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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)

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

2:30 PM

Seventh Regular Meeting

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

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

Dan Tarwater moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 2/9/2004.
Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, advised the Legislature that a motion was made and passed at last week's COMBAT Commission meeting: . . ."the Commission requests the office of the County Executive to serve as facilitator of a review of the structure of COMBAT, seeking input from Commissioners, providers, staff and other elected officials and to report findings and recommendations, if any, to the Commission at the regular March 2004 meeting." She thinks the best way to facilitate this would be to put together a group of citizens. She commits that members will not be individuals with ties to organizations who receive funding from COMBAT.

She mentioned that Ken Evans, Communications and E-government Coordinator, was available today to respond to any questions regarding televising of the legislative meetings.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, asked if Katheryn anticipated the committee to be all volunteers or would there be professionals involved concerning organizational studies.

Katheryn Shields said she anticipates volunteers who have organizational experience and expertise.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, asked if the work of the committee could be completed in one month.

Katheryn Shields replied that one month may be too short. She will report to the Legislature next week the names of the people on the committee. She is considering a committee of five members from a cross section of the community.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked if the motion was passed unanimously by the COMBAT Commission.

Katheryn Shields said no, it was passed by a majority.

Ronald E. Finley asked if minutes of the commission meeting were available.

Katheryn Shields said minutes will probably be prepared but she wasn't sure when they would be available.

Ronald E. Finley said he met with the auditor and asked her to present the COMBAT Commission minutes to the Finance and Audit Committee and the Legislature. By reviewing the minutes, he thinks the Legislature can understand the concern of the COMBAT Commission.

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, asked about the resolution introduced at the COMBAT Commission meeting. He said Henry Rizzo was the sponsor but he did not see it on the County Legislature's agenda.

Katheryn Shields said there was a resolution presented to the Chair of the Commission. The Chair confirmed with Jay Haden that it was not from the County Counselor's office. Jay suggested that it not be distributed.

Jay Haden, Deputy County Counselor, said until they were able talk to Henry Rizzo he recommended not discussing or pursuing it.

Henry Rizzo, County Legislator, said he had no discussion regarding this resolution. He immediately sent a letter to all members of the COMBAT Commission, the County Executive, and County Counselor confirming he had nothing to do with the resolution. He also said any future legislation would need to be confirmed by his office. He had a problem with the commission taking a resolution in the meeting sent from a blind fax with no legislator's approval. Vicki Boyd, Interim Executive Director of COMBAT, said it was sent from Mr. Rizzo's office. However, she did not look at the fax number which was a blind fax in Independence, Missouri and Mr. Rizzo's office is in Kansas City, Missouri. He agrees with the County Executive that there is a process for an audit.

Dan Tarwater asked if there was an investigation as to where the fax came from or disciplinary action as far as it being introduced.

Katheryn Shields said the fax cannot be traced since it was sent from a public place.

Henry Rizzo researched the County and State statutes and found nothing that speaks to this issue. He is talking with the Attorney General regarding a fraud statute.

Katheryn Shields said COMBAT is a fine program. Any program can be fine tuned. She feels the overwhelming support of the voters for COMBAT was shown last August. She does not think anyone would want to engage in any activities that would undermine the public confidence. No one should be threatened by the idea of fine tuning.

Ronald E. Finley has a fax of a meeting notice held at the Sheriff's office at 9 A.M. on February 17, 2004 by the COMBAT Tax Audit Committee. He asked if this was a standing committee of the COMBAT Commission.

Katheryn Shields said no.

Ronald E. Finley asked the County Auditor to inquire as to what happened at the meeting and to get any documents or direction that came from this meeting. The notice was faxed to him on February 15th. He assumes the body is operating according to the Sunshine Law.

Jay Haden said he does not think the board has any legal status as a committee or board of County government. It was an ad-hoc committee, not a public body.

Katheryn Shields said she and Scott Burnett received a letter from Michael Sanders, Prosecuting Attorney. The letter indicated that he was going to establish a COMBAT audit committee. Katheryn and Scott sent a response to the Prosecuting Attorney, stating that the auditing function of Jackson County resides with the County Legislature and the appointment of commissions resides with the County Executive by charter. They suggested that if he felt an audit was necessary he should submit a request to the Legislature. The request should be directed to Ronald E. Finley, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, with reasons as to why he felt an additional audit was needed.

Ronald E. Finley asked if Katheryn Shields could provide a copy of her letter to the County Auditor.

Katheryn Shields agreed to do so.

Henry C. Rizzo asked if the citizens committee is to take the place of the audit or is it a prelude.

Katheryn Shields said they are two separate issues. The COMBAT Commission made a motion asking the County Executive to serve as facilitator for the structure of COMBAT. Then at the COMBAT meeting, the Prosecuting Attorney talked about asking the State Auditor to get involved. Katheryn does not know the purpose of the COMBAT Tax Audit Committee.

Henry C. Rizzo said he read Katheryn's comments in the paper on Thursday stating that she was in favor of a State audit. He asked if she changed her position.

Katheryn Shields said she is not aware of any reasons why another audit is needed. She does not have a problem with the State Auditor doing a review. She explained that there is an annual audit done on COMBAT performed by an outside auditor. There is also an auditor assigned to COMBAT in the County Auditor's office. She said the normal process for an audit would be to request it from the Finance and Audit Committee. The request would include the type of audit, scope and why it is necessary. Then it would be up to the Finance and Audit Committee to decide if they wanted to recommend it to the Legislature.

Scott Burnett said he and Mr. Tarwater received a letter from the Prosecuting Attorney on Friday, February 13, 2004 advising them that an audit of the COMBAT tax was underway. The letter asked them to submit the name of a representative from the Legislature to be a part of the team. This does not comply with the charter, so it is unclear the purpose of this committee.

Henry C. Rizzo said according to the Jackson County Charter, an audit is to be done every three years on all agencies. He asked if this was done. He asked Mr. Finley if there was an audit done of all the agencies by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ronald E. Finley said no, not of all the agencies. He said there is in place a number of levels of the audit function in the COMBAT program. They are financial audits but perhaps what is being requested are performance audits. The Finance and Audit Committee has not dealt with a provision of the charter that requires an audit of all agencies every three years.

Jay Haden said there is a State law that says counties get an audit every three years. Jackson County does an annual comprehensive audit, it has the highest auditing standards and receives CAFR certification.

Henry C. Rizzo said Article VIII, Section 5 of the Jackson County Charter states that an audit by independent certified public accountants shall be done every three years.

Jay Haden said the County Legislature gets to provide the scope for an audit. If the Legislature was inclined and did not want to spend the money on an annual comprehensive financial audit, the Legislature would be entitled under the charter to provide modified audits for each department provided all departments were audited every three years. Since we do a comprehensive annual audit of all departments we comply with the charter. KPMG Peat Marwick LLP performs the audit. He said this issue has been raised in the past. Every year the County Executive requests funds in the budget for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive financial audit of all County agencies and accounts. Every year the Legislature approves County Executive funds for the audit.

Henry C. Rizzo believes the framers of the County Charter intended there to be two independent audits; one for the Legislature and one for the County Executive. He does not recall that the Legislature provided a scope for an audit at the beginning of 2004. He thinks it is a function of the Legislature for checks and balances. The charter reads, "An audit by independent certified public accountants shall be performed at the end of each fiscal year, and the legislature shall provide annually for the scope of such audit, provided, however, a complete audit of every office and department shall be performed not less frequently than every three years." He asked that a copy of the audit of COMBAT funds be provided to him.

Jay Haden said the report will have other accounts but will include COMBAT and all other anti-drug funds.

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, said he attended the COMBAT meeting and said the money for DARE is what precipitated this audit. People at the meeting were concerned that funding for DARE would decrease. It is understood that if you do not have revenues on sales tax then funding will be decreased. If funds are not collected, you will get the percentage, but not the amount. After the meeting, he was questioning whether another audit was necessary since an annual audit is performed.

Katheryn Shields said it is surprising that questions about allocations were not raised during budget hearings.

Rhonda L. Shoemaker, County Legislator, agrees with the County Executive. She questions spending additional money for an audit without any real cause or reason, since a comprehensive audit is performed annually.

Katheryn Shields said until a request is received by the Legislature, with reasons being stated, a judgement cannot be made. Hopefully the request will be forthcoming.

Henry C. Rizzo asked if it would be a good idea for the County Legislature to do their own independent audit, other than the County Executive audit.

Jay Haden said he did an opinion for Dr. Hertzog who raised a similar issue about ten years ago. He will give a copy to Mr. Rizzo for his review. He said two audits would seem to be duplicative and the same conclusions would be reached.

Henry C. Rizzo asked if Mr. Haden felt the scope of the County Executive audit would be the same as the scope of the Legislature.

Jay Haden said the current annual audit performed is the most comprehensive audit available. It meets the highest standards that the Government Accounting Standards Board sets out. He said unless there was a specific area or a performance audit that needed to be done, there is not a need.

Henry C. Rizzo said he spoke with Stuart Baker, legislative auditor who oversees DARE. He said there has never been an audit done on the COMBAT Drug Tax.

Jay Haden said it is possible Stuart did not understand the question or is not aware of Jackson County's audit program.

Robert A. Stringfield said he is aware that Stuart Baker performs audits on outside agencies who take care of treatment for COMBAT.

Scott Burnett asked Ken Evans for the findings of his study regarding televising legislative meetings or being on-line.

Ken Evans, Communications and E-government Coordinator, said he gave the report to legislators some weeks ago and would be happy to answer any questions.

Scott Burnett said there has been discussion about the cost of televising and also about streaming audio. He thinks the public is entitled to view these meetings. He received 14 responses from people who would like to continue televising. He asked opinions from other legislators.

Bob Spence said he is opposed.

Henry Rizzo said he is a proponent of keeping the line of communication open. However, if meetings are televised he would like the entire meeting to be televised, not just two hours. His concern about the Internet is that some people do not have Internet access.

Ronald E. Finley asked if the legislative meeting is less than 2 hours one week could the additional time be carried over to the next week, like some cell phone plans. He asked someone to review the contract regarding this condition.

Ken Evans said this has been an ongoing issue. This is a cooperative agreement between Jackson County and certain municipalities that have government channels.

Jackson County is in a position of not having its own government channel because of the way it is structured in Missouri with cable television networks getting licenses from the cities. The cities have given us two hours maximum. He said he can ask for a longer time block but when we run short their issue will be that they need something to fill in the time. It has been a challenge to fill the time blocks consistently. He knows the cities will be open to further discussion.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3463](#)

Ronald E. Finley moved to perfect the Finance and Audit Committee Substitute of 2/9/2004. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

Consent Agenda.

[3464](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the preliminary plat "Windsor Subdivision, Phases 5 and 6," creating a 41-lot residential subdivision, as to a 157.5 ± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #3465 and #3466 on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at Fleming Hall.

[3465](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RR (Residential Ranchette), a certain 86 ± acre tract, and approving the preliminary plat "Whippoowill Place - 2nd Plat," creating a fifteen-lot residential subdivision.

(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[3466](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), a certain 20 ± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[3467](#)

Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3468](#)

Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[14899](#)

Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14900](#)

Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14901](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14902](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14903](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14904](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14905](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3463](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 9056., 9057., and 9058., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Housing Resources Commission, and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new sections relating to the same subject.

(PERFECTED)

[3467](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,500.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Child Protection Center Supplement Grant for the Family Court funded by the National Children's Alliance.

(PERFECTED)

[3468](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,857.76 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Family Court Division's Domestic Relations Monitored Security Grant received from the Missouri Office of the State Courts Administrator.

(PERFECTED)

[14899](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health Services, a division of Truman Medical Center to cover the cost of atypical anti-psychotic medications dispensed at the Jackson County Detention Center at a cost to the County not to exceed \$89,993.00.

(ADOPTED)

[14900](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 50-03 for the furnishing of body transfer services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to Metro Removal of Overland Park, KS, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$70,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[14901](#) A RESOLUTION awarding eight-month term and supply contracts for the furnishing of industrial pipe fittings and plumbing supplies for use by the Public Works, Facilities Management, and Parks and Recreation Departments under contracts Nos. PA4474-01 & -02, existing government contracts of the City of Kansas City, MO, to K. C. Winwater Works Company of Kansas City, MO, and Riback Supply Co. of Kansas City, MO, at an estimated aggregate cost to the County of \$35,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[14902](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a one-year term and supply contract for the furnishing of solid waste disposal services for use by the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments to the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, at an estimated cost to the County of \$13,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[14903](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract on Bid No. 49-03 for the furnishing of a dump truck, snow plow, and spreaders for use by the Public Works Department to KCR International Trucks, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, in the actual amount of \$157,280.00.

(ADOPTED)

[14904](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to issue a check in the amount of \$21,983.58 to Public Water Supply District No. 12, representing increased and unanticipated costs of a water main relocation in connection with the Harris Road Bridge Replacement Project, No. 2409.

(ADOPTED)

[14905](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with Wayside Waifs, Inc., to provide for the impoundment of lost and unclaimed animals from within unincorporated Jackson County, at an actual cost to the County of \$10,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinances 3463, 3467, 3468. To adopt Resolutions 14899, 14900, 14901, 14902, 14903, 14904, 14905.

Dennis Waits moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Dan Tarwater. 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

[14907](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of (1) minivan for use by the Sheriff's Department under the Mid-America Council of Public Purchasing's Cooperative Fleet Bid, an existing government contract of the City of Overland Park, KS, to Roberts Auto Plaza, Inc., of Platte City, MO, at an actual cost to the County of \$16,931.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[14908](#) Authorizing the purchase of proprietary fishing tackle and novelty items for resale by the Parks and Recreation Department at the various marinas from Bear Supply Company of Atkins, AR (\$9,000.00), and Sportsman Supply of St. Clair, MO (\$18,000.00), in the actual aggregate amount of \$27,000.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[14909](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #14909, acknowledging Forrest Martin for his contributions to Jackson County journalism, the Legislature, and the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature and wishing him well on his retirement. 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)

[14910](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with the Independence Council for Economic Development, Lee's Summit Economic Development Council, City of Blue Springs Department of Economic Development, Grandview Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Sugar Creek, and City of Grain Valley, regarding the Department of Economic Development's cooperative advertising campaign.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[14911](#) Awarding a term and supply contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200395 for the furnishing of chemicals and fertilizers for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to Floratine Midwest of Raymore, MO (\$8,450.00), Helena Chemical of Lenexa, KS (\$31,990.00), Lesco, Inc., of Strongsville, OH (\$18,000.00), Outdoor Equipment/US Turf of Grandview, MO (\$6,800.00), and Grass Pad, Inc., of Olathe, KS (\$23,250.00) to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated aggregate amount of \$88,490.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[14912](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of software enhancements for use by the Records Department to Hart Intercivic, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$18,500.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[14913](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract with R. A. Knapp Construction of Kansas City, KS, for the Noland Road Bridge over Little Blue River Project, No. 2390, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$9,246.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[14914](#) Authorizing payment of \$16,545.00 to the City of Lake Lotawana from the Lake Lotawana CURS account to cover costs of the City's 2004 street and road maintenance program.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR SPENCE, CONCURRED BY TARWATER AND STRINGFIELD)

[14915](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement for Environmental Services with the City of Lake Lotawana.

(Public Works Committee)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[04-05](#) I hereby appoint Sheryl Ingram Max to the Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of David Ross, for a new term to expire December 31, 2006. A copy of Ms. Max's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley said that last week the Legislature passed Resolution #14906 regarding the extension to the contracts for drug treatment services by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Mr. Rizzo at that time made a very good argument that we should have a public hearing on contracts of this size. Mr. Finley said that he had some discussion with Legislators before this vote, and he committed his vote because he felt it was a renewal of a contract. At the same time, if we have a large contract and a member of this body requests a public hearing then we should give every consideration to a public hearing.

Henry C. Rizzo agreed with Mr. Finley. Anyone who wants a public hearing for any type of contract should be allowed that public hearing. We eliminate a huge part of the process when we don't do that. An error was made last week by not having a public hearing on this resolution. He is a brand new member of the Legislature and had not seen the contract before. He asked for a public hearing and was defeated with very little discussion. It was a wrong action for the Legislature to take and he will continue to protest.

Dan Tarwater said that as far as any questions the Legislature might have for any of the providers we have right now, he would be happy to have them come to the Anti-Drug Committee meeting and give a presentation on what they do and answer questions.

Henry C. Rizzo said he found that odd because last week Mr. Tarwater was against it.

Bob Spence thought that Mr. Rizzo was not asking for a public hearing but a re-bid.

Mr. Rizzo said to look at the journal because all he asked for was a public hearing. All he wanted was information on this whether it be this contract or any other contract. He had no intention or even said anything about a re-bidding of the contract. He asked Dan Tarwater and Scott Burnett to send it to committee and was soundly defeated. The only two people who voted for it were himself and Dennis Waits. Mr. Rizzo doesn't care if it is re-bid or not, but it does deserve a public hearing. All this pressure is coming down and now we want to have a public hearing. If we had done this a week ago we would not be here today wasting the government taxpayers time.

Bob Spence said he took offense that Mr. Rizzo says he is skewing the facts. It is his understanding from being at the meeting last week that he called for a re-bid. If he is wrong, he is willing to admit it. If an apology is needed, it will be forthcoming.

Henry C. Rizzo said that public hearings are a necessary part of government. Anytime you lock out people you make a mistake. We tried to do it with the televisions. He fought for the televisions and they are still here even though the Legislature tried to throw them out. Now we are throwing out public hearings. On the average of every three meetings two Ordinances or Resolutions are not going to committee and he thinks the Legislature is getting reckless with that.

Rhonda L. Shoemaker clarified that this was a bid contract. It was a three one year option and we had a public hearing. She is not in favor of spending more county money to try to send something out for another bid just to get higher bids or quotes. We had our bid and we had our public hearing. What was before us was whether we want to honor these three one year contracts in which we are in the second year.

Mr. Rizzo said it is the function of this body that they can not extend a bid without it going through the process. When it was reintroduced to extend this bid it had to go through the process of another public hearing. That was not done and he does not agree with it.

Rhonda L. Shoemaker said she feels that the Legislature should not ask for options to extend contracts. Jackson County is risking losing the trust of vendors.

Henry C. Rizzo said he is not talking about raising prices or re-bidding, he is talking about a simple public hearing. He stated that there were five addenda to the contract, of which he was not aware. There has also been legal action on this contract which would have come out in a public hearing. He asked why the Legislature is scared of a public hearing.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Henry C. Rizzo said because of what happened the other day, in the COMBAT Commission meeting, when he was named as a sponsor on a bogus resolution, it is his intention to introduce any ordinance or resolution he sponsors from the floor. He asked Jay Haden to draft legislation and he will sponsor it regarding a new law (Chapter 43 of the Highway Patrol, Section 43650). This law allows the Highway Patrol to put a list of sexual offenders with photos and addresses on the Internet. He asked that the legislation authorize Jackson County to include on its website the Internet address of the Highway Patrol so the public can access the list of sexual offenders.

Jay Haden asked Mr. Rizzo to provide him with a copy of the new law.

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, February 23, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the Independence Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.