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County Legislature

*Dan Tarwater (4th) Chairman, Scott Burnett, (1st) Vice Chairman,
Theresa Garza Ruiz (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL),
James D. Tindall (2nd), Dennis Waits (3rd), Greg Grounds (5th)
Bob Spence (6th)*

Monday, September 17, 2012

2:30 PM

Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dan Tarwater, and Bob Spence
Absent 2 - Dennis Waits, and Greg Grounds

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A motion was made to Recited The motion carried.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by County Legislator - 2nd District Tindall, seconded by Vice-Chairman Burnett, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on for September 10, 2012. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

Melinda Taylor, Board of Equalization Specialist, received her 25 year service pin.

John Strauss, Assistant Director of Commercial Property in the Assessment Department, received his 25 year service pin.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mike Sanders, County Executive, said the Missouri State Legislature failed to override the Governor's veto on out of state taxes (sales taxes collected on automobiles, planes, yachts, etc.). The impact on the budget of Jackson County, Missouri is roughly \$1.8 million per year. Other issues with budgetary impacts include the parcel reduction in the Assessment Department and issues in the Prosecutor's office regarding the Family Support Division. A general breakdown of the estimate of reductions is as follows: \$840,000 out of the General Fund, \$420,000 out of the COMBAT fund and \$630,000 out of the Sports Authority Fund.

Mike Sanders informed the County Legislature that requests for proposals for the animal shelter were sent out and are due on Friday, September 21. This is an informational tool and the Administration sent it out as instructed by the County Legislature. The Administration will analyze the information with the Legislative Auditor and present it to the County Legislature for further instruction. He emphasized that nothing has changed legally or otherwise.

Dan Tarwater said this project must be revenue neutral and Jackson County is not trying to get out of a contract as stated in the newspaper. Jackson County is trying to find who can do the best job.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, pointed out that Jackson County still has an agreement with the City of Independence. This is a fact finding process.

Theresa Garza Ruiz, County Legislator, asked Stephen Nixon, County Counselor, what is Jackson County's legal stance if the County decides not to honor the contract with the City of Independence.

Stephen Nixon replied that this issue needs to be discussed in closed session.

The County Counselor agreed to post a closed session notice for Monday, September 24, 2012.

Mike Sharp, Sheriff, presented the July 2012 Employee of the Month Award to Adam Zarrillo, Deputy Sheriff.

Mike Sanders gave an estimate of the general sales tax revenue reductions: \$477,036 out of the General Fund, \$143,724 out of the Health Fund, \$100,464 out of the Parks Fund, \$118,776 out of the Road and Bridge Fund. The total aggregate is \$840,000, which is in addition to the reductions in the Assessment Department and Prosecuting Attorney's Office. He explained that this has been a source of revenue since Jackson County has been in existence. He advised that this needs to be foremost on our legislative agenda to close this loop hole.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- [4439](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing the tax of 4.25% of the tariff rate for each local telephone access line, not to exceed 100 lines per person or per location, for emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911."
(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Perfection)
- [4443](#) This matter was Consent Agenda. The motion carried.
*Fred Arbanas moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #4444, #4445 and #4446. Seconded by James D. Tindall.
The motion passed by a voice vote.
(APPROVED)*
- [4444](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing a certain 10 ± acres tract from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [4445](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing a certain 7.9 ± acres tract from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [4446](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing a certain 1.05 ± acres tract from District A (Agricultural) to District RS (Residential Suburban).
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. at Fleming Hall.
- [4449](#)
- [4449](#) A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Burnett, seconded by County Legislator Garza Ruiz, to perfect. The motion carried by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)
- [4449](#) A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Burnett, seconded by County Legislator Garza Ruiz, that this matter be suspend the rules to consider final passage. The motion carried by a voice vote.
(APPROVED)
Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[4449](#) This matter was Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[17972](#) This matter was Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

[17973](#) This matter was Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

[17975](#) This matter was Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[4443](#) A motion was made to perfect on the Consent Agenda. (PERFECTED)

[4449](#) A motion was made to adopt on the Consent Agenda. (ADOPTED)

[17972](#) A motion was made to adopt on the Consent Agenda. (ADOPTED)

[17973](#) A motion was made to adopt on the Consent Agenda. (ADOPTED)

[17975](#) A motion was made to adopt on the Consent Agenda. (ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinance 4443. To adopt Ordinance 4449. To adopt Resolutions 17972, 17973, 17975.

A motion was made by James D. Tindall, seconded by Scott Burnett for passage of the consent agenda.

Yes: 7 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dan Tarwater and Bob Spence

Absent: 2 - Dennis Waits and Greg Grounds

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[4451](#)

Appropriating \$38,730.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2012 Asset and Bond Forfeiture Fund to cover the purchase of computers and printers for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[17977](#)

Authorizing the County to join Solar Ready KC, a partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council, several city and county governments, Kansas City Power & Light, and solar industry experts to respond to the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[17978](#)

A motion was made by County Legislator - 2nd District Tindall, seconded by Vice-Chairman Burnett, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dan Tarwater and Bob Spence

Absent: 2 - Dennis Waits and Greg Grounds

(ADOPTED)

[17979](#)

A motion was made by County Legislator Spence, seconded by County Legislator - 2nd District Tindall, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dan Tarwater and Bob Spence

Absent: 2 - Dennis Waits and Greg Grounds

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[12-12](#)

I hereby appoint Maria A. Martinez to the Truman Medical Center Board of Directors for a term to expire June 29, 2013, to fill the vacancy occasioned by of the expiration of the term of Dred Scott. Ms. Martinez's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by County Legislator Garza Ruiz, seconded by County Legislator Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, September 24, 2012 at 2:30 P.M. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.