and Addressing Ordinance - Jackson County

"This ordinance shall establish a Street Naming and Address Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing and making changes to existing addresses and road names. When non-conformity is identified, a thorough investigation by the 911/Central Dispatch Director and GIS Manager will take place. If it is determined the non-conformity interferes with the accurate dispatch and response of emergency vehicles, County services or U.S. mail and delivery services which affect the community's health, safety and welfare, the committee shall review the non-conformity taking into consideration a variety of factors recognizing that not all non-conformities require a change. This Committee shall consist of the following individuals (or their designated representatives): Jackson County Administrator, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and representatives from: Jackson County Township Supervisor Association, Jackson County Department of Transportation, U.S. Postal Service, 911/Central Dispatch, Jackson County GIS, and an elected official from the affected governmental unit(s). This committee will meet as required and shall be chaired by the GIS Manager who will serve as the Street Naming and Address Administrator."

Veterans Affairs Committee

Meetings: contact info: Veteran Service Officer/Director Phil McCaskey,
email: PMccaskey@mijackson.org

The Veterans Affairs Committee's primary responsibility is to check verification of burial claims, set policies of Veterans Office, Veterans Affairs Committee to be informed of veterans legislation - old and new, and assess the budget. Members must be recommended through the local veterans organization.

Outside Boards with County Representation

Jackson Area Transportation Authority

Meetings: August 26, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Jackson Area Transportation Authority, 2350 E. High St.;
Sept. 23, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Dis Ability Connections, 409 Linden Ave.,
October 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Jackson Area Transportation Authority, 2350 E. High St.,
Nov. 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Jackson Area Transportation Authority, 2350 E. High St.
Dec. 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Dis Ability Connections, 409 Linden Ave.

Please see website for further dates.

Public is welcome, please call ahead so they can have enough seating: 517-787-8363

The Board of Directors oversees executive management of the Jackson Area Transportation Authority.

Jackson District Library Board

Meetings: 2021 Sept. 23, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m. Carnegie Library Auditorium, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI 49201. Check Board of Trustees page for future locations.

The JDL Board sets policy concerning management, supervision and control of library facilities.

Lifeways

Meetings: 2021

August 18 – 7:00 p.m. LifeWays Board Room 1200 N. West Avenue, Jackson

September 15 – 7:00 p.m. LifeWays Board Room 1200 N. West Avenue, Jackson

October 20 – 7:00 p.m. Hillsdale LifeWays Board Room 25 Care Drive, Hillsdale

November 17 – 7:00 p.m. LifeWays Board Room 1200 N. West Avenue, Jackson

December 15 – 7:00 p.m. LifeWays Board Room 1200 N. West Avenue, Jackson

The LifeWays Board of Directors is comprised of county commissioners, primary and secondary consumers, human service workers, and community members from Jackson and Hillsdale Counties.

LifeWays Community Mental Health has provided behavioral health services to residents of Jackson and Hillsdale counties since 1966. We primarily serve county residents who have Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, uninsured or under-insured who also have a diagnosed severe mental illness, intellectual/developmental disability, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorders.

Standing Committees

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Meetings: 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the County Board meeting, 5th floor, County Tower Building, 120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI 49201

Entities that report to Public Safety and Transportation Committee:

- 911
- Airport
- Animal Shelter
- Circuit/Family/Probate Court
- Department of Transportation
- District Court
- Drain Commissioner
- Friend of the Court
- Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Region 2 Planning
- Sheriff
- Youth Center

General Government Committee

Meetings: 10:00 am on the Monday before the County Board meeting, 5th floor, County Tower Building, 5th floor, 120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201

Entities that report to General Government Committee

- Administrator/Controller
- Board of Public Works
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Chamber of Commerce
- Clerk
- Conservation District
- DDAs
- Economic Development
- Enterprise Group
- Equalization
- Facilities
- Fair
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Land Bank
- LDFAs

- Parks
- Register of Deeds
- Remonumentation
- Treasurer
- Upper Grand River Watershed

Human Services Committee

Meetings: 12 pm on the Monday before the County Board meeting, 5th floor, County Tower Building, 120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI 49201

Entities that report to Human Services Committee

- Community Action Agency
- Department on Aging
- Health Department
- LifeWays
- Medical Care Facility
- Medical Examiner

- Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Michigan Works Southeast
- MSU Extension
- Region II Area Agency on Aging
- Veteran's Affairs