



# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

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

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Monday, September 11, 2006

2:30 PM

Thirty-Fifth Regular Meeting

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

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Henry C. Rizzo, 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, Rhonda L. Shoemaker, Bob Spence and Bob Spence

**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 8/28/2006.  
Seconded by Scott Burnett.

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

(APPROVED)

**4 HEARINGS**

*Deron Cherry was interviewed by the County Legislature as a candidate for the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. In response to questions from Mr. Arbanas, Deron said his taxes are paid and he is Republican.*

*Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, asked if Mr. Cherry drew a pension or salary from the NFL and if that would be a conflict of interest.*

*Deron Cherry said he did not draw an pension or receive a salary from the NFL.*

*Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, said he didn't believe if Deron was receiving a NFL pension it would have anything to do with the ownership or the Sports Authority. It is set by the players association and retired ball players have no vote, so they have no leverage with the owners.*

*Dennis Waits, County Legislator, said with Deron's background in business and in sports, he is deserving of the support of the County Legislature. He asked how to include Deron in a panel. He asked if they could amend an existing panel. His concern is if they withdraw the panel then they will have a problem with compliance with state statute. He said he wants to make sure the County Legislature is selecting the panel for the Governor to consider instead of the Governor choosing the panel.*

*Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, said Deron is an upstanding citizen with good work ethic. We need someone to work hard on the Sports Authority, to work with the teams and to be the watchdog for the taxpayers.*

*Henry C. Rizzo said Deron is very active in the community.*

*Ed Rucker, County Counselor, said a panel can be amended for different circumstances; if a candidate is not qualified or if the candidate moves out of the jurisdiction. He said there is no statutory requirement for or against rescinding an old panel and putting in a new panel. He said we are in unexplored territory.*

*Katheryn Shields, County Executive, said the County Legislature is attempting to send a more favorable panel to the Governor. She suggested calling the Governor for an agreement regarding the concern of the Legislature and asking that he not try to hold us to the thirty days.*

*Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, said he does not think the Resolution can be amended now since it has been more than one week since it was adopted. He believes the letter from the Governor was straightforward and the Legislature should send another panel to the Governor, as has been done in the past.*

*Dennis Waits said it is the obligation of the County Legislature to choose the panel. Fred Arbanas agreed and said the Governor should not be playing games.*

*Bob Spence, County Legislator, suggested calling the Governor and asking him about this matter.*

*Henry C. Rizzo asked Bob Spence to contact the Governor and report back to the Legislature. Bob Spence agreed to make the call.*

*Eugene Standifer, County Legislator, asked how many candidates we had for the Sports Authority panel.*

*Henry C. Rizzo responded four; the three previous plus Deron.*

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

*Katheryn Shields said there was an article in the Kansas City Star on Sunday regarding the sale of property on the courthouse steps and the proceeds that come out of that sale. The article was written by Joe Lambe who covers the 16th Judicial Circuit. The article was incorrect. She stated that once the sale is complete the proceeds go to the court and then the court decides if it is sufficient funds to meet the debt of the back taxes and if there is surplus, the court is in the position to either remit that to the taxpayer who owned the property before the sale or to send it on to the State of Missouri. The State would place it in the unclaimed money fund and the taxpayer could get it from there. The newspaper article said that Jackson County was holding the money, but Jackson County is not, the 16th Judicial Circuit is holding the money. Katheryn's staff has contacted the Presiding Judge and offered to meet and talk if they need assistance. If the money is not claimed while it is held by the 16th Judicial Circuit it then goes to the State of Missouri and can be claimed for 3 years. She wanted to clarify this article.*

Henry C. Rizzo agreed that the article was very confusing. He said the Business Journal had several articles stating that Jackson County was going to collect more money than we could use in the bonding for the stadiums.

Katheryn Shields said she sent the reporter several times to talk to Jack Holland. However, at this point Jackson County does not know how much money we will have. We do know that the contract with the teams states that the citizens are putting in \$425 million plus interest, which is the total obligation. Monies not used for renovations goes into a fund to maintain the stadiums over the 25 year period. In 1990, the Legislature working with the Administration, came up with new leases but did not come up with enough money to fund the new leases. The real genius in these new leases is that the public obligation is capped at what is raised by this sales tax.

Henry asked who will control the monies left over after the expenditures are made.

Katheryn said the money generated by the 3/8th cent sales tax goes to the building of the stadiums and the maintenance over 25 years. It would pour into the Sports Authority maintenance account after the bonds were settled.

Henry asked if that account would have any oversight from the County Legislature.

Katheryn responded only in a sense in what we have now with the Sports Authority. She said the situation with the Sprint Arena is quite different because cost over runs are split 50/50 between the developer and the City of Kansas City. Our agreement is amazing because any cost over runs are covered by the teams.

Scott Burnett, County Legislator, referred to the sale of property on the courthouse steps. He asked if state law mandated that the excess proceeds go to the 16th Judicial Circuit.

Katheryn responded yes, she assumed.

Scott Burnett asked if there is any notice in the state law to advise the taxpayer they have excess proceeds. He asked Katheryn to find out and report back to the Legislature.

Katheryn said if more needs to be done, her staff has agreed to meet with the court staff to assist them. She is not aware of what notice the courts give regarding monies left over after the sale.

Katheryn Shields asked the Legislature's indulgence to speak about September 11, 2006, the 5 year anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center, Washington, D.C. and the other airline. She said on September 11th, let us honor the memory of those who died that day, especially those brave police officers and firefighters who died in the rescue attempt - by rejecting the Merchants of Fear (terrorists) and renewing our determination to protect the liberties, the justice, the rule of law that is the soul of America. Let us remember what patriots have known for over two hundred years: If we are to be the land of the free, we must also be the land of the brave. (See attached for complete speech.)

Katheryn Shields said she wanted to call to the Legislature's attention the work in the hallway with the 1 percent for art.

Dan Tarwater asked her to explain the 1 percent for art.

Katheryn said there is an executive order dating back to her first term of office.

Dan asked if it was 1996.

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*She said it was something like that.*

*Dan said there was no 1 percent for art because he was on the County Legislature at that time.*

*Katheryn said he was correct. It was a program for public art and it did not set aside a percentage. The agreement she made with the then Chairman of the Legislature was that he would support the money for the art as long as we did not mention a particular 1 percent. However, in this project, when the bond money came before the Legislature, the distribution of the money included 1 percent for the reflection of the 10 1/2 million dollars this project costs. This project has gone forward along with the renovation of county buildings.*

*She introduced the artist, Chris Doyle, and said each of the legislators received a compilation prepared by the Kansas City Public Art Director that tells about the project. There was also an article in the Kansas City Star last Sunday regarding the art piece. She explained that Chris was chosen by a panel that included Mark Wilson from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art as well as others that are listed in the handout. He was also chosen by the Public Art Commission that is working on the Sprint Arena. She said Chris is known less for murals and more for video projects.*

*Chris said he has a couple of pieces in New York City and at the University of Michigan. He said the project for the Sprint Arena is the largest commission that he has received. He talked about the process of how the mural came to fruition. He said he walked through the building and saw that the only paintings in the building were of retired judges in the chambers. He began thinking of all the people who spend so much time in this building, working their whole lives. So he did an open call for anyone in the building who wanted to be a part of the project. He photographed people, made 37 paintings of the people and digitized them. From the paintings he presented a digital file that is becoming a mural. It will be installed on the ceiling of the corridor from the legislative offices through the executive offices. He said it was impressive for him to work in this building and meet some of the people who work here.*

*Henry C. Rizzo said Thomas Hart Benton is quite a showpiece in the State Capitol. He said Chris Doyle's work is quite different with single people on the ceiling. He asked if Chris had done this before.*

*Chris Doyle said he had not done it before. He said in the works of Michelangelo, the Sistine Chapel ceilings, the various Renaissance and baroque frescoes, which is an important tradition to the mural paintings, all of the pieces are telling a story. In this case, he was interested in capturing a moment in this building of the people that work here in a much more individual way. It is not so much about the work that they do but the personalities that come through. The composition that comes up on the ceiling is that people relate to each other in an interesting way.*

*Rhonda Shoemaker, County Legislator, asked if the brochure was the actual renditions of what would appear on the ceiling. She asked what criteria he used when choosing the people to appear on the ceiling.*

*Chris said he was commissioned to propose a project. As the piece ages it will still represent the individual workers of the building. He said he photographed 90 people and he couldn't paint and fit everyone in the mural. So in the end the criteria he used was exclusively aesthetic. It turned out that departments were well represented throughout the building.*

*Henry C. Rizzo asked how he got from the drawing to the digitalization.*

*Chris said the watercolors that he made of the people are life-size. They photographed them at a high resolution, the photographs were then digitized and the mural is made from the photographs.*

*Henry C. Rizzo asked what kind of life the mural has.*

*Chris said he was told by 3M, the maker of the ceiling panels that it depends on climate conditions, but they would have 15 years of good solid life.*

*Dan Tarwater asked if it was a painting or wallpaper.*

*Chris Doyle responded that it is a digital mural. It is a piece of matte vinyl that is affixed to the ceiling.*

*Katheryn Shields said there will be one of the paintings that the artist has agreed to be part of the collection of Jackson County.*

*Chris Doyle said it was the one published in the Kansas City Star newspaper, which is the painting of three people.*

*Henry C. Rizzo asked how long it would take to install the mural.*

*Chris Doyle responded that the mural would be finished by the end of the day on Wednesday.*

*Eugene Standifer asked how this mural will be restored in 25 years.*

*Chris Doyle said the plan is that Jackson County will receive the digital product for the piece. When it needs to be restored, the digital file will be available to produce the new piece and it will be reinstalled.*

*Dan Tarwater asked the total cost of this mural.*

*Katheryn Shields said the cost is \$100,000.00. She said there will be a reception on September 27, 2006 so we can share the completed picture with the public and the legislators and Chris Doyle, the artist, will also be present.*

## 6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3803](#) Public Works Committee moved to perfect.

*Bob Spence objects to the consent agenda.*

[3803](#) Bob Spence moved to perfect Ordinance #3803. Seconded by Rhonda L. Shoemaker.

**The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)**

[3803](#) Bob Spence moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3803. Seconded by Rhonda L. Shoemaker.

**The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)**

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

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

[3800](#) Consent Agenda.

[3801](#) Consent Agenda.

[3803](#) Consent Agenda.

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[16003](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16005](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16006](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16007](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16009](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[3800](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$53,875.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Grant Fund in acceptance of a grant awarded to the Family Court Division by the Missouri Department of Public Safety for the Victim Advocacy Program.

(ADOPTED)

[3801](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring \$90,031.75 within and appropriating \$360,127.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund, in acceptance of a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice for the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Project for the 2006-2007 period.

(ADOPTED)

[3803](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$102,970.25 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Special Road & Bridge Fund and awarding a contract on Bid No. PW08-2006 for the Jackson County Public Works/Geographic Information Systems Technology Center Parking Lot Project, No. 3049, to American Marking & Paving Co. of Claycomo, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$102,970.25.

(ADOPTED)

[16003](#) A RESOLUTION accepting a transfer of ownership of satellite telephone equipment from the Mid America Regional Council, under the Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative Fund grant, No. 76255, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[16005](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Kansas City, Missouri School District's Adult Basic Education Program, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$8,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[16006](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing a twelve-month extension to the term and supply contract with Canteen Correctional Services, of Canoga Park, CA, for the furnishing of inmate commissary services for use by the Department of Corrections.

(ADOPTED)

[16007](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement for Services with the Mid-America Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Mid-America Regional Council.

(ADOPTED)

[16009](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, to sponsor a reception for environmental policymakers from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7, to be held September 27, 2006.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Ordinances 3800, 3801, 3803. To adopt Resolutions 16003, 16005, 16006, 16007, 16009.

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

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

## 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3804](#) Appropriating \$39,242.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Grant Fund to cover the Family Court Division's Child Protection Center (CPC) - Health Care Foundation grant received from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

*(Health and Justice Committee)*

[3805](#) Appropriating \$100,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Special Road & Bridge Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, MO, for a study of the Lee's Summit Road Corridor, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00.

*(Public Works Committee)*

[3806](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from A (Agricultural) and RR (Residential Ranchette) to District RR-p (Residential Ranchette - Planned Development) a certain 50 ± acre tract and approving the preliminary plat "The Hideaway," creating a twelve-lot residential subdivision.

*(Land Use Committee)*

[3807](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates), a certain 2.5 ± acre tract.

*(Land Use Committee)*

*The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Ordinances #3806 and #3807 on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 1 P.M. at Fleming Hall.*

[3808](#) Setting the 2006 Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled (Sheltered Workshop) Levy.

*(Legislature As A Whole)*

[3809](#) Setting the 2006 Jackson County, Missouri, tax levy.

*(Legislature As A Whole)*

[3810](#) Setting the 2006 merchants and manufacturers' inventory replacement tax levy.

*(Legislature As A Whole)*

[3811](#) Setting the 2006 Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund Levy.

*(Legislature As A Whole)*

*The County Legislature will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #3808, #3809, #3810 and #3811 on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 2:30 P.M. during the regular legislative meeting.*

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE



[16011](#) Authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Ingram's Magazine, to co-sponsor the Jackson County Economic Development Assembly which will convene business and government leaders from around the County in furtherance of the Jackson County economic development initiative.

*(Finance and Audit Committee)*

[16012](#) Awarding twenty-four month term and supply contracts, with an option to extend for three additional twelve-month periods, for the furnishing of auction services for use countywide to Easley Auction Company and Liquidators of Orrick, MO, and Affiliated Auctioneers of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of the Mid-America Regional Council's Contract No. 15, an existing government contract.

*(Finance and Audit Committee)*

[16013](#) Dan Tarwater moved the passage of Resolution #16013, authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with Guadalupe Center, Inc., for its El Otro Camino adolescent outpatient substance abuse treatment program, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, as a match to a local grant. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 7 - Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker, Bob Spence and Bob Spence

Abstain: 1 - Robert A. Stringfield

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[16014](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, MO, for the relocation and replacement of the City's water distribution facilities within the limits of the 85th & Troost Avenue Improvements, Project No. 2407.

*(Public Works Committee)*

[16015](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Modification No. 7 to the Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service regarding the Fort Osage Education Center, which modifies the fiscal years eligible for funding through September 30, 2007, to include 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

*(Land Use Committee)*

[16016](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Animals Best Friends, to assist with the welfare and placement of animals from the Independence Animal Shelter, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$39,400.00.

*(Health and Justice Committee)*

[16017](#) Rescinding Resolution 15967, dated July 17, 2006, and nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

*(Legislature As A Whole)*

[06-15](#)

I hereby appoint Jay DeHardt to the Merit System Commission to replace Neal Millert, such term to expire December 31, 2009. A copy of Mr. DeHardt's resume is attached.

*(Filed on September 8, 2006)*

[06-16](#)

I hereby make the following reappointments and appointments to the Jackson County Board of Domestic Violence Shelters:

Reappointments

Martha Lofgreen is reappointed for a term to expire September 30, 2008.

Lanna Ultican is reappointed for a term to expire September 30, 2009.

Appointments

Melba Curls is appointed to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Ronald Smith, such term to expire on September 30, 2009.

Cathleen Connealy is appointed to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Patricia Seward, such term to expire on September 30, 2008.

Zach Fee is appointed to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Renee Paluka, such term to expire on September 30, 2007.

Copies of Mr. Fee's, Ms. Curls's and Ms. Connealy's resumes are attached.

*(Filed on September 8, 2006)*

[06-17](#)

I hereby reappoint Keith Curnutt to the Commission on Human Relations and Citizen Complaints, such term to expire on March 1, 2010. I appoint the following:

Howard Lotven to replace the expired term of Robert Hernandez, such term to expire March 1, 2010.

Renee Paluka to replace the vacant term of Michael Curry, such term to expire March 1, 2009.

Copies of Mr. Lotven's and Ms. Paluka's resumes are attached.

*(Filed September 8, 2006)*

06-18

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a statutory mechanism authorized by §§ 99.800 et seq., RSMo, to encourage the redevelopment of “blighted” properties, “conservation areas,” and “economic development areas” as defined in the law. Within a TIF project’s boundaries, the tax “increment” of certain taxes, including real and personal property taxes, sales taxes, and utility taxes, attributable to the increase in assessed valuation and/or collections resulting from the development of the project, are diverted from the taxing entities to a TIF “special allocation fund.” The city or county that established the TIF project then uses this income stream to make infrastructure improvements and pay other costs associated with the project, either on a “pay as you go basis” or through the issuance of TIF bonds or other obligations.

Since tax increments utilized by TIF projects may negatively impact existing tax revenues used by County government to finance essential public services, County representatives on city TIF commissions will thoughtfully apply the following policies and guidelines when considering the approval of city TIF projects utilizing County tax increments.

A County representative on a city TIF commission will consider each TIF project on its own merits. A County representative will support the use of TIF for a redevelopment or development project which, in the judgement of a city, is in the public’s best interests and in compliance with the state law. Each project should demonstrate a substantial and significant public benefit by constructing public improvements in support of developments that will, by creating new jobs and retaining existing employment, eliminate blight, strengthen the employment and economic base of the city, increase property values and tax revenues, reduce poverty, create economic stability, upgrade older neighborhoods, facilitate economic self-sufficiency, reduce incidents of sprawl consistent with existing County values concerning green space preservation, and represent a commitment to environmental sustainability and community health through coordinated, cooperative efforts.

The County encourages cities to view more favorably those TIF projects that demonstrate sustainability and a clear consideration of the project’s impact on the natural environment, the economy, and the community. Therefore, the County will support TIF projects that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and offers the following guidelines:

The County will support TIF projects that:

# OUR PLANET (NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)

Design for the local environment by conserving resources, minimizing disturbance, and protecting existing vegetation.

Manage storm water on-site by utilizing vegetative swales, wetlands, rain gardens, and/or water-scaping to maximize infiltration and minimize run-off.

Provide a minimum open “green” space of 30% of gross acreage that is dedicated, deeded, and maintained in perpetuity.

Landscape using native plant species that require little to no irrigation; if irrigation is needed, use of rainwater retained on-site and moisture sensing irrigation controls is preferred.

Aspire to meet at least the equivalent of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification level green.

Redevelop existing "blighted" structures and brownfields rather than developing greenfields.

Represent innovation in the area of sustainability; for example, a developer should be encouraged to establish community recycling areas on-site and use solar panels with rechargeable battery back-up or wind technology to light public areas.

# OUR PEOPLE (SOCIAL)

Are for new or expanded industrial, manufacturing, and office projects rather than retail and service commercial projects, unless such projects encourage an inflow of customers from outside the County or will provide services or fill retail markets that are currently unavailable within the County.

Create new jobs with wages that exceed the community average.

Serve the community by re-developing neighborhoods or commercial or industrial areas that have or will likely experience deterioration.

Encourage at least 30% of the TIF project to be occupied by local business owners and products rather than national and international chains.

Create new jobs or retain existing employee in the industrial, manufacturing, and office sectors.

# OUR PROSPERITY (ECONOMIC)

Would not reasonably be developed in the foreseeable future without the benefits of the TIF; this guideline complies with one of the statutory requirements of TIF (development would not occur, "But for.....").

Will serve as a catalyst for further high quality development.

Have shorter terms rather than longer terms; TIF projects should provide for a complete payout in less than twelve (12) years.

Demonstrate that the tax increments generated will be sufficient to provide a debt coverage factor of at least 1.25 times the projected debt service on any requested tax increment bonds or notes.

Do not request more than 15% of the total project costs.

*(Filed September 11, 2006.)*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bob Spence asked the Clerk of the Legislature for the resumes received for the Sports Authority from all Republican candidates.

Dennis Waits said he has received calls from constituents regarding annexation by the City of Sugar Creek of an area formerly known as the Cedar Creek area. He asked for information from the County Counselor and asked that a report be given to the Legislature at next week's meeting. He does not believe the County Legislature has any function in the process but would like clarification of the process. Henry C. Rizzo would like to know what role the County Legislature plays in the process as he has also received calls.

Fred Arbanas said we have had a few of these annexations take place over the last year or two. The County Legislature does not have a role in it; it is the owners of the property that wish to be annexed. If they do a voluntary petition to the city, the city acts on that. There is another process that is not voluntary but requires an election process. He has also received calls.

Dennis Waits said if we could set this out in a letter or process statement so when we receive calls we can send this statement out to the constituents from our legal department. Fred Arbanas agreed.

Fred Arbanas said at next week's legislative meeting they will have the drawing for the participants that will be active in Christmas in the Park. There are 67 organizations that have been approved, only 39 groups will be selected to participate, 2 alternatives will be picked in case a group cannot participate.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Bob Spence wanted to note and ask the County Clerk to send a letter of congratulations to John Bluford, CEO of Truman Medical Centers and Neal Patterson, CEO of Cerner Corporation. They were selected by modern health care as two of the top 100 most powerful people in the country in health care.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Eugene Standifer Jr..

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

(APPROVED)

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, September 18, 2006 at 2:30 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.*