



# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### 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)

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Monday, May 17, 2004

2:30 PM

Twentieth Regular Meeting

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

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

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present: Robert A. Stringfield, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence  
Absent: Fred Arbanas

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Bob Spence moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 5/10/2004.  
Seconded by Dennis Waits.

**The motion passed by a voice vote.**

(APPROVED)

**4 HEARINGS**

*Gene Godsy, a citizen from Blue Springs, Missouri spoke regarding the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled. Senate Bill 40 states that the money can only be used to build and maintain workshops, residential homes and related services for the developmentally disabled. The related services must be directly related to workshops and residential homes such as transportation to either one. He asked the Jackson County Legislature to use their influence to facilitate the removal of one of the Board members from the Jackson County Board of Services. Senate Bill 40 has rules that can be used to remove a board member, one is conduct prejudicial to the good order and efficient operation of the facility or service. He believes the board member's conduct fits this area. The ballot language changes as proposed by this board member to gain greater access to Jackson County Board of Services funds should be stopped. He asked the Legislature to deny any request from the Board of Services for an election.*

*Discussion and presentation regarding Resolution #15012, First Amendments to the Lease Agreements between the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority and the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc. and the Kansas City Royals Baseball Corporation, concerning the continued operation of and proposed improvements to the Harry S Truman Sports Complex.*

*The following persons presented information regarding the extension of the leases by the Royals and the Chiefs for the Truman Sports Complex: Jack Holland, Executive Vice President with Oppenheimer and Company, Mike McCormick, attorney who helped negotiate the terms of the leases, Mark Gorris and Bob Rice of the Kansas City Royals, Jack Craft representing the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Jack and Tom Stedman with the Kansas City Chiefs.*

*Mark Gorris said the Kansas City Royals have worked over the past three years with County Executive Shields and her representatives as well as the Jackson County Sports Authority, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and members of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. The goals are to reach a plan to help Jackson County derive the benefits of the Sports Authority as it relates to the Royals, the Royals to become a more competitive team and for the general good of the community. He showed a slide presentation to the County Legislature.*

*Tom Stedman, stadium development and consultant for the Chiefs, presented a slide show to the County Legislature. He said the Chiefs receive 14 million dollars a year for premium seats and the NFL average is about 31 million per year. This is where the teams get their money to buy talent and stay competitive. He said the Chiefs are willing to invest a minimum of 50 million dollars to finish out the club and suite areas of the stadium. In addition, the Chiefs have agreed to cover any construction cost overruns. If Arrowhead is upgraded, the Chiefs have committed to the Kansas City metropolitan area by extending their lease to 25 years through the year 2030.*

*Jack Stedman with the Chiefs asked the County Legislature to approve the amendments to the leases and work with them along with the Jackson County Sports Authority to gain funding from the State of Missouri through a non-resident athletes tax growth.*

*Jack Holland explained the key terms of the lease extension. He said the lease extensions are subject to the passage of the bistate initiative in November 2004. The lease extension would be for 25 years from the date of bistate approval. The lease provisions include team funding in the amount of 65 million dollars. The teams will be liable for all cost over runs, over and above the bi-state funding, which is comprised of 180 million dollars for Arrowhead Stadium and the same amount for Royals Stadium improvements and 20 million dollars for capital improvements.*

*The funds to pay for the costs will come from a 1/8 cent tax which will be dedicated to sports funding. The bi-state tax will include a sunset provision that would provide for cessation of the metro-wide bi-state tax once the bonds issued to fund the stadium improvements are retired. At current rates of tax collection, that is projected to be from 12-15 years. The lease extension agreements also provide for a team default clawback. Any damages paid would be used on a pro rata basis to retire the bi-state bonds and shorten the term of collection of the bi-state tax and to repay the State of Missouri, Jackson County and Kansas City for their contributions for stadium upkeep and maintenance. In addition, user fees, which are not currently provided for in the 1990 stadium leases, would be charged at 10 percent of parking revenues and applied to stadium maintenance and repair. Any revenues available from naming rights would be applied 50 percent to stadium repair and upkeep and 50 percent for the team's utilization in the stadium. Finally, for repair and maintenance, the existing 8.5 million dollars provided by the State of Missouri, Jackson County and Kansas City will continue.*

*Jack Craft with the Chamber of Commerce, said after the proposal was generally developed over a period of 18 months, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce was asked to play a role to bring it to a vote. He said after many public hearings, significant changes have been made especially to reduce the term of the tax. He said they are trying to achieve the final determination of the ballot language by late May or early June. He said he appreciates the help of the County Legislature.*

*Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, asked if there would be a bi-state II commission with the same representatives from the entities that voted for bi-state I.*

*Jack Craft responded yes, it has the same mechanism.*

*Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked why the representatives were present since the bi-state was a separate issue from the lease extensions.*

*Jack Holland explained that Jackson County owns the stadiums. The lease agreement between Jackson County and the Sports Authority is ratified by the Jackson County Legislature. In order to be able to present to the other metropolitan county governing bodies, the issue of the bi-state initiative, the extension of the leases for the stadiums needs to be resolved. In order to have all the work done in August with all the five entities, the lease extensions need to be approved in May.*

*Ronald E. Finley said he received the changes on the Royals lease but did not receive anything on the Chiefs lease.*

*Jack Holland said the leases are identical. The 1990 leases have a specific provision, called the Favorite Nations Clause, that requires the essential terms of both leases, other than the names of the tenants, to be the same. The public dollar amount funded from the bi-state is the same. The teams are putting in different amounts for additional improvements to the facilities.*

*Ronald E. Finley asked about the reference to the Kauffman MP Cap amount.*

*Jack Holland said it refers to the master plan which is a part of the lease. It requires certain improvements over the life of the lease, the next 25 years. This was also a part of the 1990 lease. The Royals will put in 15 million in addition to the 180 million funded by bi-state. The Chiefs will put in 50 million in addition to the 180 million funded by bi-state, as it is a bigger stadium.*

*Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, commended everyone on coming up with conceptual estimates. He said this is necessary so the public can understand how the money will be spent. He asked if other contractual questions have been resolved.*

*Jack Holland said yes, there is a cap on the repair and maintenance obligations in the lease extension agreement which was not included in the 1990 leases.*

*Henry Rizzo, County Legislator, asked about the logistics after the lease extensions are approved.*

*Jack Holland said Johnson County may require an initiative petition which takes about 60 days to process, however there is a possibility that the commission may consider putting it on the ballot. Clay County Commissioners, Platte County Commissioners and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County also need to consider putting it on the ballot. The bi-state issue must pass in Jackson County, Missouri and Johnson County, Kansas to be effective. Obviously, they would like all five metropolitan counties to approve this so that greater Kansas City can remain major league.*

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*Henry Rizzo asked what percentage of suites and general ticketing are available.*

*Jack Stedman said the Chiefs have 80 suites and are planning to add 15, for a total of 95. They are also planning to move the press box to the top of the stadium in a new structure. The Chiefs minimum of 50 million dollars will pay for all the suites and all the club areas. No public money will be spent on suites and club. All public money will be spent on building a new 500,000 square foot building around the outside of the stadium, tripling the number of restrooms, doubling the number of concession stands, and expanding the concourses.*

*Dennis Waits, County Legislator, asked if the teams were assuming agreed responsibility in these improvements and how will the Sports Authority work in conjunction with the bi-state commission.*

*Jack Holland said the Jackson County Sports Authority represents the County in their management responsibilities. The bi-state commission will have a role in making certain that the funds raised from the bi-state tax (43% from Kansas and 57% from Missouri) are spent as the voters have approved. He said he believes County Legislator Stringfield is a member of the commission. The legislation requires that a majority of each state's delegation to the bi-state commission approve any expenditure of the bi-state funds.*

*Dennis Waits summarized that the day to day operation will continue to be with the Sports Authority, but the construction and renovation will be more with the teams.*

*Jack Stedman said the teams will oversee the construction but all of the contracts will be let by the Sports Authority under the direction of the teams' representatives.*

*Ronald E. Finley was previously told that items of revenue such as ticket prices, concessions and parking was controlled by the league. He asked about the provision in the lease extensions that speaks to a surcharge on parking.*

*Jack Stedman said a ticket surcharge has to be legislated by a legislative body for all events at the sports complex, which is the only way to deduct it against visiting team shares. The change in these leases is that the surcharge now is on parking and therefore does not require league approval. This is because parking is not shared by the visiting teams.*

*Mark Gorris clarified that the surcharge would not take place until after the renovation is completed.*

*Ronald E. Finley asked if the surcharge would be 10% of whatever the parking charge is at that time.*

*Mark Gorris said that was correct.*

*Jack Stedman explained that the National Football League (NFL) shares all ticket, radio and television revenue equally. There is also a salary cap that caps all players' salaries equally. Stadium revenue is not shared. The bonus money needed to sign talented players and to keep the team competitive is cash over cap which is generated from stadium revenues. The player's bonus is amortized over the life of his contract. He reiterated that if we do not have a competitive team the stadium is not worth anything to anyone.*

*Ronald E. Finley said communication is the key to success with bi-state, not only with people in government but also with the public.*

*Bob Spence, County Legislator, said the Legislature should be pleased with the people who negotiated the lease extension. It is a good deal for Jackson County and metropolitan Kansas City. He appreciates the list of projects that shows what public money will be spent on, he appreciates that public obligation will be capped at 180 million, he appreciates that the teams are making substantial investments in our stadiums and that we will share in proceeds of any naming rights and if the team defaults the awards would go to pay off the bond.*

*Terrance Nash, representing the neighborhood action group, said they find from reading the leases that there are still items that need clarity. They strongly suggest a document showing a 25 year comparative statement of receipts, disbursements and change in fund assets to be submitted for review before signing the leases. He had questions on the sales tax projections which depends on how many counties participate.*

*Jack Holland explained the bi-state tax is one quarter cent sales tax; one eighth cent would be used for stadium improvements and the other one eighth cent would be used for arts funding, including funding the Performing Arts Center in Jackson County. If four of the five counties pass the issue in November 2004, it would take approximately 12 years. If the fifth county passes it, it will take approximately 11 years. Total funding over the 12 years, including capital raised (380 million dollars plus debt service) is about 500 million dollars. If as few as two counties participate, it would take between 17-20 years to pay it off.*

*Dan Tarwater said having league teams is a big draw for first class businesses in the community who generate local revenue and taxes which provides money for the poor and for education. He thanked Mr. Nash for his input because some things that he suggested have been worked into the lease extensions.*

*Resolution #15012 was adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.*

*The Legislature took a 10 minute recess.*

*Legislature reconvenes.*

## **5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

*Katheryn Shields, County Executive, announced the ceremonial ground breaking for the Fort Osage Education Center will take place at 11 A.M. on Friday, June 18th, 2004 in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities. We have accepted state and federal grants and 3.5 million dollars was set aside for this project in the bonds approved last fall. It is going to be a model nationally for the education it will provide about Native Americans and Lewis and Clark. It is also a model in terms of the environmental design of the building. It has won a State of Kansas award for Young Architect of the Year for the design. Actual construction is scheduled to begin in early 2005.*

*Katheryn Shields said there are a number of people in the audience who have approached the County Executive and expressed their concern about the news coverage on residency done last week by Channel 5. After consultation with the County Counselor and Personnel, the Administration issued a statement that said Mr. Chaudry met the residency requirements. Obviously, there is great concern in the Muslim-American community as to whether or not there will be repercussions against Mr. Chaudry.*

*Jay Haden, Acting County Counselor, said Art Chaudry, Chief Administrative Officer, had lived in Overland Park, Kansas and still owns a home there. He has also bought a home in Jackson County, is registered to vote in Jackson County, he has his car registered in Jackson County and has paid real estate taxes in Jackson County. He said the traditional legal definition of residence is actual presence in a location with an intent to remain there indefinitely or return there. The law does not require a person to sleep in a place any certain number of days per week or per month. There is not a definition of residency in the Ordinance so he is following the general test of residency and he believes Mr. Chaudry meets it.*

*Henry C. Rizzo asked for Mr. Haden's opinion in writing. Jay Haden agreed to do so.*

*Ronald E. Finley said he believes there is a reason for residency requirements. It is so that the elected or appointed official is sensitive to the needs of the public. He would hate for anyone present to feel that there is any racial implication. He agrees with Mr. Haden's opinion. He said it does concern him that Jackson County spends time reacting to television or the newspaper. He feels Jackson County has better things to do. He has always found Mr. Chaudry to be very helpful, very responsive and a good person to work with.*

*Katheryn Shields, County Executive, pointed out that there is one person present who was called by Channel 5 and asked to testify on residency issues. She would like for this issue to be discussed today and ended.*

*Dennis Waits said he personally thinks the residency requirement is antiquated. He has discussed this with the County Executive for several years. He feels if the County is keeping someone as talented as Art from working for the County because of residency, he feels it is a disservice to the taxpayers of Jackson County. He said Mr. Chaudry is a gentleman and has made fine contributions. He hopes someday we will consider changing the residency requirement.*

*Bob Spence said he agrees with both Mr. Waits and Mr. Finley.*

*Art Chaudry, Chief Administrative Officer, commented that as he saw his former colleagues and friends representing the major league teams it brought back memories because the project they talked about is one that he started with them. His passion for Jackson County goes way back. He finds it offensive if people question his character because he is a dedicated Kansas Citian. He has met every legal requirement that was asked. He wants to make sure that anything the Legislature asks of him is provided. He thinks this has been an invasion of his privacy and he appreciates the support the Legislature and Administration has given him. He thinks it is the clearest statement that can be sent to the community that we live by one set of rules. If the rules are applied consistently and fairly, he will abide by them. If they are applied selectively, he thinks there may be an uproar in the community. He said he appreciates with deep gratitude what they have expressed at the meeting today. He said that he is committed with full integrity and loyalty to support the vision and the mission of the County Executive and County Legislature.*

*Scott Burnett, Chairman, echoed his colleagues support and appreciation for the good work that Mr. Chaudry does for Jackson County and he thanked him for his leadership.*

## 6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- [3482](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.  
*Ronald E. Finley objects to the consent agenda.*
- [3482](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to perfect the Finance and Audit Committee Amendment of 5/17/2004, to insert and delete all changes on file in the County Clerk's office. Seconded by Dennis Waits.  
**The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)**
- [3482](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3482. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.  
**The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)**  
*Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.*
- The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #3490, #3491, #3492 and #3493 on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at Fleming Hall.
- [3490](#) AN ORDINANCE granting a conditional use permit (CUP) in District LI (Light Industrial) for a period of twenty-five (25) years to construct a 190-ft. aerial tower as to a certain 20 ± acre tract.  
*(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*
- Dan Tarwater moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #3491 through #3493. Seconded by Bob Spence.*  
*The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*
- [3491](#) AN ORDINANCE granting a conditional use permit (CUP) in District A (Agricultural) for a period of ninety-nine (99) years to construct a 161 KV electrical transmission line as to a certain 3 ± acre tract.  
*(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*
- [3492](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates), a certain 10 ± acre tract.  
*(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*
- [3493](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette), a certain 6.87 ± acre tract.  
*(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*

[3494](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3495](#) AN ORDINANCE reappropriating \$300,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 General Fund to make available unexpended, unencumbered funds from the Family Court's FY2003 budget to provide supplemental funding for the Family Court's capital improvement program.

*(Health and Justice Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

[3496](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3497](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.

*Ronald E. Finley objects to the consent agenda.*

[3497](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to perfect Ordinance #3497. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

**The motion passed by a voice vote.**

(PERFECTED)

[3497](#) Ronald E. Finley moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3497. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

**The motion passed by a voice vote.**

(APPROVED)

*Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.*

[3498](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing section 9303., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the anti-drug sales tax and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[3482](#) Consent Agenda.

[3497](#) Consent Agenda.

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[15008](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15009](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15010](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.



[15012](#)

Robert A. Stringfield moved the passage of Resolution #15012, authorizing the County Executive to approve First Amendments to the Lease Agreements between the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority and the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., and Kansas City Royals Baseball Corporation, concerning the continued operation of and proposed improvements to the Harry S Truman Sports Complex. Seconded by Rhonda L. Shoemaker.

Yes: 7 - Robert A. Stringfield, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

- [3494](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 5510. and 5511., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to petty offenses and enacting in lieu thereof five new sections relating to petty offenses and noise regulation, with a penalty provision.  
(PERFECTED)
- [3496](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring \$150,000.00 within the 2004 Capital Projects Fund and appropriating \$300,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover a grant awarded by the United States National Park Service for the Fort Osage Education Center and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Modification of the Agreement regarding this project.  
(PERFECTED)
- [3482](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 1130., 1131., 1132., 1133., and 1137., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the disposal of County-owned personal property, and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new sections relating to the same subject.  
(ADOPTED)
- [3497](#) A ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 General Fund to partially sponsor the Global Legacy-NAITCP 2004 Summit and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with North American International Trade Corridor Partnership (NAITCP), to implement this sponsorship at an actual cost to the County of \$5,000.00.  
(ADOPTED)
- [15008](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200424 for the publication of notices of delinquent land tax foreclosures and sales for use by the Collection Department to The Daily Record of Kansas City, MO, at an estimated cost to the County of \$12,000.00.  
(ADOPTED)
- [15009](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain property as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal by way of trade-in.  
(ADOPTED)
- [15010](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200412 for the furnishing of safety shoes for use by the Public Works and Facilities Management Departments to Sid Boedeker Safety Shoe of Lenexa, KS, to provide for its needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$8,000.00.  
(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinances 3494, 3496. To adopt Ordinances 3482, 3497. To adopt Resolutions 15008, 15009, 15010.

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

Yes: 7 - Robert A. Stringfield, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

## 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

*None.*

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

### [15013](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Missouri Valley AAU for its Night Hoops REBOUND programs, to provide a local match to a city grant, in an amount not to exceed \$64,680.00.

*(Anti-Drug Committee)*

*Communications and Reports of the County Executive was done at this time. See page 5 for details.*

*Henry C. Rizzo, Vice-Chairman, assumes the Chair.*

### [15014](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement for Services with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Pan-Educational Institute, for the KC Futures 150 program, at an actual cost to the County of \$52,000.00, as a local match to a federal grant.

*(Anti-Drug Committee)*

### [15015](#)

Awarding a contract on Bid No. 14-04 for the repair of chain link fence for use by the Parks and Recreation Department at the 140th and Holmes softball complex to Acme Fence Co., Inc., of Grandview, MO, in the actual amount of \$14,920.00.

*(Land Use Committee)*

### [15016](#)

Awarding a twelve month term and supply contract on Electronic Solicitation Bid No. BB200411 for the furnishing of auto/truck brake parts and service for use by the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments to O'Reilly Auto Parts of Springfield, MO, in the estimated amount of \$15,000.00.

*(Public Works Committee)*

### [15017](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of firearms training for use by the Department of Corrections to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$5,500.00, as a sole source purchase.

*(Health and Justice Committee)*

- [15018](#) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to modify the departmental construction priorities for its share of the proceeds of the Public Building Corporation Leasehold Revenue Bonds (Capital Improvements Project) Series 2003.  
*(Public Works Committee)*
- [15019](#) Awarding a contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200413 for the furnishing of boats for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to TMBC, LLC. of Springfield, MO (\$18,210.00), Play Craft Boats of Richland, MO (\$56,610.00), and Blue Springs Marine of Blue Springs, MO (\$7,100.00), in the actual aggregate amount of \$81,920.00.  
*(Land Use Committee)*  
*Scott Burnett, Chairman, resumes the Chair.*
- [15020](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Fourth Addendum to the Agreement with the Salvation Army, to provide housing for homeless Drug Court referrals, for the Prosecuting Attorney's Deferred Prosecution and Drug Court Programs, at an increased cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00 and extending the Agreement for a period of twelve months.  
*(Anti-Drug Committee)*
- [15021](#) Robert A. Stringfield moved the passage of Resolution #15021, congratulating David William Kierst, Jr. upon retirement and acknowledging the many contributions he has made during his 26 year service with the Jackson County Family Court. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.  
Yes: 7 - Robert A. Stringfield, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence  
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas  
(ADOPTED)
- [15022](#) Awarding a term-and-supply contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200422 for the furnishing of concessions deli sandwiches and frozen entrees for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to Landshire, Inc., of Belleville, IL (\$10,000.00), and US Food Service of Lenexa, KS (\$5,000.00), to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated aggregate amount of \$15,000.00.  
*(Land Use Committee)*
- [15023](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #15023, authorizing Change Order No. 1 (Final) to the contract with Hanrahan Asphalt Paving Co. of Grandview, MO, for the Little Blue Trace Trailhead Improvements Project, No. 2464, decreasing the contract amount by \$1,405.85. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.  
Yes: 6 - Robert A. Stringfield, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence  
Absent: 2 - Fred Arbanas and Dennis Waits  
(ADOPTED)

[15024](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB20047 for the furnishing of telephone equipment for use by the MIS department to GBH Communications, Inc., of Glendale, CA (\$10,000.00), Call One Inc., of Cape Canaveral, FL (\$7,000.00), and Nextworks, Inc., of Palm Harbor, FL (\$10,000.00), in the estimated aggregate amount of \$27,000.00.

*(Finance and Audit Committee)*

[15025](#) Authorizing the three-year renewal of the contract for the furnishing of data circuits with Southwestern Bell (SBC-ASI Division) of San Antonio, TX, at an annual cost to the County of \$32,589.12 and a total three-year cost of \$97,767.36, as a sole source purchase.

*(Finance and Audit Committee)*

[15026](#) Authorizing a twelve-month extension to and increasing the term and supply contract for the furnishing of HVAC service and repair for use by various County departments, with U. S. Engineering Company of Kansas City, MO, at an estimated cost to the County of \$412,741.23.

*(Finance and Audit Committee)*

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ronald E. Finley asked the Auditor about the status of the request for qualifications regarding the financial audit of the COMBAT program.

Kelly Markham-Stegall, County Auditor, said that last week was the date for the bid opening. There were questions from one of the firms interested in submitting their qualifications for this project and these were questions she felt all potential firms should have an opportunity to get answers to. An addendum was issued and the proposals will be due on Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

Mr. Finley asked for a report on the responses at the next legislative meeting.

Scott Burnett asked for a projected timetable along with the report. The matter will be taken up under Hearings at the next legislative meeting.

Rhonda L. Shoemaker, County Legislator, asked for the date and time of the bid opening.

Kelly Markham-Stegall said the bid opening would be held on May 19, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. in Legislative Conference Room A.

Bob Spence reminded everyone that there will be no prices at the bid opening, only proposals on the qualifications. The dollar amount will be in a separate envelope. This is an attempt to focus everyone's attention on qualifications first. But before any bid is awarded, you will see all of the prices.

Henry C. Rizzo asked how they normally opened bids.

Kelly Markham-Stegall said that we are looking at a Request for Qualification versus a Request for Purchase. To get an idea of what the range of fees would be we asked them to provide an amount for their services but to include this amount in a separate envelope which the Legislature would open at a later date once the qualifications were evaluated.

Henry C. Rizzo asked if this had been done before.

Jay Haden said that this is a process we have done before. It is similar to procedures set out by state law. You bid your qualifications first and then price is discussed once you have identified qualified firms.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Robert A. Stringfield said Channel 9 flashed his parking space in Independence on television, criticizing that he was supposedly parking in a handicap space. He asked Public Works to make a comment.

Scott Burnett also received a phone call from a Channel 9 reporter indicating the same about his parking space in Independence. Scott told the reporter that the Legislature is in Independence on the second and fourth Monday of the month for approximately two hours when legislative meetings are held.

Henry C. Rizzo indicated that the parking spaces are vacant when the Legislature is not meeting.

Rhonda Shoemaker explained that Mr. Stringfield parks behind her. They are not prime handicap spaces since they are located around the corner near the post office.

J.D. Stokes, Director of Public Works, said last July the City of Independence asked about the traffic and parking around the Independence Annex. We learned that the City of Independence aligned different parking spaces against their own city code. Public Works staff began conversations with the City of Independence on how the spaces could be rearranged to satisfy County needs. In so doing, the City of Independence is currently updating their city code. The City is providing an overall solution to the City's need, public's need, the County's need and the handicaps' need to be in the area. It was a concerted effort between the City and the County because there were questions and unaddressed loopholes in the City's code.

Mr. Stringfield, Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Burnett and Ms. Shoemaker all agreed they would be willing to give up their parking spaces.

Scott Burnett summarized that the City of Independence is preparing an ordinance that will mark two handicap parking spaces for the Independence Annex so that County Legislators can maintain their parking spaces on legislative meeting days.

Katheryn Shields said at the end of this construction there will be a handicap entrance on the west side of the building at the Kansas City Courthouse.

## 15 ADJOURNMENT

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.

**The motion passed by a voice vote.**

(APPROVED)

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, May 24, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.*