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Victor E. Callahan (1st AL), Chairman
Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Vice-Chairman
Scott Burnett (1st), Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater (4th),
Terry Young (5th), Bob Spence (6th), Bill Petrie (2nd AL),
Fred Arbanas (3rd AL)

Monday, January 24, 2000

3:30 PM

Fourth Regular Meeting

Independence City Hall, 111 E. Maple, Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Independence, Missouri

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Fred Arbanas moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 1/18/2000.
Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Bob Spence, County Legislator, asked the County Clerk to insert his comments on the journal of January 18, 2000 regarding Resolution #13025 (Historic Northeast Restoration Corporation).

4 HEARINGS

None.

Resolution #12994 was adopted at this time. See page 4 for details.

Resolution #12995 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

Resolution #13039 was adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

Resolution #13047 was adopted at this time. See page 9 for details.

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, said the Legislature would take up Ordinance #2988 and Resolution #13046. There are many important people in the community that wish to speak on behalf of these issues today. He introduced Mr. David Rock, Superintendent of the Independence School District.

David Rock addressed the members of the County Legislature regarding the April 4, 2000 election ballot. He said the election presents itself in a way that will not only look to a new courthouse but also offer assistance to schools dealing with safety and security issues. The district realizes that to provide a safe location for children within public schools this type of funding will be necessary. He thinks it is vital to share with the Legislature some of the ideas for the utilization of this funding. They are looking at the options of keyless entry and camera systems which will make the school both friendly and secure. Many entrance doors need to be replaced because they can be easily opened. Other ideas are the use of School Resource Officers (SRO's) within schools to help provide a friendly type of security.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked what amount it would take to meet the anticipated needs of the Independence School District.

Mr. Rock responded that it would be approximately \$300,000.00 per year and the districts would provide a plan that could be approved by an oversight committee.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, asked if this would be a better way rather than to have each of the school districts address this issue within their community.

Mr. Rock responded that it needs to be done on both levels. The school districts will continue to seek funding through bonds and operating funds but this additional funding at the County level would help to speed up the process.

Bob Spence asked if anyone knew how the money would be divided among the school districts.

Mr. Rock said it has been discussed but not finalized. The districts would use per capita and enrollment figures and there may also be grants written on the County level.

Victor E. Callahan commented that the school districts have worked very closely with the Anti-Drug Sales Tax in Jackson County on a variety of programs. He feels the advantage of doing this at the County level is that you are working cooperatively and collaboratively to solve the problem. He would hate to see the poorer school districts not be able to do as much as other districts because they did not have the resources.

Mr. Rock responded that this type of problem does not have any social economic boundaries. It does not isolate itself in certain locations and can happen in any community. Therefore, it is important to have a fair distribution of funding.

Victor E. Callahan thanked Mr. Rock for his time. Then he introduced Jay Martin Kerr, a representative of the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association.

Mr. Kerr thanked the Legislature for the opportunity to express the bar's request for support on this important tax plan being considered by the Legislature for the April ballot. He and many other lawyers and members of the community have worked the last three to four years looking at some visionary plans to increase the size of the current courthouse. The only feasible way for Jackson County to meet the judicial needs in Eastern Jackson County would be to build a new Justice Center located in Independence, Missouri. The dockets are overwhelmed, the courtrooms are insufficient, the courthouse consistently needs roof and structure maintenance, there are not enough judges and we cannot get more judges until more courtrooms are built. He said this is not an east/west matter for the County. It is a matter of justice and the delivery of judicial services for Jackson County. We need a new facility for the betterment of the entire County. It has been estimated that the cost of this structure would be somewhere between 50 and 55 million dollars. There are no architectural plans yet but this building should be able to meet the judicial needs of this County for the next 50-100 years. The

members of the bar in eastern Jackson County have pledged \$50,000.00 of their own personal money for the campaign of this issue. He pledges the continued support of his association for this sales tax plan. Part of the money that would be approved in this plan would also be used for needed improvements at the Kansas City Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Facility. He urged the members of the Legislature to support this tax plan and thanked them for listening.

Ronald E. Finley said one impression that the Kansas City Star article gave was that there was no plan. He understands from Mr. Kerr that planning has been ongoing for approximately three years. Studies were done to put more courtrooms at the annex but it would only be a Band-Aid for a larger problem.

Mr. Kerr said they have labored long and hard on this matter for at least three years.

Bob Spence asked if the location for this new facility had been set in concrete.

Mr. Kerr said it is not set in concrete. Discussions have been to build it on the vacant County parking lot in Independence, Missouri.

Bob Spence asked if other locations were considered.

Mr. Kerr responded that other locations were discussed. They felt that the County already owning the parking lot would be financially advantageous. A separate building would also be built in this same tax package plan for state office space to be leased by state offices. This would centralize several state office facilities in eastern Jackson County, which would add to the beneficial use of this property.

Victor E. Callahan added that Independence is the county seat which makes sense to build a courthouse here. It is also his understanding that the State of Missouri has a requirement to locate in Independence, Missouri. He thanked Mr. Kerr for his time and introduced Gary Kemp of the Greater Kansas City Buildings Trade.

Gary Kemp said he found it fitting to discuss this ballot issue today, since there were several students from the National Honor Society, a fine athlete and a wonderful family who were all recognized for their accomplishments. The Legislature will need to decide whether to allow the voters an opportunity to make an investment to upgrade the level of services provided in Jackson County, to consolidate services to meet the needs of a growing county, to update a facility, to centralize a location, and provide for school safety. Voters will have the opportunity to decide whether the County should have input and invest in this program, or if this should come from the school districts or a combination of both. Services will be upgraded in the Sheriff's Department with the 911 emergency phone system, maintenance will be done at the Kansas City Courthouse, a new courthouse will be built and there will be increased safety in the schools.

Victor E. Callahan thanked Mr. Kemp for his time.

Mr. Spence said he still has a lot of questions regarding this issue and hopes the Administration will be able to answer his questions as we proceed. He has faith in the voters of this County and Country and he will support this and leave it up to the voters.

Mr. Finley said he hopes that Mr. Spence will specify his questions so they may be answered. It will be helpful to the voters for any clarity on this issue.

Ronald E. Finley, Vice-Chairman, assumes the Chair.

Victor E. Callahan said this is an important step forward not only for Eastern Jackson County but for all of Jackson County. The Courthouse we are building will be located in

Independence but is for all Jackson County citizens. The school children in Kansas City will receive as much benefit as the school children in Independence. It is a reprehensible piece of parochialism for an editorial to try to divide this County. This proposal is about making Jackson County a safer place. He has not heard any discussion from any of the critics outlining what they would do about school safety, judicial services or delivering County services to a growing population instead of this proposal. Jackson County is a vibrant County and has never been afraid to be on the cutting edge. Jackson County was the first in the United States to have a special sales tax to address drugs and we were commended nationally which is a hallmark to Jackson County of how the drug tax works. Jackson County was not afraid to do something innovative. Now we have a proposal to handle a growing problem in this Country, school safety. We should trust our voters to make a decision to remain and keep Jackson County on the cutting edge.

Bob Spence asked if there is a calculation on how much money this ordinance will generate.

Mr. Callahan responded that it would generate 18 million dollars per year.

Ordinance #2988 was adopted at this time. See page 7 for details.

Bob Spence asked how they arrived at the percentages listed.

Victor E. Callahan answered that it was based on per capita for the schools and the cost of each program.

Bob Spence voiced his concern about the Sheriff's Department and 911 emergency service, but said he would leave it to the voters.

Victor E. Callahan said that the Administration has worked very closely with the Sheriff's Department over the last year on the figures and they agreed on the amounts listed.

Resolution #13046 was adopted at this time. See page 9 for details.

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, resumes the Chair.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [12994](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #12994, congratulating Matt Tegenkamp upon winning the Missouri State cross country championship. Seconded by Terry Young.
Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)
- [12995](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #12995, congratulating Lee's Summit North High School's National Honor Society upon receiving the Outstanding Service Project award at the National Honor Society's annual national conference in Arlington, Virginia. Seconded by Terry Young.
Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)
- [13000](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreements with certain organizations which engage in anti-drug treatment and rehabilitation activities for the purpose of treating users of illegal drugs, at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$2,671,725.00.
(Anti-Drug Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [13004](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health Services, a division of Truman Medical Center, Inc., in the amount of \$281,200.00, to provide for a substance abuse treatment program for inmates of the Jackson County Detention Center.
(Anti-Drug Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
Bob Spence said that he will be gone for the next two weeks and asked that the vote on Resolutions #13008 and #13009 be taken up when he returns so he can vote for the Republican nominee.
- [13008](#) Terry Young moved to hold Resolution #13008, nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
- [13009](#) Terry Young moved to hold Resolution #13009, nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
- [13016](#) Land Use Committee moved Land Use Committee moved do pass. Consent agenda.
- [13017](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent agenda.

[13018](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass.
Consent agenda.

[13019](#) Health and Justice Committee moved Health & Justice Committee moved do pass.
Consent agenda.

Ronald E. Finley nominates Terry Young for the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture Commission.

Terry Young is voted by acclamation to fill the vacancy of the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture Commission.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

[13031](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to adopt the floor amendment Resolution #13031, appointing Terry Young to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture Commission. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

(APPROVED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[13016](#) A RESOLUTION in support of submitting a grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in connection with the National Recreational Trails Program for funds to construct a .75 mile extension to an existing multi-purpose bicycle/hiking trail at Blue Springs Lake.

(ADOPTED)

(ADOPTED)

[13017](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a one-year term and supply contract on Bid No. 161-99 for the furnishing of microfilming services and supplies for use countywide to Casey Associates of Kansas City, MO (\$60,000.00), Dynamic Computer Solutions of Kansas City, MO (\$20,000.00), and Virtual Imaging of Blue Springs, MO (\$3,000.00), in the estimated aggregate amount of \$83,000.00, to provide for countywide needs for the upcoming one-year period.

(ADOPTED)

(ADOPTED)

[13018](#) A RESOLUTION awarding an eight-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of hydraulic hose, air hose, hose couplings and installation of couplings for use by various County departments to Hanna Rubber Company of Kansas City, MO, under a City of Kansas City government contract, at the estimated cost to the County of \$12,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

(ADOPTED)

[13019](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 165-99 for the furnishing of recreational wearing apparel for use by the Department of Corrections to Raytown Screen Print, of Raytown, MO, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$10,500.00.

(ADOPTED)

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Resolution(s) 13016, 13017, 13018, 13019.

Dennis Waits moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.
The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[2987](#)

Repealing §§1340. and 1341. Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the compensation of election judges, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[2988](#)

Terry Young moved to perfect Ordinance #2988. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[2988](#)

Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #2988. Seconded by Terry Young.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[2988](#)

Dennis Waits moved the passage of Ordinance #2988 as perfected, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri at a special election to be held on April 4, 2000, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax at the rate of one-quarter of one percent for a period of eight years solely for the purposes of increased school safety, expanded 911 response, and justice facility improvements. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[13032](#) Approving a seven-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of outboard motors for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to Outboard Marine Corporation of Waukegan, IL, under a state of Florida government contract at a cost to the County not to exceed \$45,000.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[13033](#) Awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 180-99 for the furnishing of vinyl sign making supplies for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to R & J Sign Supply Company of St. Louis, MO, in the estimated amount of \$20,000.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[13034](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13034, authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Seton Center for partial funding of its dental program at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$20,000.00. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13035](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13035, authorizing the County Executive to enter into an agreement with Lee's Summit Underwater Recovery for underwater recovery services in the lakes and parks of Jackson County at a cost to the County not to exceed \$10,205.00. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13036](#) Terry Young moved the passage of Resolution #13036, authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Cave Spring Association, Inc., for the purpose of providing the 2000 liability insurance to cover Cave Spring Park and Interpretive Center and partial salary of the Executive Director at a cost to the County not to exceed \$13,800.00. Seconded by Ronald E. Finley.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13037](#) Declaring certain mobile radios and base transceivers as surplus personal property and authorizing their disposal.

(Land Use Committee)

[13038](#)

Terry Young moved the passage of Resolution #13038, authorizing the County Executive to enter into an agreement with Soil and Water Conservation District of Jackson County to provide education and information on soil and water conservation at a cost to the County not to exceed \$19,092.00. Seconded by Ronald E. Finley.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13039](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #13039, congratulating Chris Conatser upon receiving a perfect score on his ACT test. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[13040](#)

Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13040, authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with Black Chamber of Commerce, for funding of administrative expenses, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.00. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 6 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley and Terry Young

No: 1 - Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13041](#)

Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13041, authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the University of Missouri Extension Council of Jackson County to assist in providing secretarial salaries, office facilities, telephone, postage, travel, equipment, printing, and supplies to support extension staff in programs and services for citizens of Jackson County, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$191,000.00. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13042](#)

Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13042, authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with Black Archives of Mid-America, for partial funding of African American History Month and the Juneteenth Commemoration, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.00. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 6 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley and Terry Young

No: 1 - Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13043](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a First Addendum to the Agreement with the Full Employment Council, regarding the Prosecuting Attorney's Deferred Prosecution and Drug Court Programs, extending the term of the Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$76,000.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[13044](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District, to provide access to the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Centers for the residents of the unincorporated county, at a cost not to exceed \$9,743.58 in 2000.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[13045](#)

Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13045, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Third Addendum extending a term and supply contract with Thyssen Dover of Lenexa, KS, for the furnishing of elevator maintenance and service for use by the Facilities Management Department extending the term of said contract for an additional one-year term, at an estimated cost to the County of \$80,000.00. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13046](#)

Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #13046, setting out the purpose and the proposed budget for the proceeds of the Jackson County Safe School and Safe Community Fund. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

No dissenting vote to consider Resolution #13047 - not on printed agenda.

[13047](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #13047, congratulating the Christensen family upon receiving the 1999 Blue Springs Family of the Year award. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS00-03

I hereby appoint to the Jackson County Merit System Commission Jill Shurin for a term to expire December 31, 2002 and Harold T. Garrison for a term to expire December 31, 2001. Mr. Garrison is filling an unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Doris Harris. Copies of their resumes are attached.

00-04

I hereby appoint Robert L. Burnett to the Jackson County Pension Plan Administration Committee. A copy of his resume is attached.

00-05

I hereby appoint the Manager of the Division of Finance, Q. Troy Thomas, as acting County Executive for the period January 21, 2000, through January 30, 2000. Any previous executive order which provides to the contrary is hereby temporarily suspended during this period.

00-06

I hereby reappoint Tyree Varnado to the Jackson County Merit System Commission, for a term to expire December 31, 2003.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

Victor E. Callahan said he would distribute the new committee assignments at next week's legislative meeting.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, January 31, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri.