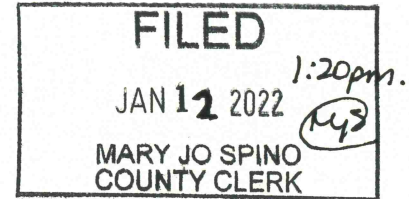




**FRANK WHITE, JR.**  
Jackson County Executive



**EXECUTIVE ORDER #22-02**

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE  
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**

**FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.  
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**DATE: JANUARY 12, 2022**


**RE: APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLAN COMMISSION**

I hereby make the following appointment and reappointments to the Plan Commission:

**William D. Farrar** is appointed as occasioned by the resignation of Sandy A. Querry for a term to expire December 31, 2025. A copy of Mr. Farrar's resume is attached.

**Terral (Terry) S. Akins** is reappointed for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

**Janet Mershon** is reappointed for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

  
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Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Dated: 1/12/22\_\_\_\_\_



## **William D. Farrar**

2510 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, Mo. 64108

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **2002-Present**

##### **Volunteer Attorney for the indigent, juveniles and the elderly.**

100 plus Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Drafting of contracts, real estate closings, landlord/tenant trials, name changes, settling with creditors and administrating probate estates.

Traffic violations, probation violations, bond hearings and criminal trials.

Learning that Ray County needed a first chair prosecutor on three felony trials, I volunteered, sending two defendants to the Missouri Penitentiary.

I was recognized as the Missouri Bar Association recipient of the 2005 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award.

#### **1989-2002**

##### **Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MoDot)**

##### ***Trial Attorney***

Tried approximately 50 jury trials as first chair in over 20 counties in Missouri.

Authored and argued approximately 12 appellate briefs as both appellant and respondent in the Western District of Missouri Court of Appeals and Missouri Supreme Court.

Although the major emphasis was eminent domain at MoDot, all staff attorneys represented their employer in matters including, but not limited to, workers' compensation, tort litigation and contract disputes. We also worked with the right-of-way department in anticipation of acquiring needed real estate upon which to build or widen highways required title opinions. Thus prescriptive easements, abandoned railroad rights of way, cemeteries, utility easements, environmental issues and other potential clouds on title made a day interesting.

I mention this experience as it appears prudent and timely for the Truman Sports Complex to search for higher and better uses of its real estate assets and adjoining properties.

Representing the MoDot Permits Department also gave an occasional break from the courtroom. All too often abutting landowners would "break" access to our roadway without applying for a permit. I recall warning a property owner

to cease and desist or we would physically remove his illegally placed culvert from our right of way. Ignoring our repeated demands, we arrived at the site with a road grader. The landowner arrived with a shotgun. I left and returned with the Highway Patrol.

I mention this as a simple example of judiciousness over emotional response.

**1988-1989**

**Legal Aid of Western Missouri**

***Attorney***

Represented indigents in the downtown Municipal Courts and upon subsequent appeals.

**1976-1988**

**Private Practice, Kirksville, Mo.**

***Attorney***

Public defender for four years. Twenty-five jury trials.

Represented Kirksville Savings & Loan Association for 11 years.

Prepared and approved all mortgage loan documents.

Examined several hundred abstracts of title or title insurance policies to render an opinion as to fee simple and marketable title of the real estate being pledged as security.

Since the Jackson County Sports Authority has a fiduciary duty in handling all aspects of finance, my experience would be helpful.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law**

*Masters of Law Degree in Estate Planning, 2002*

**University of Missouri at Kansas City**

*Juris Doctor, 1976*

**William Jewell College**

*B.S. in Business Administration, 1973*

**COLLEGE ACTIVITIES**

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Student Senate, Band, Track Letterman, Cross Country Letterman, College Union Activities President, Freshmen Dorm President, Homecoming Co-Chairman, Board of Control, Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity Officer

## **A FINAL COMMENT**

Historically, I might appear as being underqualified if one is looking at previous years of Commissioners who have been mostly board members of major charitable or private companies. I grew up in a small town in Caldwell County, Missouri with fewer than 900 people before moving on to more cosmopolitan areas, and am comfortable with all kinds of people. I have spent my life solving problems, making important and logical decisions, and helping people. And I am a life-long Chiefs and Royals fan who has attended hundreds of games and currently enjoys my Chiefs upper-deck season tickets. I have a definite desire to do what's right for the city, its teams, and their fans.