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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 16, 2004

2:30 PM

Thirty-second 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 8/9/2004.
Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

None.

The County Legislature interviewed the following candidates for the Jackson County Sports Authority:

Dick Franklin (Democrat), Edward J. Newsome (Democrat), John W. Pennell (Democrat), Alex M. Petrovic (Democrat), Dennis H. Reed (Republican), Frederick H. Riesmeyer II (Democrat), William Edward Royster (Democrat).

The above candidates confirmed that they are residents of Jackson County, their taxes are paid and they favor bi-state.

William G. Wilcox (Democrat) was also interviewed. He confirmed that he is a resident of Jackson County, his taxes are paid but is on the fence regarding bi-state.

Candidates absent were: Elliott R. Threatt (out of town) and Greg Walters (withdrew application).

The Legislature recessed.

The Legislature reconvened.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, opens nominations for Jackson County Sports Complex Authority candidates. (Resolution #15119 - to replace Mackey).

*Dennis Waits nominates Jerry Mackey.
Bob Spence nominates Charlie Franklin.
Rhonda L. Shoemaker nominates Fred Riesmeyer.
Dan Tarwater nominates Mike Curry.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates Dick Franklin.*

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

*Jerry Mackey received 5 votes.
Charlie Franklin received 5 votes.
Fred Riesmeyer received 2 votes.
Mike Curry received 7 votes.
Dick Franklin received 2 votes.*

The names of Michael C. Curry, Charlie Franklin and Jerry Mackey will be added to Resolution #15119.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, opens nominations for Jackson County Sports Complex Authority candidates. (Resolution #15120 - to replace Bondon).

*Dan Tarwater nominates Gerard Meiners.
Rhonda L. Shoemaker nominates Dick Franklin.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates Edward Newsome.
Dennis Waits nominates Beto Lopez.
Dan Tarwater nominates John Bondon.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates Robert Fisher.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates Richard Marr.*

*Ronald E. Finley moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Bob Spence.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

*Gerard Meiners received 5 votes.
Dick Franklin received 1 vote.
Edward Newsome received 3 votes.
Beto Lopez received 6 votes.
John Bondon received 2 votes.
Robert Fisher received 0 votes.
Richard Marr received 4 votes.*

The names of Gerard Meiners and Beto Lopez will be added to Resolution #15120.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, opens nominations for Jackson County Sports Complex Authority candidates again, since only two received 5 votes. (Resolution #15120 - to replace Bondon).

*Dan Tarwater nominates Edward Newsome.
Rhonda L. Shoemaker nominates Dick Franklin.
Scott Burnett nominates Richard Marr.
Dennis Waits nominates Alex Petrovic.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates Frederick H. Riesmeyer II.*

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

Scott Burnett, Chairman, called for a 5 minute recess. The Legislature recessed.

The Legislature reconvened.

*Ed Newsome received 5 votes.
Dick Franklin received 1 vote.
Richard Marr received 1 vote.
Alex Petrovic received 0 votes.
Fred Riesmeyer received 0 votes.*

The name of Ed Newsome will be added to Resolution #15120.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, opens nominations for Jackson County Sports Complex Authority candidates. (Resolution #15121 - to replace Carson).

*Robert A. Stringfield nominates John Pennell.
Ronald E. Finley nominates William Carson.
Dan Tarwater nominates Gene Standifer.
Bob Spence nominates William Wilcox.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates William Royster.
Dennis Waits nominates Curtis Jones.*

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

*John Pennell received 1 vote.
William Carson received 6 votes.
Gene Standifer received 5 votes.
William Wilcox received 0 votes.
William Royster received 1 vote.
Curtis Jones received 5 votes.*

The names of William Carson, Eugene Standifer and Curtis Jones will be added to Resolution #15121.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, announced that Mike Pendergast, Director of Collections is retiring effective August 31, 2004. He notified her last Friday of his decision. He has served as County Collector since 1984, his tenure expands twenty years and several administrations. She said Mr. Pendergast has always approached his job with concern for the citizen, treating the public as human beings and not numbers. She wished him well on his retirement. The Chief Operating Officer, Mary Helen Murphy, will serve as Acting Director of Collections until a search can be conducted to fill the position. There will be other restructuring which she will send to the Legislature next week.

Katheryn also announced her appointment of Ed Rucker to the position of County Counselor by Executive Order #04-13.

She sadly reported that Jay Haden, Acting County Counselor, has been called to active duty and will be serving us in Iraq for over one year. He has been in the reserves for 18 years. She wished him well and a very quick and safe return.

Jay Haden, from the County Counselor's Department, gave a report to the Legislature regarding the collection of penalties and interest. He said as agreed at the last legislative meeting, the County Counselor's office reviewed the issue of the practicalities of collecting the waived penalties and interest from the past time frame. They reviewed the listing of the accounts of what appeared to be waived penalties and interest for the last five years. After the review and taking into account such things as the cost of collection and litigation, it is the staff's recommendation that the County pursue the collection of those accounts with the penalties and interest waived within the period of the applicable statute of limitations which totals \$250 or more. This will involve less than 1000 accounts totaling approximately 1.1 million dollars. Before the Administration sends out any further demand letters on these accounts, staff will look at each account separately to determine the basis for the waiver. If it can be determined that the waiver was legally authorized or the waiver was really an administrative correction of interest and penalty that had been posted but not in fact legally due and owing, that account will be cleared and no further efforts at collection will be made. The County will pursue only those accounts where staff can establish an authorized basis for the waiver of interest and penalties. They will report back to the Legislature before they proceed further and send out the next batch of collection letters. He said it is important to remember that letters sent out does not guarantee collections. The first group of approximately 300 collection letters, which does not include employees, has resulted in 30 payments, totaling less than \$10,000.00. On the remaining issue of the appropriate policy for dealing with hardship waivers, interest and penalties going forward, they request that the Legislature give the new Acting Director of the Collections Department, Mary Helen Murphy, time to establish a working group within the Department with representation from the County Counselor's office. The working group will be tasked to develop standard operating procedures covering all aspects of the department's procedures for dealing with collections. It will also consider what, if any, types of hardship waivers of interest and penalties the Legislature should make available to the taxpayers to assist them in achieving the ultimate goal which is to pay the base tax, to keep the properties on the tax rolls and out of land trust. They expect the working group should be in the position to make a full report and recommendation to the Legislature this Fall. In the meantime, staff will continue to observe the present moratorium on these waivers.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked if staff will start with the largest waiver amounts.

Jay Haden said that was the plan. He said they would like to batch them and report back to the Legislature after they have had time to work on approximately 100 accounts.

Ronald E. Finley asked if this would include commercial and residential. He asked that expeditious action be taken in light of the statute of limitations.

Jay Haden said it includes both commercial and residential.

Katheryn Shields said they are starting with the largest accounts first so they can quickly take action where necessary.

Ronald E. Finley asked if there is any question of the obligation of taxpayers who have already paid.

Jay Haden said it is his understanding that the County is only accepting payments from taxpayers who actually owed the money. The accounts were examined at the time of payment and if it was determined the money was not due then payment was not accepted. He indicated that he and Troy Thomas, Chief Financial Officer, will try to determine if any accounts under \$250 were collected and report back to the Legislature.

Troy Thomas said the \$250 limit would include multiple accounts totaling that amount.

Jay Haden confirmed that Jackson County is still seeking collection from employees in the appropriate circumstances.

Ronald E. Finley expressed his regrets that Mr. Pendergast is leaving. He said he has always found him to be one of the best employees in Jackson County government. He said Mr. Pendergast has always been helpful. He is very sorry that he is leaving but he understands. Mr. Finley said he is looking forward to working with Mr. Rucker because he has known him for a long time. He thinks it is an excellent appointment as County Counselor, as Ed Rucker will be receptive to the Legislature's input and discussion. Mr. Finley said Jay Haden has been of value to Jackson County and he is sure he will be of value overseas. He hopes Mr. Haden will let everyone know what they need to know before leaving for duty. He wished Mr. Haden good luck.

Scott Burnett asked Jay Haden to provide him with his email address.

Mr. Haden said he would distribute that information.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, concurred with Mr. Finley's remarks regarding Mr. Pendergast. He said he will personally miss him. Mr. Spence said he has never met Mr. Rucker but he welcomed him. He said when the time comes he wished Jay Haden, God's speed.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ronald E. Finley moved to waive the reading of Ordinance #3517. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[3517](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[3518](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)

Bob Spence moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #3519 and #3520. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

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 - 2nd. 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 - 2nd. Perfection)

[3522](#) Dennis Waits moved to perfect Ordinance #3522, 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 Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, said he distributed a note to all legislators regarding this legislation. He said he has been working on this for some time with Jay Haden, Fred Arbanas and Dan Tarwater as well as other members of the Legislature. He said there has not been an increase in salary to the Legislators since 1973. All pay raises for County positions must be set by the Legislature, so this appears to be self serving, when it is actually a function of the Legislature. However, no increase goes into effect until after the next election. The County Charter, when adopted, established the schedule for the Executive, Prosecutor, Sheriff and Legislature in relation to compensation for the circuit court judges. The Executive's salary was set equal to the circuit court judges; the Prosecutor was set at 90%; the Sheriff was set at 70% and the Legislature was set at 24%. The increase being proposed is consistent with the formula. He said over the past 30 years the pay level for the Executive, Prosecutor and Sheriff has increased, but no action has been taken for the Legislature. He said a salary comparison with the Kansas City Council and the Missouri State Legislature is available from Mr. Haden. He said the reason for tying future increases to the salaries set by the Legislature for the circuit court judges is to avoid non-action for periods of 30 years. He said he believed all legislators are sponsoring this with the exception of Mr. Stringfield.

Jay Haden explained that he did research which indicated that when the charter became effective in 1973 the County Executive's original pay was the same as the circuit court judges, the Prosecuting Attorney received 90% of that pay, the Sheriff received 70% of that pay and the County Legislators were getting 24% of that pay. So the Legislature adopted an Ordinance last December, that the Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff would receive those percentages after the November 2004 election, effective January 1, 2005. He drafted this ordinance with the same rationale for the County Executive and County Legislators. He indicated that circuit court judges are currently paid \$108,000.00 annually.

Ronald E. Finley clarified that this would mean future increases for the County Legislature and County Executive would be tied to the increases given by the State Legislature to the circuit judges. He asked if there was a problem voting on your own pay increase and asked the County Counselor to look into this question. His concern is voting on the budget that contains the pay increase.

Jay Haden said the Legislature would not vote on their pay increase but only on the budget. The Charter only says that the compensation has to be fixed as of the beginning of the term. The compensation is fixed in that it is tied to a point of reference that is outside of the County Legislature's control.

Katheryn Shields said the way the ordinance reads it would not be necessary to vote because the pay increase would automatically go into effect and in the future be tied to the circuit court judges pay schedule.

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, said the County Legislature received a pay increase in 1985.

Jay Haden confirmed that there have been two increases since the inception of the County Charter.

Robert A. Stringfield said he feels it is self-serving and he has concerns about voting for his own increase. He said it is really 127% increase in pay. Increases given to County employees are usually between 3% - 5%, which are reasonable. He said the Department of Corrections wanted information from the Legislature so they could start their negotiations for wages and increases. They received a response that said Jackson County will not be in a position to entertain proposals regarding wages and benefits for 2005 until September of 2004 so they could have access to meaningful budget figures. Mr. Stringfield asked what is the hurry to pass this ordinance and why not wait for budget figures. He said the salary comparisons were like comparing apples to oranges. He said the amount of time those bodies spend in comparison to the time spent by County Legislators is not comparable. He said he is satisfied with what he is paid. Another factor that is not considered is that legislators receive \$200 per month for mileage as well as benefits. For part time employees, he feels the legislators receive good benefits. He thinks the timing is bad and the Legislators need to be reasonable and prudent. He said rather than be concerned with pay increases for themselves, legislators should be concerned with tax waivers, COMBAT audit, and park damage. He does not think this increase sends the right message to County employees or Jackson County citizens. He suggested tying their raises into the raises of County employees. So when they receive a percentage increase the Legislators will receive the same percentage. He said he knows he does not spend more than 12 hours per week on his job. He said he was originally for an increase but changed his mind after looking at the legislation and reading the editorial in the Kansas City Star this morning. He said the perception of this legislative body is that it does not get a lot of things done and he thinks they need to concentrate on getting things done. He thinks if this legislation is passed it will be a good tool to use to prevent current legislators from getting re-elected.

Ronald E. Finley said he wanted to clarify that legislators are not voting for themselves, as no one knows if they will be re-elected.

Robert A. Stringfield said the increase will affect the pension calculation for legislators which is why he disputes what Mr. Finley is saying. He said there are things that current legislators will gain.

[3523](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3524](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3525](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3526](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3527](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3528](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[15114](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15119](#) Legislature As A Whole moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15120](#) Legislature As A Whole moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15121](#) Legislature As A Whole moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15122](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15123](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15124](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15125](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15126](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[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.

(PERFECTED)

- [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.
(PERFECTED)
- [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.
(PERFECTED)
- [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.
(PERFECTED)
- [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.
(PERFECTED)
- [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.
(PERFECTED)
- [15114](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Blue Springs, MO, for the furnishing of road maintenance and snow removal.
(ADOPTED)
- [15119](#) A RESOLUTION nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2008.
(ADOPTED)
- [15120](#) A RESOLUTION nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2007.
(ADOPTED)

[15121](#) A RESOLUTION nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2009.

(ADOPTED)

[15122](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of hydraulic systems, parts, and service for use by the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments, to Force America, Inc., of Burnsville, MN, under an existing government contract of the City of Kansas City, MO, in the estimated amount of \$63,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[15123](#) A RESOLUTION approving a twelve-month extension to the term and supply contract for the furnishing of motor fuels and kerosene for use by the Public Works, Sheriff's, and Parks and Recreation Departments with Maher Oil of Kansas City, MO, and authorizing an annual increase of \$399,300.00 for a total estimated second-year usage of \$899,300.00.

(ADOPTED)

[15124](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract for the furnishing of maintenance and repair parts for scanning equipment for use by the Records Department to Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, NY, in the estimated annual amount of \$10,000.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[15125](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Gateway Plaza, L.L.C., and the City of Grandview, MO, regarding the Grandview Tax Increment Financing Plan #9.

(ADOPTED)

[15126](#) A RESOLUTION awarding term-and-supply contracts on Bid No. 35-04 for the furnishing of agricultural/field services supplies for use by the Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Departments to Old Mill Grain & Seed Company of Lee's Summit, MO (\$21,000.00) and Feldman's Farm & Home of Blue Springs, MO (\$117,000.00), to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming twelve-month period, in the estimated aggregate amount of \$138,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinances 3523, 3524, 3525, 3526, 3527, 3528. To adopt Resolutions 15114, 15119, 15120, 15121, 15122, 15123, 15124, 15125, 15126.

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

Yes: 5 - Robert A. Stringfield, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits and Bob Spence
Absent: 3 - Fred Arbanas, Ronald E. Finley and Rhonda L. Shoemaker

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [3529](#) 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.
(Anti-Drug Committee)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [15129](#) 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.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15130](#) 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.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15131](#) 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)
- [15132](#) 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.
(Finance and Audit Committee)
- [15133](#) 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.
(Finance and Audit Committee)
- [15134](#) 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.
(Finance and Audit Committee)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[04-13](#)

I hereby appoint Edward B. Rucker as County Counselor, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Jane McQueeny, for a new term to expire on December 31, 2006. A copy of Mr. Rucker's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, asked if there was an Ed Spring in the audience.

No one responded.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Gary Salva, Director of Parks and Recreation, said he is asking the County Legislature to pick 38 non profit groups to work on the contract for \$1,000.00 each for Christmas in the Park. He distributed a list of 45 names of organizations wishing to participate, 34 names are repeat volunteer groups. It is the County Legislature's decision on who will be invited to participate. He asked that the Legislature advise him of their decision no later than September 20 so the contracts can be prepared.

Scott Burnett, Chairman, asked Gary Salva to email the list to the other members of the Legislature and let him know of any other interested groups. He suggested the Legislature pick organizations by September 7th so Mr. Salva can proceed.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Bob Spence moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 23, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.