



Jackson County Missouri

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County Legislature

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Scott Burnett (1st), Chairman, Henry C. Rizzo (2nd AL), Vice-Chairman,
Robert A. Stringfield, (1st AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL),
Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater (4th),
Rhonda L. Shoemaker (5th), Bob Spence (6th)

Monday, January 3, 2005

2:30 PM

First Regular Meeting

K.C. Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri

Scott Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dan Tarwater moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 12/6/2004.
Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

The journal of December 9, 2004 was also approved at this time.

4 HEARINGS

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked the legislators to pose for a group photo since his sister was in the audience with her camera.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, thanked Ron for his service to Jackson County and his friendship. He said he looks forward to working with him in the future.

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, said Ron's word is as good as gold. He said he was frustrated with how deliberate he was at times but then learned to appreciate it. He said Ron had patience and was always open to input. He said he is a top-notch legislator and communicated well with everyone. He said Ron has done an excellent job in representing his district and the County. He said he was sorry to see him go but looked forward to working with him in the future. He said Ron always worked with a real compassion for people.

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, said he has enjoyed working with Ron. He said Ron was always very professional and very fair. He said Ron never took "I don't know" as an answer. He said Ron always worked hard and well with others.

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, said Ron was a very fair, deliberate, investigative and effective legislator. He said Ron was a good and honest man.

Ronald E. Finley said the privilege of having this position is a reward in and of itself. He said he has served in public office since 1991 and has had six elections since 1990. He has had the privilege of being elected four times. When he had close elections or did not win, it made him appreciate even more the opportunity to be here and where he was before. He does not think the average person understands everything that a County Legislator does. He thinks it is a service to televise the meetings. He does think the average person appreciates that the legislators take the time to try to go through some of the issues and commit themselves to service. He still lives in the same neighborhood where he was raised and has had the privilege of representing the neighborhood at the county and city level. He is looking forward to working at the next level. He will not be working as an elected official but working closely with Senator Wilson on issues at the state level. He said they intend to take the same attitude and work ethic to this position that they currently have. They intend to be available to the concerns and people of Jackson County. There are concerns and issues at the state level such as health care, education and safety, that will not be simple since our party is in a vast minority. But he looks forward to working on consensus with various people on these issues. He said he has been able to work with people who felt they were fair and wanted to consider the best interest of the citizens and he is looking forward to doing that again. He said this is one of the best groups of people (people in Jackson County) he has ever had the opportunity to work with. He appreciates all the things they do and the time they put in. He thanked them for their patience, their courtesy and their sensitivity to the people of the central city of Kansas City. He looks forward to working with them in the future. He said it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

She reminded everyone that her Chief Operating Officer, Mary Helen Murphy, retired at the end of the year 2004. She said a couple of Executive Orders have been filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. She announced that Rick Perry has accepted the job of Chief Operating Officer. She said Rick has worked for the County since 1992. He has been the Assistant Director of Human Resources since 1995 and has overseen many improvements, including increased training, recruitment, workforce accountability and online enrollment.

She also hired Chris Williams as the new Director of Collections. Mr. Williams is from the Family Support Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, where he served as Deputy Director. She said Family Support is also in the collection business, collecting child support on thousands of cases, both county and state. As part of his duties, he developed and implemented training and procedures to ensure efficient collection of child support, increasing production 700%. He has gained much experience dealing directly with the public and he has demonstrated skill in resolving customer concerns. Mr. Williams has degrees in both Finance and Law and is working on his MBA. He has experience in finance, accounting, law, and human resources, with extensive managerial experience at the executive level.

Katheryn Shields announced that Jackson County's own Jeremy Willmoth has been honored with a national appointment by the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Willmoth is the Budget Administrator. GFOA has chosen him to serve on its Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy Committee. This is Mr. Willmoth's second GFOA Committee appointment - both an individual and County honor.

She said she appreciated Jeremy's expertise and hard work upon completion of successful budget negotiations.

Scott Burnett opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the County Legislature for 2005.

Dennis Waits nominated Dan Tarwater.

*Dennis Waits moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

Dennis Waits moved that Dan Tarwater be elected Chairman of the County Legislature for 2005 by acclamation. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence.

Dan Tarwater, Chairman, opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the County Legislature for 2005.

Fred Arbanas nominated Henry C. Rizzo.

*Fred Arbanas moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

Fred Arbanas moved that Henry C. Rizzo be elected Vice-Chairman of the Jackson County Legislature for 2005 by acclamation. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence.

Dennis Waits thanked Scott Burnett for serving as Chairman and for a job well done.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Land Use Committee moved to perfect Ordinance #3566.

Fred Arbanas objects to the consent agenda.

Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3566. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3566.
Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

Ordinance #3566 was not put on the consent agenda because it was rescinded later in the meeting.

[3566](#)

Fred Arbanas moved to perfect the floor substitute of 1/3/2005. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[3566](#) Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3566. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[3566](#) Fred Arbanas moved the passage of Ordinance #3566 as perfected, granting a conditional use permit (CUP) in District A (Agricultural) for a period of three (3) years to operate a horse boarding, training and riding facility on a 35 + acre tract . Seconded by Bob Spence.
Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)

[3582](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.
Fred Arbanas objects to the consent agenda.

[3582](#) Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3582. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[3582](#) Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3582. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[3582](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[15239](#) A RESOLUTION setting out the Legislature's intent concerning the allocation of the Anti-Drug Sales Tax annual revenues and the allocation of any unencumbered fund balance.
(Anti-Drug Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[15273](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, to provide for the videotaping and cablecasting of the Legislature's meetings at a cost to the County not to exceed \$50,400.00 for the year 2005.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[15287](#) A RESOLUTION directing an adjustment in the 2005 fiscal year budget which would remove all professional service contract monies from departmental budgets and placing these monies in a single Professional Services Agreement Account.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

[15304](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) to provide marketing services for the County through the ThinkKC marketing program, at an annual cost of \$10,000.00 subject to budget appropriation, at a total program cost of \$40,000.00 over the four (4) year period of the contract.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[15314](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing an increase to the term and supply contract with Reddi Services, Inc., of Shawnee, KS, in the amount of \$32,425.00, for the furnishing of emergency sewer repair service and public sewer, storm sewer and culvert clean-out service for use by various departments countywide and a total two-year contract estimated usage not to exceed \$54,536.50.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3582](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates), a certain 9.5 ± acre tract approximately 1/10 of a mile west of Arnette Road on the south side of Moreland School Road.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Ordinance 3582.

Fred Arbanas moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Bob Spence. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3589](#) Appropriating \$71,348.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2005 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover a grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy's Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Investigative Support Center to allow the Jackson County Drug Task Force to contract with an intelligence analyst.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

No dissenting vote to consider Ordinances #3590 through #3592 - not on printed agenda.

- [3590](#) Scott Burnett moved to perfect Ordinance #3590. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)
- [3590](#) Scott Burnett moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3590. Seconded by Ronald E. Finley.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
- [3590](#) Scott Burnett moved the passage of Ordinance #3590 as perfected, to correct typographical errors in the annual budget as adopted in Ordinance 3569 on December 9, 2004, setting forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2005. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.
Yes: 8 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits
(ADOPTED)
- [3591](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to perfect the floor substitute of 1/3/2005. Seconded by Scott Burnett.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)
- [3591](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3591. Seconded by Scott Burnett.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
- [3591](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Ordinance #3591 as perfected, appropriating \$100,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2005 Health Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Swope Ridge Geriatric Center, an outside agency providing public services to County residents, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00. Seconded by Scott Burnett.
Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)
- [3592](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to perfect Ordinance #3592. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)
- [3592](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3592. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[3592](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Ordinance #3592 as perfected, repealing section 9057., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Housing Resources Commission, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[15326](#) Recognizing Lamar Advertising for their efforts in locating missing children, Sam and Lindsey Porter of Independence, MO.

(Legislature As A Whole)

[15327](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #15327, authorizing Change Order No. 1 (Final) to the contract with WCI, Inc. of Paola, KS, for the Harris Road Bridge Replacement Project, Federal Project BRO-048(44) #37300041, No. 2409, reducing the contract amount by \$11,977.80 for a revised total cost to the County not to exceed \$226,583.00. Seconded by Scott Burnett.

Yes: 8 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[15328](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement extending the 2004 agreement with Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health Services, a division of Truman Medical Center, Inc., in the amount of \$281,205.00, to provide for the continuation of a substance abuse treatment program for inmates of the Jackson County Detention Center.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[15329](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #15329, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Service Contract with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, to provide weekday commuter express bus service between certain cities in eastern Jackson County and downtown Kansas City, Missouri, at an actual cost to the County of \$30,000.00. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15330](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #15330, adopting 39th Street and Noland Road as new County Urban Road System (CURS) priorities within the City of Independence. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15331](#) 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 \$210,780.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15332](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with United Inner City Services, to provide funding in the areas of emergency assistance, youth services, and day camp, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$76,180.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

Ronald E. Finley moved to adopt Resolution #15333. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Scott Burnett objects to the adoption of Resolution #15333.

[15333](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's General Fund, for various public purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$192,000.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[15334](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with the Mid-America Regional Council to subcontract with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Health Fund, for various public purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$238,857.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15335](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Operation Breakthrough, to provide funding for tutoring and after-school and summer programs, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$60,000.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15336](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City and Eastern Jackson County, to provide funding for Project Learn which focuses on improving academic achievement and commitment to school, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15337](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Health Fund, for various public purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$1,623,677.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15338](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council for various public purposes, funded by the County's General Fund and Health Fund, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$204,392.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15339](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2005 fiscal year term from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, which are engaged in anti-drug treatment activities and purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$3,013,734.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[15340](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements to extend the operative terms of existing agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2005 fiscal year term from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, which are engaged in anti-drug prevention activities and purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$1,692,351.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[15341](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #15341, authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreements with certain organizations which provide assistance to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$718,555.00. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15342](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #15342, authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with W.T. Dawson, to serve as public liaison, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$35,000.00. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[05-01](#) I hereby appoint Christopher A. Williams as Director of Collections to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mary Helen Murphy as Acting Director of Collections. A copy of Mr. William's resume is attached.

05-02

I hereby appoint Rick D. Perry as Chief Operating Officer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mary Helen Murphy as Chief Operating Officer. A copy of Mr. Perry's resume is attached.

Dennis Waits asked for a 10 minute recess while the County Counselor's office worked on an add-on.

Legislature reconvenes.

*Fred Arbanas moved to rescind Ordinance #3566. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence.
(APPROVED)*

Ordinance #3566 was perfected and adopted at this time. See pages 3 and 4 for details.

Ordinance #3592 was adopted at this time. See page 6 for details.

Resolution #15342 was adopted at this time. See above for details.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kelly Markham-Stegall, Legislative Auditor, distributed the latest bill received from Cochran and Head.

The Legislature agreed that this would be discussed at the legislative meeting next week.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley said he worked with the new Director of Collections and Bill Snyder, County Counselor regarding the ordinance dealing with the waiver of penalties and interest. The new Director of Collections would like to have some input and therefore the ordinance will be introduced at the next legislative meeting and assigned to committee.

Dan Tarwater said he will make committee assignments by the end of the week.

Ronald E. Finley said his official departure date from the County will be January 10th or 11th, 2005.

Dan Tarwater said the County Committee has fifteen days to choose 3 candidates to fill the vacancy on the County Legislature.

Dan Tarwater also mentioned that there is an opening on the Sports Authority since Jerry Mackey resigned effective December 24, 2004. The County Legislature has 30 days to choose a panel of three to submit to the Governor.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

Dennis Waits moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ronald E. Finley.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, January 10, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.