

County Charter Revision

The 2/19/01 Draft of the Ballot Title to amend the Jackson County Charter represents only one of many possible avenues. Variations may be made on the several features of the draft.

The draft expands the Board of Commissioners to five members and limits the Board to the determination of policy matters and oversight of the administrative functions. One of the commissioner positions is the Chair of the Board. That commissioner is elected at-large, and is a full-time position. In addition to chairing the commission, the Chair performs ceremonial and public relations functions.

The other four commissioners are elected from districts and are not full-time positions.

The County Administrator position is established by charter. The County Administrator is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and serves at the Board's pleasure. All administrative functions are to be performed by the Administrator or his/her staff except for functions performed by other elected county officers.

The draft limits the amount of pay and pay increases for county commissioners.

The draft provides that commissioner districts shall be established by an apportionment Commission which Commission shall, at the beginning of each new century, re-apportion the districts.

Ron Meyer - would prefer districts - the further apart
land use planning
5 members, part time

Russell Sadler - non partisan, no districts
thinks a constitutional revision

Donhaws - suggests all commissioners be full time - not useful to have one who is differently assigned

Almqvist - prefers the Medford model; suggest the "position" system

Deane Davidson - would support non partisan; 5 commissioners would be mainstream
Does think some remuneration needed

Jan Hunt - prefers non partisan, ~~that~~ ^{thinks} we need to understand how much time we would expect from a commissioner

Jim Keys - opposed to at-large - districts, volunteer + stipend, all equal