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Dan Tarwater, (4th), Chairman, Henry C. Rizzo (2nd AL), Vice-Chairman,
Robert A. Stringfield, (1st AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Eugene Standifer Jr. (2nd), Dennis Waits (3rd),
Rhonda L. Shoemaker (5th), Bob Spence (6th)

Monday, June 27, 2005

2:30 PM

Twenty-Sixth Regular Meeting

Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 West Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Scott Burnett moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 6/20/2005.
Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

The County Legislature interviewed Michael Smith, candidate for the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. (Resolution #15534)

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, said he has two names that he will submit and he will ask them to be present at the next legislative meeting.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, offered her support and said she looked forward to implementing the Memorandums of Understanding with regard to the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Discussion regarding MOU's. (Refer to audio or video tape.)

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, said he asked two months ago if Jackson County had an Ethics Commission.

Ed Rucker, County Counselor, said Jackson County does have an Ethics Commission. He said the Jackson County Charter sets forth three specific people designated by their job who nominate and appoint an Ethics Commission, without legislative input or input from the County Executive. The Ethics Commission is composed of five people and he believes they have been appointed. He will get the names for Mr. Stringfield.

Mr. Stringfield said he received a complaint Friday and he thinks something is going to the Ethics Commission. He understands that the Director of the Office of Human Relations and Citizen Complaints may not be around. He was of the understanding that the Director of OHRCC had something to do with the Ethics Commission as far as directing them if they receive a complaint.

Ed Rucker said the Charter reads that the OHRCC is a different body than the Ethics Commission and he does not see any overlap.

Mr. Stringfield said he wants to make sure there is an Ethics Commission in place. If not, then he believes the Missouri Ethics Commission or the Prosecutor's office would be the next step for the complaint he received. He would like to know if Jackson County has an Ethics Commission that is functioning per the Charter.

Resolution #15541 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details. Resolution #15551 was adopted at this time. See page 7 for details.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

Henry C. Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution #15511. Seconded by Eugene Standifer Jr.

Dennis Waits moved to table Resolutions #15511 and #15512 until later in the meeting. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a roll call vote.

Yes: 6 - Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda Shoemaker, Bob Spence. No: 3 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Eugene Standifer, Jr.

There was much discussion regarding these two resolutions.

Henry C. Rizzo moved to take off the table Resolutions #15511 and #15512. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[15511](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved the passage of Resolution #15511, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Local Union No. 42 of the International Association of Fire Fighters regarding the terms and conditions of employment of members of its bargaining unit within the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and transferring within the General Fund \$53,498.00, and within the Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund \$7,700.00 and also transferring \$182,270.00 of Prosecuting Attorney salaries from the General Fund to the Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to be determined by the Prosecuting Attorney as counter to the negotiated agreement in the 2005 budget. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.

Yes: 7 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits and Dan Tarwater
No: 2 - Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15512](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved the passage of Resolution #15512, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Carpenters' District Council of Kansas City & Vicinity regarding the terms and conditions of employment of members of its bargaining unit within the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and transferring within the General Fund \$35,070.00 and within the Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund \$57,809.00 and within the Prosecuting Attorney's Bad Check Fund \$12,250.00 as counter to the negotiated agreement in the 2005 budget. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.

Yes: 7 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits and Dan Tarwater
No: 2 - Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15526](#) Scott Burnett moved to reassign Resolution #15526 to the Legislature As A Whole, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Service Employees International Union, Local 2000, regarding the terms and conditions of employment of members of its bargaining unit. Seconded by Rhonda L. Shoemaker.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[15527](#) A RESOLUTION appointing members of the Jackson County Legislature as an ad hoc committee to participate on behalf of the Legislature with the administration in the negotiations of the leases of the Truman Sports Complex.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

[15534](#) A RESOLUTION nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

(Hold until July 11, 2005.)

[15535](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Trustees of the Land Trust of Jackson County, Missouri to convey one (1) parcel of real property located in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri for support of various projects for the upgrading and redevelopment of the urban core in accordance with § 141.750.0 RSMo, 2000.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[15538](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15540](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[15538](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of recycled toner cartridges for use by various County departments to Pacific Northwest Business Products of Seattle, WA, under the terms and conditions of an existing government contract of the City of Kansas City, MO.

(ADOPTED)

[15540](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Kansas City Area Development Council to provide a current profile of Jackson County at a cost to the County not to exceed \$24,950.00.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Resolutions 15538, 15540.

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

Yes: 8 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Henry C. Rizzo

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3640](#) Reappropriating \$40,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 General Fund for an agreement with Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City and reappropriating \$54,266.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover the cost of an Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, MO, for the Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program, due to a funding lapse after the last fiscal year.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[3641](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved to perfect Ordinance #3641. Seconded by Eugene Standifer Jr..

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(PERFECTED)

Henry C. Rizzo objects.

[3641](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3641. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[3641](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved the passage of Ordinance #3641 as perfected, reappropriating \$23,895.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Homeless Assistance Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with Comprehensive Mental Health Services to provide assistance to homeless persons, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$23,895.00. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[3642](#) Increasing compensation for all County employees and terminating all General Fund and Park Fund outside agency contracts and eliminating all open county positions to provide the funds for said increase.

(Legislature As A Whole)

Bob Spence, County Legislator, said in order to treat all county employees equitably and be able to fund it, Ordinance #3642 requires that all General Fund and Park Fund outside agency contracts be terminated.

Discussion. (Refer to audio or video tape.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[15541](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #15541, congratulating Mary Petrovic on her excellence in academics. Seconded by Bob Spence.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15542](#) Awarding a twenty-four (24) month term and supply contract for the furnishing of t-shirts and wearing apparel for use by various County departments to Raytown Screen Print of Raytown, MO, under the terms and conditions of Electronic Solicitation No. BB200531.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[15543](#) Accepting a temporary construction easement and authorizing payment to the property owner trustee, Orville Repper, in the total amount of \$46,952.00, in furtherance of the Colbern Road Phase II Project.

(Public Works Committee)

[15544](#) Accepting a temporary construction easement and authorizing payment to the property owner trustees, John and Kimberly Sheehy, in the total amount of \$9,010.00 for the Colbern Road Phase II Project.

(Public Works Committee)

[15545](#) Accepting a temporary construction easement and authorizing payment to the property owner trustees Clark and Terri Gundersen, in the total amount of \$24,738.70 for the Colbern Road Phase II Project.

(Public Works Committee)

[15546](#) Authorizing the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Conservation for the development of an Outdoor Skills and Education Center within Landahl Park.

(Land Use Committee)

Robert A. Stringfield moved to adopt Resolution #15547. Seconded by Rhonda L. Shoemaker.

The motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

[15547](#) Authorizing the County Executive to enter into an Agreement to provide COMBAT Grant Match Funds in the amount of \$16,000.00 to the Genesis School, Inc., for the Genesis School Mentoring Program.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[15548](#) Authorizing execution of professional services agreements with Mike Harmon and Kathy Allen-Gray for the provision of real property appraisal consultation services in connection with the Board of Equalization at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[15549](#) Awarding of a twenty-four (24) month term and supply contract for the furnishing of concessions: candy and cigarettes for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to St. Joe Distributing of St. Joseph, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. BB200520.

(Land Use Committee)

[15550](#)

Henry C. Rizzo moved the passage of Resolution #15550, transferring \$603,020.00 within the 2005 Public Building Corporation Capital Projects Fund, awarding a contract for the purchase of financial system software, installation, training, consulting and customization services for use by the Finance Department and all other County offices to Mitchell Humphrey & Co. of St. Louis, MO, under the terms and conditions of an existing government contract, and authorizing the County Executive to execute that Agreement in a form approved by the County Counselor at a cost to the County not to exceed \$508,085.00 and further authorizing the County Executive to execute change orders as a contingency in an amount not to exceed \$92,170.00 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$600,255.00, and providing \$50,000.00 for the purchase of additional hardware and software under existing term and supply contracts for a project total of \$650,255.00. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.

Yes: 8 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

No dissenting vote to consider Resolution #15551 - not on printed agenda.

[15551](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #15551, congratulating the Lee's Summit North High School boys track and field team upon winning the Missouri High School State Championship Title. Seconded by Scott Burnett.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dan Tarwater, Chairman, asked Jim Nunnelly, Anti-Drug Program Administrator, to work on the surplus numbers for the Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for 2006. He asked Mr. Nunnelly to work with the Anti-Drug Committee and the prevention and treatment people, because there will be agencies that will receive less money. He wants to advise the agencies now so they can plan their budget for next year. He asked Troy Thomas, Chief Financial Officer, to work on the numbers and provide them to the Anti-Drug Committee as well as to Mr. Nunnelly. He wants to come up with a strategic plan to deal with the outside agencies and the definite shortfall of monies.

Henry C. Rizzo, County Legislator, asked Michael Sanders what the Legislature could do to help the Prosecutor deal with the skyrocketing murder rate.

Michael Sanders, Prosecuting Attorney, said it is a public safety and public health issue. He said homicide and violent crime rates are increasing nationwide. He said Jackson County is below historic highs as far as homicides. He said the Prosecutor's office is part of a task force with the Mayor of Kansas City that is looking at the issue of violent crime and crime that occurs in Kansas City, Missouri. They are convening a meeting of the different law enforcement officials throughout all of Jackson County to look at unique things to fight crime in the community. Two trends that continue are (1) violent crime which is typically committed by young males between the ages of 15-25; and (2) the fight against narcotics. He said he would be happy to give a report at the next legislative meeting.

Michael Sanders said the Prosecutor's office is a finalist for the National Institute of Justice's study on youth violence. He said his office applied for a \$3 million grant and they are a finalist, along with the city of Chicago. He will keep the Legislature informed.

He thanked the seven legislators that passed the MOU's. He said it was a wonderful message to send the men and women of law enforcement and the people in the community; the message that Jackson County will invest in law enforcement and invest in the fight against crime. He said now is the time to step forward to those commitments. He said he created a major crimes unit which is a specialized group of the most senior attorneys in Jackson County that handle the most violent offenses.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Scott Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 11, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.