

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Independence, to allow for the patrolling of the Little Blue Trace bike trail by volunteers of the City of Independence Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service program.

RESOLUTION # 15032, May 24, 2004

INTRODUCED BY Fred Arbanas, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the County and the City of Independence desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, whereunder the City of Independence Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program will provide patrolling of the Little Blue Trace bike trail at no cost to the County; and,

WHEREAS, under this arrangement, the County will at no cost provide to the City a "Gator" utility vehicle for use by the VIPS volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizenry to authorize the City of Independence to provide these services; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Memorandum of Understanding provides a suitable mechanism by which to implement the mutual goal of the parties; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Executive be, and is hereby, authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding 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:

Jim S. Howard
Acting County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #15032 of May 24, 2004, was duly passed on June 7, 2004 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

6.8.04
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino Clerk of Legislature



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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Title: Approval is recommended to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Independence Police Department and the Jackson County Parks and Recreations Department related to a proactive approach to provide an enhanced level of service for those utilizing the Little Blue Trace Trail.

Recommendation: The Police Department recommends approval of this agreement.

Background: The Independence Police Department believes in a commitment to provide an enhanced level of services for those living in and visiting our community. An important resource that provide opportunities for an enjoyable outing and assists in maintaining a healthy life style are the parks, recreational facilities, and trails within our community. The Little Blue Trace Trail it a wonderful resource which is located in Independence, and is a part of the Jackson County Parks and Recreational Department. To ensure the trail remains a safe and secure environment for individual and family outings, the Volunteers in Police Services within the Independence Police Department will provide routine patrol or monitoring of the trail. This program is a cooperative effort with the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department to implement a pilot program where monitoring of the activities along the trail will be conducted by members of the VIPS Program utilizing a John Deere "Gator" to travel the 12 mile trail. In addition to monitoring the activities on the trail, the VIPS will also provide services that will include, providing first aide supplies, water, equipment for minor repairs for bicycles, transportation to access areas for those needing this service, monitoring of maintenance requirements on the trail. Police Radios will be available for notifications on any events requiring additional assistance, and the activities and services provided during this program will be documented to allow for an evaluation of the effectiveness of this program will.

Department: Police Department

Contact Person: Chief
Fred M Mills

Approvals Director: *[Signature]*
Date: June 21, 2004

City Manager: _____
Date: _____

Council Action:

- Accepted First Reading
- Rejected Public Hearing
- R. A. & F. Referred to _____

Date City Clerk

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6/21/04

Date City Clerk

Memorandum of Understanding

TO: Fred M. Mills, Chief of Police, City of Independence, MO

FROM: Gary P. Salva, Director, Parks and Recreation

DATE: May 10, 2004

SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes that Jackson County Parks and Recreation (JCP&R) has entered into an agreement with the Police Department for the City of Independence (IPD), regarding a one year "pilot program" for the patrol of the Little Blue Trace Bike Trail by volunteers through the established Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program.

This cooperative agreement is being created to provide an expanded level of service to the visitors of the Little Blue Trace Bike Trail.

The following guidelines have been agreed upon by JCP&R and IPD.

The Independence Police Department agrees to provide the following to the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department:

1. A point of contact within IPD.

Name: Police Officer Gary England

Address: 223 North Memorial Drive, Independence, MO 64050

E-mail address: GEngland@indepmo.org

Daytime Phone Number: (816) 325-7643

2. The patrol of the Little Blue Trace Bike Trail by supervised volunteers of the City's VIPS program
3. The patrol of the Little Blue Trace by either bicycle or by a vehicle approved by the Parks and Recreation Department
4. The routine maintenance and transportation of any vehicles provided by JCP&R for the patrol of the Bike Trail
5. An advanced (weekly updated) schedule, when know, will be provided (submitted in advance,) for all patrols of the Little Blue Trace, however the program will not be impeded when patrols were not scheduled in advance

6. A weekly summary (format approved by JCP&R) of the activities witnessed and the services provided by the Independence Police Department and its volunteers and any and all actions taken beyond the patrolling of the Bike Trail
7. Proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, listing Jackson County as co-insured
8. To recognize JCP& R and the County, in a pre-approved manner by JCP&R, in all public information regarding this cooperative effort
9. Clearly identify all vehicles provided by JCP&R with markings identifying it as a vehicle of the Independence Police Department and a service of Jackson County
10. Equip all vehicles with a radio, (cell phone), first aid supplies and water cooler
11. Provide training for all volunteers on vehicle operation
12. Conduct a (continuing) survey(s) of Little Blue Trace Park patrons to evaluate the success of the increased visitor service being provided by this cooperative effort
13. Provide all supplies and equipment (other than a vehicle provided by JCP&R) for the administration of this program
14. Return all vehicles provided by JCP&R on or before November 1, 2004 unless the program is mutually extended later into the year.
15. Provide routine vehicle maintenance to all vehicles provided by JCP&R
16. Replace all damaged or stolen vehicles provided by JCP&R

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department agrees to provide the following to the Independence Police Department:

1. A point of contact within JCP&R.

Name: Gary P. Salva,

Address: 22807 Woods Chapel Road

Blue Springs, MO 64015

E-mail address:

Daytime Phone Number: 816-795-8200 (ext. 1221)

2. Provide a John Deere "Gator" for the period from the signing of this agreement to November 1, 2004
3. Permission to patrol the Little Blue Trace Bike Trail by the volunteers of the VIPS program
4. Digital Maps of the Little Blue Trace
5. Initial equipment training at the time of delivery of the Gator

Jackson County Parks and Recreation and the Independence Police Department agree that this Memorandum of Understanding serves as a guideline for the term of the agreement. Further addendums to this Memorandum of Understanding may be necessary when defining additional and/or more specific responsibilities pertaining to this cooperative effort.

Katheryn J. Shields

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, Jackson County Missouri Date

Gary Salva

Gary Salva, Director, Jackson County Parks & Recreation Date

6/25/04

Fred M. Mills

Fred M. Mills, Chief of Police, City of Independence Date

6/21/04

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
COUNTY COUNSELOR