



Jackson County Missouri

JOURNAL

County Legislature

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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), Bill Petrie (2nd AL),
Fred Arbanas (3rd AL)

Monday, January 7, 2002

3:30 PM

First Regular Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, presented a fifteen year service pin to Paul Arena, an Assistant Auditor in the Auditor's Office.

Victor E. Callahan opens nominations for Chairman of the Legislature.

*Terry Young nominates Victor E. Callahan. Seconded by Bill Petrie.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

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

*Terry Young moved that Victor E. Callahan be elected Chairman of the Jackson County Legislature for 2002. Seconded by Bill Petrie.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, opens nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Legislature.

*Bill Petrie nominates Ronald E. Finley. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

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

*Bill Petrie moved that Ronald E. Finley be elected Vice-Chairman of the Jackson County Legislature for 2002. Seconded by Terry Young.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, presented a fifteen year service pin to Dennis Waits, a member of the Jackson County Legislature since 1986. Mr. Callahan recognized Mr. Waits for his commitment to the youth of this community and to his job as a Legislator.

Resolution #13969 was adopted at this time. See page 4 for details.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dennis Waits moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 12/21/2001.
Seconded by Terry Young.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

The Legislature also approved the journal of 12/17/2001.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them back from the holidays. She looks forward to working with the Legislature this year to do what is in the best interest of the citizens of Jackson County. She also thanked everyone for the hard work that they put in on this year's budget.

Missouri's Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission has awarded Jackson County a second \$40,000.00 grant that will go toward the Fort Osage Education Center. This grant will go toward Phase II of the project which will be the completion of the architectural plans.

Katheryn announced that Christmas in the Park had a record season this year in both spectators and donations. Nearly 39,000 people wound their way through the holiday lights at Longview Lake. Christmas in the Park also raised a record high \$112,000.00 for 38 local charities.

This morning one of our animal control officers struck a pedestrian who was then taken to the hospital. The accident is being investigated by the Sheriff's Department and Katheryn asked everyone to keep the officer and pedestrian in their thoughts and prayers. She will keep everyone informed on the woman's condition.

Katheryn Shields reported on the tax collection effort. On the whole everything went very well but an issue arose where some receipts were sent out with incomplete information. Corrected receipts are being sent with a letter explaining that information had been left off of their previous receipts. They are being told to discard their prior receipt and use the new receipt when licensing their vehicles.

The collections and assessment went very well this year and there are many improvements to report. This year was a much smoother process for taxpayers than ever before in Kansas City, Independence and partner city locations. Our taxpayers know that our goal is quality customer service but mistakes will happen and our efforts will be to identify those mistakes and correct them as quickly as possible. Lines were much shorter in all locations this year because we added more cashiers, customer service representatives and line monitors to ensure people in line were served quickly. A "lobby host" greeted customers at the door to direct them to the receptionist or cashier. Many customers expressed their pleasure with the process. A Channel 4 news reporter came in and did a story on the lines and what was happening in Jackson County and a positive story was done about how smoothly things were moving. The average wait in line, even in the final week, was only 7 to 10 minutes and the average wait time on phone calls was 10 to 12 minutes.

The "Lock Box" agreement with UMB continues to pay big dividends to taxpayers and our government partners in speed and efficiency. It has been in place for two years and collection and distribution is running 60% faster than in 1999 before the lock box was put in place. We have collected and distributed \$300 million. This is \$13.5 million ahead of this time last year, \$111 million ahead of this time in 1999 and \$163 million ahead of this time in 1998. In the business world, this kind of dramatic improvement in a single year would be a cause for celebration. Continuous improvement at these levels makes these successes even more impressive.

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, asked how many receipts were sent out with incomplete information and if citizens would be able to license their cars with this receipt. Katheryn said a final number had not been determined but she would report back to the Legislature next week. She added that people would not be able to license their cars with the incorrect receipt.

Victor E. Callahan asked the County Executive about the article in the newspaper regarding the Independence city license fee not being waived for senior citizens. Katheryn said the City of Independence has no city license fee for senior citizens. When it was determined the fee was not waived for about 5,000 residents, corrected bills were sent out. However, if their taxes have already been paid, a refund will be issued.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3216](#) Public Works Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[13921](#) Awarding a contract on Bid No. 86-01 for the design and construction of a stand-alone sanitary sewer system for use by the Parks and Recreation Department at Fleming Park to White Cloud Engineering of Maryville, MO, in the actual amount of \$114,444.00.
(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR ARBANAS, CONCURRED BY YOUNG AND WAITS)

[13943](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing an increase to the contract with MTS Contracting Inc., of North Kansas City, for the waterproofing of the foundation at the Parks and Recreation Department's Jacomo equipment service shop, in the actual amount of \$1,681.00.
(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[13957](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13958](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3216](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing § 5402., Jackson County Code, 1984 relating to fees for building permits, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.
(PERFECTED)

[13957](#) A RESOLUTION giving the affirmative assent of the County in accordance with Section 204.370 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, on the question of whether the Little Blue Valley Sewer District should issue revenue bonds payable from revenues to be derived from the operation of its sewerage system in an amount not to exceed \$86,000,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, extending, or rehabilitating the system.
(ADOPTED)

[13958](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an amended and restated service contract for sewer service with the Little Blue Valley Sewer District.
(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinance 3216. To adopt Resolutions 13957, 13958.

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

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[13969](#) Bill Petrie moved the passage of Resolution #13969, congratulating Marceline "Marcy" Orozco upon her retirement from Jackson County and commending her for forty-two years of dedicated service. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[13970](#) Expressing the intent of the Legislature to assist Dean Realty Company in the construction of, and to provide reimbursement for, one or more above ground and underground redevelopment project(s) and matters related thereto.

(Public Works Committee)

[13971](#) Transferring \$32,000.00 within the 2002 Anti Drug Sales Tax Fund, as a correction to the 2002 budget amendment.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

No dissenting vote to consider Resolution #13972 - not on printed agenda.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, said he does not think that Resolution #13972 falls under the purview of county services and urged everyone to vote no on this resolution.

[13972](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13972, authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for funding of the 2002 King Birthday Celebration at a cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits and Terry Young

No: 1 - Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, January 14, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.