



Jackson County Missouri

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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)

Monday, August 23, 2004

2:30 PM

Thirty-third Regular Meeting

Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers

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

1 ROLL CALL

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

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 8/16/2004.
Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

Dale Edwards, a citizen from Blue Springs, had a question regarding tax waivers.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, responded that Jackson County does not waive taxes.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, asked him to step to the back of the room and speak with a member of the Administration.

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, clarified that Jackson County has never in the past, present or future waived taxes. The only waivers were on penalties and interest.

Scott Burnett stated that no waivers have been granted since July 2003.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Jay Haden, Deputy County Counselor, said last week the Administration requested that the Legislature give the new Acting Director of the Collection Department time to establish a working group within the department, with representation from the County Counselor's Office to develop Standard Operating Procedures governing all aspects of the department's procedures for dealing with collections. That group will also consider what, if any, types of hardship waivers of interest and penalties the Legislature should make available to taxpayers to assist in the collection of base taxes. This working group should be in a position to make a full report and recommendation to the Legislature this Fall. There was no objection to this request, so the Administration assumes it meets with the Legislature's approval. Therefore, the Counselor's office believes it is appropriate for the Legislature to withdraw the two ordinances now pending in committee that would establish a policy governing waivers, with the understanding that the Administration would bring a recommendation back to the Legislature for final action. Also, as stated previously, until this is resolved the Administration will continue to observe the current moratorium on these waivers.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked the status of the 65 citizens currently in the Housing Information Center program which has been in existence for 14 years.

Jay Haden asked if Bill Snyder from the County Counselor's office could make a presentation regarding this issue at next week's Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

Ronald E. Finley agreed.

Ronald E. Finley moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #3517 and #3518.

Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

3517

Enacting section 2129., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the collection of delinquent property taxes, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR FINLEY, CONCURRED BY SPENCE AND WAITS)

3518

Enacting section 2129., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the collection of delinquent property taxes, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR FINLEY, CONCURRED BY WAITS AND TARWATER)

Fred Arbanas moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #3519 and #3520. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing on Ordinances #3519 and #3520 on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at Fleming Hall.

[3519](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates), a certain 73 ± acre tract and approving the preliminary plat "Saddle Brook Estates," creating a twenty two lot residential subdivision.

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[3520](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette), a certain 21.5 ± acre tract and approving the preliminary plat "Finn Estates," creating a four lot residential subdivision.

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[3529](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Dennis Waits moved to reconsider Ordinance #3522 with the floor amendment.

Seconded by Ronald E. Finley.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Ed Rucker, County Counselor, explained the floor amendment to Ordinance #3522.

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, said just last year the "Jackson Six" (he referred to the six legislators to his left) voted 6 to 3 for an ordinance that allows vested pension for legislators that have at least five years vested service.

Ordinance #3522 will provide pay increases to County Legislators as well as the County Executive to be effective January 2007. Robert A. Stringfield said the Ordinance benefits the incumbents. He asked legislators to vote no on this ordinance and do it for the citizens.

Listen to tape for details.

Dennis Waits moved to perfect the floor amendment of Ordinance #3522 dated August 23, 2004, to delete the word "each" and insert the word "the", to insert the words "prior to the beginning" after the word "year" in sections 209 and 229, to insert the number "1" after the word "January" in section 229. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[3522](#) Dennis Waits moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3522. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[3522](#) Fred Arbanas moved the passage of Ordinance #3522 as perfected, repealing sections 209. and 229., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the salary of certain elected officials, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 6 - Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits and Bob Spence

No: 1 - Robert A. Stringfield

Absent: 1 - Rhonda L. Shoemaker

(ADOPTED)

[3523](#) Consent Agenda.

[3524](#) Consent Agenda.

[3525](#) Consent Agenda.

[3526](#) Consent Agenda.

[3527](#) Consent Agenda.

[3528](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[15129](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15130](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15131](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with Swope Parkway Health Center in the amount of \$218,750.00, to provide substance abuse treatment and mental health programs for clients of the Jackson County Mental Health Court.

(Anti-Drug Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[15132](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15133](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15134](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [3529](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force overtime and authorized expense program through the U.S. Department of Justice.
(PERFECTED)
- [3523](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$70,707.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the After School Supervision Education and Treatment grant for the Family Court Division funded by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services.
(ADOPTED)
- [3524](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$39,500.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Family Court Division's Drug Court Supplement grant received from the Missouri Office of the State Courts Administrator.
(ADOPTED)
- [3525](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$271,007.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Jackson County Health Department's Jail Diversion by Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention grant received from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and authorizing the County Executive to execute contracts to Community Network for Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. (CommCare) in the amount of \$124,842.00 and Re-Discover Mental Health Services in the amount of \$46,533.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [3526](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$62,068.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Truancy Court Diversion Grant for the Family Court Division funded by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services.
(ADOPTED)
- [3527](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$32,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Community Restitution Diversion grant for the Family Court Division funded by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services.
(ADOPTED)
- [3528](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$131,576.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Facilitating Treatment Delivery grant for the Family Court Division funded by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Youth Services.
(ADOPTED)

[15129](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a new Supplemental Cooperative Agreement for Family Court Staff with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement.

(ADOPTED)

[15130](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a new Child Support Enforcement Cooperative Agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement.

(ADOPTED)

[15132](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 33-04 for the furnishing of sanitation services for use by the Facilities Management Department to Airtronics International, Inc., of Raytown, MO, to provide for its needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$7,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[15133](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 27-04 for roof replacement and roofing repair services for use by various departments countywide to Great Plains Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., of Kansas City, KS, to provide for their needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$379,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[15134](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of on-line legal research services for use by the County Counselor's Office (\$7,860.00 annually, \$2,620.00 for 2004), and SmartLinx research services for use by the Collection Department (\$10,080.00 annually, \$3,360.00 for 2004), to LexisNexis of Dayton, OH, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$17,940.00 annually, \$5,980.00 for 2004, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

(Resolution #15134 was adopted pending compliance)

To perfect Ordinance 3529. To adopt Ordinances 3523, 3524, 3525, 3526, 3527, 3528.
To adopt Resolutions 15129, 15130, 15132, 15133, 15134.

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, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Rhonda L. Shoemaker

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3530](#) A ORDINANCE appropriating \$20,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Special Road & Bridge Fund to cover the Public Water Supply District No. 16 contribution for paving a 200 foot section of Miller Road on Water District property and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Water Supply District No. 16 of Jackson County, Missouri.

(Public Works Committee)

[3531](#) Appropriating \$46,738.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2004 Grant Fund to cover the Victim Advocacy Grant received from the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

(Health and Justice Committee)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[15135](#) Awarding a contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200446 for the printing of Fall/Winter park magazines for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to BPA Printing & Promotions of Lenexa, KS, in the estimated amount of \$14,495.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[15136](#) Authorizing an increase of \$15,327.88, to the contract with Harding/Binswanger Glass of Independence, MO, for the furnishing of vehicular and heavy equipment glass repair service for use by the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Department under an existing government contract of the City of Independence, MO, for a new total estimated annual amount of \$23,327.88.

(Public Works Committee)

[15137](#) Awarding a term-and-supply contract on Bid No. 34-04 for the furnishing of landscaping supplies for use by the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments to Keller's Flowerhouse & Landscaping, Inc., of Independence, MO (\$39,000.00), Grass Pad, Inc. of Olathe, KS (\$35,000.00), and BWI Companies of Lenexa, KS (\$6,000.00), to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[15138](#) Awarding a term and supply contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200441 for the furnishing of auto/truck drive line parts for use by the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments to Precision Bilt Parts Co. of Kansas City, MO, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$17,500.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[15139](#) Declaring a Sheriff Department vehicle as surplus and unusable personal property and authorizing its disposal.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15140](#) Transferring \$15,000.00 within the Special Road & Bridge Fund and awarding a contract on Bid No. PW 09-2004 for the 2004 Pavement Maintenance Project Phase 7 (Chip Sealing), Project No. 3024, to Vance Brothers, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, in an amount not to exceed \$80,463.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[15141](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with the National Center for Fathering, to provide training sessions for clients of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's Family Support Division's Fathering Court Diversion Project, at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[15142](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of inland marine (equipment) casualty insurance coverage for use countywide to Chubb Insurance Group of Warren, NJ, at an estimated cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[04-14](#) I hereby reappoint Stan Salva, Dick Champion, Jr., Steve Gildehaus and Dena Mezgar to the Stormwater Commission for terms to expire December 11, 2005.

[04-15](#)

A. Executive Order #03-15 is hereby rescinded.

Pursuant to Section 11 of Article IV of the Jackson County Charter, there are established as members of the staff of the County Executive the following:

Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance

Chief Operating Officer, Division of Operations

Chief Administrative Officer, Division of Administration

as said positions may be amended, and together with such other staff positions as may be included in the County's annual budget.

Within those divisions are the following departments:

Finance

Finance
Parks and Recreation
Purchasing

Operations

Assessment
Collection
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Records

Administration

Corrections
Economic Development
Facilities Management
Human Resources
Management Information Systems (MIS)
Public Works

The director of each department shall organize and manage the department, subject to the coordination and supervision of the County Executive and the respective chief officer, and shall appoint and assign functions and duties to such other officers, assistants, and employees as may be provided.

The Chief Financial Officer shall aid the County Executive in the coordination and supervision of the Departments of Finance, Parks and Recreation, and Purchasing. The Chief Financial Officer shall have such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution, Laws, and Charter for the County Treasurer. The Chief Financial Officer shall monitor County contractual services functions. The Chief Financial Officer shall have all duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and such other duties as may be required of that office by the County Charter and Code, including but not limited to, the powers and duties prescribed for the Director of Parks and Recreation in chapter 50 of the code; for the Budget Manager in chapter 7 of the Code; for the Director of Revenue in chapter 8 of the Code; and for the Director of Purchasing in chapters 10, 11, and 47 of the Code. The Chief Financial Officer shall also have all the duties of the former Manager of the Division of Finance and Division of Finance and Operations set out in the

Jackson County Code and Personnel Rules, and any other duties required of county officers appointed by the County Executive, with the exception of the County Counselor and Medical Examiner, not expressly assigned under this Executive Order.

The Director of Finance shall administer the Department of Finance, which shall include County accounting functions. The Director shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Financial Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Parks and Recreation shall administer all County parks, lakes, marinas, and recreational facilities and programs and shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Financial Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Purchasing shall administer the Department of Purchasing, act as purchasing agent, and shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Financial Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Chief Operating Officer shall aid the County Executive in the coordination and supervision of the Departments of Assessment, Collection, GIS and Records. The Chief Operating Officer shall have such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution, Laws, and Charter for the County Assessor, Collector, and County Recorder. The Chief Operating Officer shall have all duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and such other duties as may be required of that office by the County Charter and Code, including but not limited to, the powers and duties prescribed for the Director of Assessment in chapters 20 and 91 of the Code; for the Collecting Authority in chapter 21 of the Code; for the Director of Records in chapters 81 and 90 of the Code; for the Director of Revenue and Administration in chapter 41 of the Code; and for the Director of Revenue in Article XI, §1 of the Charter and chapters 44, 46, and 91 of the Code; and for the Manager of the Division of Revenue in chapter 91 of the Code.

The Director of Assessment shall administer the Department of Assessment and shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Operating Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Collection shall administer the Department of Collection. The Director shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Operating Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of GIS shall be responsible for coordinating and supervising a variety of GIS data modeling, conversion, maintenance, quality assurance, documentation, and dissemination activities within the county and promote the use of GIS to other agencies and units of government. The Director shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Financial Officer and other such duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Records shall have the duty of recording, reproducing, copying, storing, and indexing deeds, instruments, conveyances, and other documents required by law or the Code to be kept. The Director shall have such duties delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Operating Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Chief Administrative Officer shall aid the County Executive in the coordination and supervision of the Departments of Corrections, Economic Development, Facilities

Management, Human Resources, Management Information Systems, and Public Works. The Chief Administrative Officer shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and such other duties as may be required of that office by the County Code, including, but not limited to, the powers and duties prescribed for the Director of the Health Department in chapters 40, 44, 45, and 46 of the Code; for the Director of Public Works in chapters 10, 25, 28, 31, 32, 43, 52, 53, 81, 85, and 240 of the Code; for the Director of Planning and Zoning in chapters 32 and 81 of the Code; for the Director of the Solid Waste Management Program in chapter 30 of the Code; for the Director of Personnel in chapters 7, 9, and 75 of the Code; for the Director of Economic Development and Planning in chapter 81 of the Code; and for the Director of Corrections in chapter 80 of the Code. The Chief Administrative Officer shall have all duties prescribed in the Constitution, Laws, and Charter for the County Highway Engineer and County Surveyor.

The Director of Corrections shall administer the County detention center and other correctional institutions and shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Economic Development shall be responsible for the implementation of the County's economic development program. The Director shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Facilities Management shall administer the Department of Facilities Management and direct the operation of all County buildings and grounds, with the exception of those in the County park system and office of the Sheriff, and shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Human Resources shall administer the Human Resources Department and the merit system. The Director shall certify all additions, deletions, and changes in the payrolls of merit system employees and shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of MIS shall administer management information systems, which shall be responsible for coordinating, operating, and directing all of the County's computer functions. The Director shall have such duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and the Chief Administrative Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

The Director of Public Works shall administer all County roads, highways, streets, sewers, bridges, and dams. The Director shall be a registered civil engineer. The Director shall be responsible for the implementation, execution, and enforcement of the County's zoning code provisions and the plan for the development of the County. The Director shall also have responsibility for the implementation, execution, and enforcement of building construction code provisions for the County. The Director shall have such other duties as are delegated to that office by the County Executive and Chief Administrative Officer and such other duties required of that office by the Code.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Scott Burnett thanked Jay Haden for his work as County Counselor as he will be leaving to serve our country in the military. He said he especially appreciates his memory of years past. He wished him well and said he looks forward to his return.

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, said he has worked closely with Jay for many years and has never had anyone with as much knowledge of County government. He has given tremendous advice and experience throughout the years. Fred said when asked for an opinion, Jay never caves, and that is appreciated. He said everyone will miss him for his common sense and good legal advice. He hopes and prays Jay will be in a safe place.

Jay Haden said he will miss everyone.

Dan Tarwater said Jay will be missed but would like to think of it as he will just be gone for a while. He said Jay's employment speaks volumes in what he is able to do to balance both sides, legislative and executive. He said he can't wait until he returns and he will be welcome back when he completes his service.

Scott Burnett welcomed Ed Rucker as the new County Counselor.

Ed Rucker, County Counselor, said he accepted this job prior to knowing that Jay Haden would be leaving so he was going to be dependent on him. He said Jay has assured that we will have email contact with him.

Sheriff Tom Phillips was present to give an update on the conceal and carry law. He said three weeks ago he distributed a proposal on the staffing that the Sheriff's Department needed to get started with this law. The amount of the proposal was approximately \$65,000.00 and was for a full time deputy and clerk to do the data entry. He said that last week he attended the Sheriff's Conference in Kirkwood and he spoke with many of the Sheriffs in this area. He found out that they were doing what we are trying to avoid, robbing peter to pay paul. Once the initial rush was in, they have gone to just doing it part time. Platte and Clay County, which are counties similar in size to Jackson, had between 250-300 applicants. He said Jackson County is still waiting for funding.

Dan Tarwater said he checked and if you are a resident of Jackson County you cannot obtain a gun permit in Clay or Platte County.

Sheriff Phillips clarified that the only way you can go outside of Jackson County and get a permit is if you own property outside of Jackson County.

Dan Tarwater asked if a person comes to Jackson County with a permit from another state would it be recognized as a legal permit.

Sheriff Phillips responded yes.

Fred Arbanas asked Sheriff Phillips if this could be set up and done on a part time basis, by appointment only, in Jackson County.

Sheriff Phillips explained that he would have to pull staff from their current duty and he does not have that luxury. He does not have any unessential personnel. He still thinks that since the Supreme Court agreed with our challenge that this is an unfunded mandate, Jackson County needs to allow the State Legislature to provide the funding.

Dan Tarwater asked how much the permit costs.

Sheriff Phillips said the permit is \$100.00; \$38.00 goes to the State and FBI for processing and \$62.00 would remain with the Sheriff's Department. The money the Sheriff's Department receives can only be used for training and equipment.

Dan Tarwater asked if there was money in the budget that could be shifted for this purpose.

Sheriff Phillips responded not in his current budget. He noted that the county was spending \$80,000.00 for landscaping and asked about priorities.

Ronald E. Finley agrees that the State Legislature needs to take action.

Jay Haden stated that the Supreme Court told three counties that the law did not apply to them until the funding problem was fixed. However, there was no request for an injunction of the court, so none was given prohibiting us from doing it. However, the County could be sued if it did proceed.

Sheriff Phillips said there are currently two suits pending in the State of Missouri regarding the issue mentioned by Jay Haden.

Ronald E. Finley asked to see a copy of the opinion again.

Scott Burnett asked if members of the Legislature could get a copy of the opinion electronically.

Jay Haden said he thinks that will be possible.

Dennis Waits mentioned that Bill Snyder's father passed away. Services will be on Tuesday, August 24 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and on Wednesday at noon at Floral Hills located at 7000 Blue Ridge. He said Bill Snyder, Sr. was a city councilman in Independence for 8 years, a small business owner and community leader who was a pillar to the community for many years.

Fred Arbanas said he and other legislators were handed a packet from Thor Danielsen, an employee of Jackson County, addressing the termination of his employment due to certain physical limitations. He asked if anyone knew about this situation.

Jay Haden said he was not prepared to discuss this situation. He said he will look into it.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 30, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri.