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Theresa Garza Ruiz (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), James D. Tindall (2nd), Dan Tarwater III (4th),
Bob Spence (6th)*

Monday, February 7, 2011

2:30 PM

Seventh Regular Meeting

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

Dennis Waits, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence
Absent: Fred Arbanas

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

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3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dan Tarwater moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 1/24/2011.
Seconded by James D. Tindall.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

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4 HEARINGS

None.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Bob Spence, County Legislator.

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5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

A 10 year service pin was presented to Jesse Morgan, an employee in the Corrections Department.

The December 2010 Employee of the Month award was presented to Raven Heninger, a clerk in the Sex Offender Registration Enforcement Unit of the Sheriff's Department.

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Mike Sanders, County Executive, explained Resolution #17495, an add-on for the agenda today. He thanked United States Senator McCaskill and Congressman Cleaver as they were instrumental in making sure Jackson County received funding for the Alternatives Analysis Study.

He thanked Jerry Page, Director of Public Works, and his staff for the amazing job they performed January 30 - February 4, 2011, clearing the roads in the unincorporated areas of Jackson County, Missouri.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, said he received complimentary calls and emails regarding the snow removal in Jackson County.

Dennis Waits introduced Dan Sturdevant with the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Mr. Sturdevant said it was the hopes of his organization to place a 25 foot statue of Truman at Union Station but it has not come to fruition. Therefore, they presented a Truman maquette statue to Jackson County today which is on display in the hallway on the 2nd floor of the downtown courthouse.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

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7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

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8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

None.

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9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

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10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

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Repealing sections 1503.17, 1503.22, 1503.25, 1503.31, 1511., 1532., 1533., and 1573., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Jackson County Employees' Pension Plan, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections relating to the same subject.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

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11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

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[17478](#)

James D. Tindall moved the passage of Resolution #17478, supporting the efforts of Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center to promote awareness of women and heart disease and declaring February 4, 2011, as National Wear Red Day in Jackson County. Seconded by Crystal Williams.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

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[17479](#)

James D. Tindall moved the passage of Resolution #17479, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative 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 \$213,860.00. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 7 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater and Greg Grounds

No: 1 - Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

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[17480](#)

James D. Tindall moved the passage of Resolution #17480, authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with Hope House, New House, and Rose Brooks domestic violence shelters in order to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence during 2011, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

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[17481](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #17481, authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled to provide for partial funding of various programs of the Parks and Recreation Department's Special Population Services Division. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

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[17482](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with the Mid-America Regional Council for various public purposes funded by the County's Health Fund, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$126,284.00.

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[17483](#) Awarding a twenty-four (24) month term and supply contract with three (3) twelve-month extension options for the furnishing of trash removal service for use county-wide to Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc., of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Electronic Solicitation No. BB201024.

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[17484](#) James D. Tindall moved the passage of Resolution #17484, authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute Consulting Agreements with Fred Dreiling, LLC, in the amount of \$35,000.00 and W.T. Dawson, in the amount of \$45,000.00, to serve as intergovernmental relations consultants, at an actual aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$80,000.00. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

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[17485](#) 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 health purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$123,825.00.

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[17486](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the 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 \$16,940.00.

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[17487](#) Scott Burnett moved the passage of Resolution #17487, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the University of Missouri Extension Council of Jackson County to assist in providing various costs to support extension staff in programs and services for citizens of Jackson County, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$210,280.00. Seconded by Greg Grounds.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

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[17488](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with the National Center for Fathering to provide training sessions for clients of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office Family Support Division's Fathering Court project, at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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[17489](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Park Fund, for various parks and recreation public purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$80,907.00.

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[17490](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Health Fund, for various public health purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$1,756,483.00.

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[17491](#) Scott Burnett moved the passage of Resolution #17491, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Jackson County Historical Society for record archiving services, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$39,231.00. Seconded by James D. Tindall.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

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[17492](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Independence for the use of certain county property for a civic event, at no cost to the County.

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- [17493](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District, to provide access to the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Centers for the residents of the unincorporated county, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$21,844.00.

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- [17494](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #17494, commissioning George Scott , Alec Closser, and David Christy as park rangers pursuant to section 64.335, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #17495 - not on printed agenda.

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- [17495](#) James D. Tindall moved the passage of Resolution #17495, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, and the Mid-America Regional Council concerning the Jackson County/Kansas City Regional Alternatives Analysis Study, at an actual cost to the County of \$315,000.00. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 8 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

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12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

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13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dennis Waits said he sent all legislation to the Finance and Audit Committee so they can have one hearing next week and disburse monies to the entities.

Theresa Garza Ruiz, County Legislator, announced that her husband Genaro Ruiz resigned from his position at Guadalupe Education Services effective February 4, 2011. She proposed the County Legislature immediately release funds originally designated for programs administered by Guadalupe Centers to the agency. (A copy of her statement is available in the County Clerk's office.)

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked Chairman Waits how the County Legislature would proceed to restore the funding.

Dennis Waits said legislation could be introduced next week for GCI. He commented on remarks made by Theresa Garza Ruiz and asked Stephen Nixon, County Counselor, if he would like to respond.

Stephen Nixon said he has spoken by what he wrote.

Mike Sanders said now that the conflict has been cured we can move forward.

Crystal Williams said legislators received a conflict of interest questionnaire from Stephen Nixon and asked if he would discuss the forms at the meeting next week.

Dennis Waits suggested that legislators have this discussion with the County Counselor on an individual basis and not during a public meeting since it does not pertain to any business before the Legislature.

Stephen Nixon said he is glad to discuss the forms with anyone. He said he is preparing a Frequently Asked Questions sheet and will distribute it to legislators and everyone defined in the code as a public servant. He said persons are only required to file the disclosure if they believe they have a conflict of interest, or have a personal interest in an entity that is contracting with the County or have a family member who may have a conflict. It is necessary to complete one statement per conflict, as they arise.

Greg Grounds said in the future it will be helpful to know where funds are going when legislation is introduced so legislators are made aware of potential conflicts.

Mike Sanders said with the new charter Judge Nixon is the most independent County Counselor in the history of Jackson County because he does not report directly to the County Executive or the County Legislature which he feels will yield fruit. He said ethic reform will be difficult but we need firm rules for everyone in elected office who serves within Jackson County.

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14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

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15 ADJOURNMENT

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by James D. Tindall.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, February 14, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.

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