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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), Lisa White Hardwick (2nd AL),
Fred Arbanas (3rd AL)

Thursday, January 28, 1999

3:30 PM

Continuation of the fourth regular Meeting

Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E 12th Street, Division 12, 5th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: Fred Arbanas

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan Tarwater moved to recess the legislative meeting while waiting for a copy of the budget. 2nd. by Dennis Waits.

Voice Vote.

(APPROVED)

Legislature reconvenes.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[2882](#)

Dennis Waits moved to approve the Floor Amendment of January 28, 1999 to delete the number "6" and insert the number "7" on the "Health Fund Levy", to delete the number "4" and insert the number "5" on the "TOTAL ALL FUNDS", both on page one, to delete the number "5" and insert the number "6" in the "Health Fund Levy" and "TOTAL ALL FUNDS" on page three.. Seconded by Scott Burnett.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

[2882](#) Dennis Waits moved to perfect Ordinance #2882 as amended. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[2882](#) Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #2882. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[2882](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Ordinance #2882 as perfected, setting the 1999 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy. Seconded by Terry Young.
Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas
(ADOPTED)
Ordinance #2891 was adopted at this time. See page three for details.

[2883](#) Dennis Waits moved to approve the Floor Amendment of January 28, 1999 to delete the figure "61,897,498" and insert the figure "63,238,286", to delete the figure "17,590,163" and insert the figure "18,177,413", to delete the figure "11,509,142" and insert the figure "11,519,142", to delete the figure "19,670,767" and insert the figure "19,739,026" under the "AMOUNT" column on page one, to delete the figure "211,636,124" and insert the figure "213,642,421" in the "AMOUNT" column on page two.. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (ADOPTED)

[2883](#) Dennis Waits moved to perfect Ordinance #2883 as amended. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[2883](#) Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #2883. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

Legislature takes a five minute recess to review budget changes.

Legislature reconvenes.

Bob Spence, County Legislitor, made comments at this time. See below for detail.

[2883](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Ordinance #2883 as perfected, to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1999. Seconded by Terry Young.
Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas
(ADOPTED)

Bob Spence, County Legislator, made the following comments:

I'm going to vote for this budget because we need to move the process forward and I am pleased that we are about to do something for the 44% of our employees who are the lowest paid.

I want my colleagues to know however, that I am disappointed in the continued give-away of general fund money to outside agencies. These agencies are, for the most part, well meaning and deserving. But, I am against the county funding them for three main reasons:

First, I beleive it is an inappropriate use of tax dollars.

Second, the good citizens of this County tax themselves almost \$16.7 million for health, \$10.5 million for parks, \$16.1 million for roads and bridges (\$4.5 million of this goes to the sheriff's department), \$18.2 million in anti-drug sales taxes, \$10.2 million for Union Station restoration, \$1.0 million for the 9-1-1 system and almost \$0.5 million for domestic abuse and homeless assistance. All that comes to \$73.2 million.

Then they tax themselves another \$36.3 million for the general operations of the County and the court system takes amost \$24.0 million of that.

It doesn't take a lot of effort to see that the County is strapped for cash. It's no wonder we have a hard time paying our employees a living wage. Especially when we give \$300,000.00 to outside agencies.

Third, the biggest part of this give-away goes to Kansas City. Independence gets a little bit but the rest of eastern Jackson County gets almost nothing.

As I said, I'm disappointed this budget continues the give-away. I understand that it would be very difficult to just cut them off. But, I hoped we would start a weaning process - say over a three-year period - so we could use the money to provide the basic services we must provide and pay our people a living wage.

I will vote for this budget, but as the individual requests come before this body I will vote against them with the exception of certain amounts for MARC and the University Extension Center.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

None.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

No dissenting vote to consider Ordinance #2891 - not on printed agenda.

[2891](#) Dennis Waits moved to perfect Ordinance #2891. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[2891](#) Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #2891.
Seconded by Dan Tarwater.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[2891](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Ordinance #2891 as perfected, repealing Schedules I-IX to Chapter 2, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the salary ranges of employees not under the Merit System and enacting, in lieu thereof, six new schedules relating to the same subject. Seconded by Terry Young.
Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas
(ADOPTED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Waits moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, February 1, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in Division 12, 5th Floor, Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.