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Dan Tarwater (4th) Chairman, Henry C. Rizzo (2nd AL), Vice-Chairman,
Theresa A. Garza (1st AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL), Scott Burnett (1st),
James D. Tindall (2nd), Dennis Waits (3rd),
Greg Grounds (5th), Bob Spence (6th)

Monday, January 29, 2007

2:30 PM

Fourth Regular Meeting

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

Dan Tarwater, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dennis Waits moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 1/22/2007.
Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance #3870, setting the 2007 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy and Ordinance #3872, to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivision thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

Dan Tarwater opened the public hearing.

No one was present to speak.

Dan Tarwater closed the public hearing.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mike Sanders, County Executive, thanked everyone for working through a difficult situation to balance the 2007 budget. He thanked the transition team, Larry Blick, Anita Maltbia and Fred Siems; the Budget Committee, the courts, Prosecutor, Sheriff, the excellent county employees and the County Legislature. He gave special thanks to Troy Thomas, Director of Finance and Jeremy Willmoth, Assistant Director of Finance for the phenomenal job they did not only for Jackson County but also for the citizens of Jackson County.

The Administration recognizes that there is a potential shortfall in next year's budget so they will begin the process of working with other departments to find ways to make the County more efficient.

He said the County Legislature will receive periodic reports in 2007 from the Administration regarding the financial condition of Jackson County.

Mike Sanders said he is forming two Blue Ribbon Commissions. One commission will reassess how Jackson County is doing assessment, to ensure the process is fair and better serves the taxpayers. The second commission will evaluate COMBAT staff and its structure.

He reported that today was the pretrial conference with Judge Whipple to discuss the jail matrix litigation. He will share the information he receives regarding the conference with the Legislature.

Dan Tarwater thanked Mike and his Administration for their work on the budget. The County Legislature and Administration will be able to do more with less. The taxpayers want Jackson County to get the most out of every dollar and they expect the Executive and Legislature to be watch dogs of the money.

Henry C. Rizzo thanked Mike for forming the two blue ribbon commissions because he thinks COMBAT and Assessment are important departments in Jackson County.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE[3867](#)

Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

Fred Arbanas objects to the Consent Agenda

[3867](#)

Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3867. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[3867](#)

Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3867. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

- [3868](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.
Fred Arbanas objects to the Consent Agenda.
- [3868](#) Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3868. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)
- [3868](#) Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3868. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.
- [3869](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District LB-p (Local Business - Planned Development) to District LI-p (Light Industrial - Planned Development), a certain 5 ± acre tract.
(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)
The Land Use Committee will continue the public hearing on Ordinance #3869 on Friday, February 2, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. at Fleming Hall.
- [3870](#) Dennis Waits moved to perfect Ordinance #3870. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)
- [3870](#) Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3870. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
- [3870](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Ordinance #3870 as perfected, setting the 2007 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.
Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)
- [3872](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved to approve Floor Amendment II dated January 29, 2007, to delete the figure "20,810,411", and insert the figure "21,058,177", in the "AMOUNT" column after the words "Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund" on page one, to delete the figure "771,209,863" and insert the figure "771,457,629" in the "AMOUNT" column as a total figure on page two, to insert the words "as modified by the document attached hereto and marked "2007 Budget Adjustments." " after the word "herein" in the final paragraph on page two . Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (ADOPTED)

[3872](#) Dennis Waits moved to perfect Ordinance #3872 as amended. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[3872](#) Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3872. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[3872](#) Dennis Waits moved to adopt Floor Amendment II of Ordinance #3872, 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, 2007. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.
Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence
(APPROVED)

Theresa Garza, County Legislator, asked how many county positions would be eliminated in the 2007 budget.

Mike Sanders, County Executive, said 21 positions were eliminated from the budget. There are roughly 70 vacant positions in Jackson County and the people whose positions have been eliminated can apply for open positions. If they do not wish to apply or are not selected, they will have the opportunity to meet with Human Resources to discuss their options. A packet will be provided to them regarding other employment opportunities or job training ideas. Each individual will receive 6 months of medical and dental insurance paid for by Jackson County to help smooth the transition. Each individual will get a severance package in addition to the sick and vacation time that they have accrued. The County Legislature has generously provided approximately one week compensation for every year of service they have completed with the County, up to a maximum of 8 weeks.

Dan Tarwater said these positions were in departments or jobs that were combined with others that made sense.

Mike Sanders mentioned that MIS and GIS departments have been combined as well as the Public Works and Facilities Management.

Henry C. Rizzo, Vice Chairman, said keeping the number down to 21 positions was magic with a \$6 million deficit. He said the most important asset of Jackson County are the employees.

Mike Sanders said there are no raises in this budget. However, as they look at doing more with less, they must have an eye toward being competitive with other employers. He said they look forward to getting back to the days of giving out raises when appropriate. He realizes that county employees are valuable, he values the hard work they perform to make the Administration and Legislature look good and they need to be rewarded. Mike Sanders said his staff worked hard with the County Legislature to keep the number as low as possible.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[3867](#) Consent Agenda.

[3868](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[16090](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute agreements with certain Parks and Recreation Department employees, authorizing the employees to occupy County-owned property.

(Land Use Committee - 6th. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3867](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates), a certain 6.2 ± acre tract.

(ADOPTED)

[3868](#) AN ORDINANCE granting a conditional use permit in District A (Agricultural) for a period of 5 years to operate a group residential quarters rehabilitation facility on 11 ± acres.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Ordinances 3867, 3868.

Dennis Waits moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[16135](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Consulting Agreement with Jeanna Howard for various services in conjunction with COMBAT-related events, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$5,760.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[16136](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #16136, congratulating Joan Israelite upon her designation as a nominee to the advisory board of the National Endowment for the Arts. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[16137](#)

Authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, January 29, 2007, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR RIZZO, CONCURRED BY WAITS AND BURNETT.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Waits moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

The next legislative meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 2:30 P.M. in the Legislative Asssembly Area, Kansas City, MO