

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative and Use Agreement with the Lone Jack Historical Society for the management and operation of County Park premises known as The Civil War Museum of Jackson County, Missouri, at no cost to the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 18074, January 28, 2013

INTRODUCED BY Fred Arbanas, County Legislator

WHEREAS, in 1961, Jackson County developed a park at the Lone Jack Civil War site and in 1963 a Civil War Museum was constructed and dedicated on the premises; and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution 14677, dated July 21, 2003, the Legislature did authorize an Agreement with the City of Lone Jack, Missouri for the management and operation of the Civil War Museum; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lone Jack has now requested to terminate that Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Parks + Rec Department recommends a Cooperative and Use Agreement with the Lone Jack Historical Society, whereunder the Lone Jack Historical Society agrees to lease and assume the responsibilities of the Jackson County Civil War Museum, the adjoining cemetery, and all land associated with the County-owned Lone Jack Park; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the

citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Agreement with the City of Lone Jack, authorized by Resolution 14677, is hereby terminated, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative and Use Agreement with the Lone Jack Historical Society, at no cost to the County, for the management and operation of The Civil War Museum on behalf of the County.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jay D. Haden
Chief Deputy County Counselor

W. Stephen Nixon
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18074 of January 28, 2013, was duly passed on February 4, 2013 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

2.4.13
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

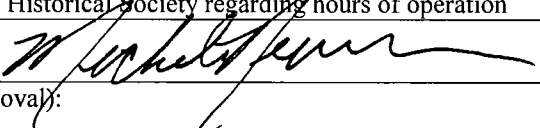
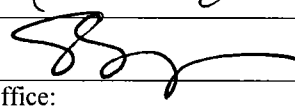
Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/Ord No.: 18074

Sponsor(s): Fred Arbanas

Date: Jan. 28, 2013

<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Action Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: A RESOLUTION accepting the City of Lone Jack's request to terminate agreement and authorizing the County Executive to executive a Cooperation and Use Agreement with the LONE JACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY for the management and operation of the county park premises commonly known as The Civil War Museum of Jackson County located in Lone Jack, Missouri</p>										
<p>BUDGET INFORMATION <i>To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance</i></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amount authorized after this legislative action:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; FROM / TO</td> <td>FROM ACCT TO ACCT</td> </tr> </table> <p>* If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$</p> <p>OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No budget impact (no fiscal note required) <input type="checkbox"/> Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract: Department: Estimated Use: \$</p> <p>Prior Year Budget (if applicable): Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable):</p>	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$	Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$	Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$	Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):	\$	Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number; FROM / TO	FROM ACCT TO ACCT
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<p>PRIOR LEGISLATION</p>	<p>Prior ordinances and (date):</p> <p>Prior resolutions and (date): Resolution #14677, September, 2003</p>										
<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p>	<p>RLA drafted by (name, title, & phone): Mark Trosen, Deputy Director of Park Operations, 503-4803</p>										
<p>REQUEST SUMMARY</p>	<p>A RESOLUTION accepting the City of Lone Jack's request to terminate agreement and authorizing the County Executive to executive a Cooperation and Use Agreement with the LONE JACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY for the management and operation of the county park premises commonly known as The Civil War Museum of Jackson County located in Lone Jack, Missouri.</p> <p>Background: Jackson County initially entered into a Cooperation and Use Agreement with the City of Lone Jack to operate the Lone Jack Civil War Museum in April 1991. This agreement was revised and adopted by the County in September, 2003 (Resolution #14677). Per terms of the agreement, the City has notified the County that they would like to terminate the agreement (attachment). The Lone Jack Historical Society has notified the County that they would like to assume the leasing and management of the Museum (attachment). The Lone Jack Historical Society has been the responsible party for managing the Museum for the City since the late 1990s. They are a 501-c-3 organization. They have demonstrated that they have the financial, personnel and leadership resources to effectively execute the terms of this agreement. The Director of Parks + Rec recommends that the County execute this agreement with the Lone Jack Historical Society. (see additional background on page 2)</p>										

CLEARANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)	
ATTACHMENTS	Cooperation and Use Agreement; Letter from the City of Lone Jack; Letter from Lone Jack Historical Society; Letter from Lone Jack Historical Society regarding hours of operation	
REVIEW	Department Director: Michele Newman 	Date: 1/16/2013
	Finance (Budget Approval): <i>If applicable</i>	Date:
	Division Manager: 	Date: 1/16/13
	County Counselor's Office:	Date:

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the _____ Fund in _____.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # _____
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.

Additional Background Information:

In 1961, the Jackson County Court approves a proposal to develop a park at the Lone Jack Civil War site, including the existing Civil War cemetery. Funds are budgeted and approved in the 1961 county budget for land acquisition and repair of grave markers and fencing. The County Court approves plans and budget for construction of museum in 1962. Museum building is completed in 1963. Contracts are awarded for design and construction of museum exhibits. Museum is dedicated on August 16, 1963 with a speech by President Truman.



September 20th, 2012

Gordon Julich
Jackson County, Missouri
Superintendent of Historic Sites
22807 Woods Chapel Road
Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

Re: Lone Jack Civil War Museum ("Museum")

Dear Mr. Julich:

As you know, since 1991, the City of Lone Jack ("City") has leased from Jackson County ("County") and assumed responsibility for the management and operation of the Museum. For approximately the past six (6) years, the City has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with what is now known as the Lone Jack Historical Society, Inc. ("Society"), for the management and operation of the Museum.

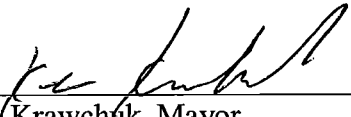
The Society is made up of numerous people dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Battle of Lone Jack. The Society members have worked hard the past several years developing programs and working on becoming more financially self-sufficient. Indeed, current financial support from the City towards the Museum is minimal (e.g., insurance, mowing).

The City believes that the Society has reached a point, in both its programming and financial stability, where it no longer is necessary for the City to lease the Museum from the County. Instead, the City believes the time is right for the County to deal directly with the Society regarding leasing and/or operation of the Museum. The Society concurs with the City's position.

Accordingly, the City's Board of Aldermen asks that the County consider contracting directly with the Society with regard to the leasing and/or operation of the Museum, and eliminate the City's "middleman" role.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LONE JACK, MISSOURI:

By: 

Ken Krawchuk, Mayor

cc: Alinda Miller

Lone Jack Historical Society

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Vice President:	Dan Hadley		Dan Enlow	Kathy Smith
Secretary:	Linda Barta		Betty Williams	
Treasurer:	Open			

September 12, 2012

Gordon Julich
Superintendent of Historic Sites
Jackson County Parks + Rec
22807 Woods Chapel Rd.
Blue Springs, MO 64015

Gordon,

It has come to my attention that the City of Lone Jack is possibly considering not renewing their contract with Jackson County Parks for the lease of the Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield, Soldier's Cemetery and Museum.

If this proves to be the case, the Lone Jack Historical Society (LJHS), would like to take on that responsibility and enter into a contract directly with the Parks Department. As you are aware, the LJHS has been financially supporting Battlefield for more than three years, with minimal contributions from the City. They have paid for the mowing and the insurance they were required to carry. As a side note, the LJHS has also been carrying an insurance policy for liability and content coverage.

I am looking forward to discussing this with you, should the City decide not to renew their lease.

Sincerely,



Alinda M. Miller, President
Lone Jack Historical Society

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January 4, 2013

Michele Newman
Director of Park Operations
Jackson County Parks + Rec
22807 Woods Chapel Road
Blue Springs, MO 64015

Dear Michele;

In accordance with the MOA requirements (Covenant 7. Operation and Staffing), the 2013 hours of operation the Lone Jack Historical Society (LJHS) currently has set for the Lone Jack Battlefield and Museum are as follows:

March 1 through October 31:
Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

November 1 through February 28 (29):
Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We do realize that many people come from out of town to visit the site where their ancestor fought and/or is buried and might not be able to come during our regular hours. To help accommodate these folks, with advance notice we will open the Museum for them.

We also offer special group tours during and outside of our normal hours of operation.

There are no plans to alter this schedule.

Sincerely,



Alinda M. Miller
President