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Victor E. Callahan (1st AL), Chairman
Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Vice-Chairman
Scott Burnett (1st), Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater (4th),
Terry Young (5th), Bob Spence (6th), Bill Petrie (2nd AL),
Fred Arbanas (3rd AL)

Monday, July 30, 2001

3:30 PM

Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting

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

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

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 7/23/2001.
Seconded by Terry Young.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

None.

Resolution #13778 was adopted at this time. See page 6 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, received today from Bettie Kramer, Director of Parks and Recreation, a letter of resignation effective September, 2001. Bettie has been offered a position to head up the newly formed Parks Department in St. Charles County. She will be returning home where her mother and brother still reside. Katheryn extended her congratulations to Bettie and thanked her for her twenty-three years with the Parks Department and 9 years as Director.

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, said he will miss Bettie as she has always been fair. He wishes her well at her new job.

Katheryn Shields gave an update on the Public Works ground breaking that occurred last Friday. She said that she was in attendance along with Chairman Callahan and Legislator Petrie. Jackson County has estimated that it will save approximately \$50,000.00 per year on gasoline since the equipment will be closer to where the actual work is being performed. Also, Jackson County is working with Grain Valley on developing Monkey Mountain Park. The Public Works facility and the treatment plant will be built so that it will be able to handle the material that will need to be treated from the restrooms on the park land when it is finally developed. The County is also working on having a recycling center either on the park land or at the Public Works facility. The details have not been worked out yet. This construction project is another good example of saving money for the taxpayers, working cooperatively with other governments and ensuring that we keep a clean environment in Jackson County. She thanked Mr. Callahan and Mr. Petrie for attending the ground breaking ceremony.

She announced that the 175th anniversary of Jackson County is this year on December 15th. She has been working with the Jackson County Historical Society and other historical societies in the County to develop programs. She hopes by the first of September a list of activities will be available. They hope to have at least one play. They also hope to focus Christmas in the Park and Lake Fest Days on this anniversary. Jackson County has also been working with other towns in our jurisdiction and involving them in focusing on the 175th anniversary in some of their ongoing celebrations.

She announced that the kick-off of e-purchasing took place last week and it went very well. The County has estimated that this will save over \$100,000.00 annually on paper and postage since bids will be done over the Internet. Companies who wish to do business with Jackson County can visit our web site at www.jacksongov.org and click on the e-purchasing link to see everything that is being bid currently and also to register vendors on-line. Marie Young from the Black Chamber has been working with us to make sure that women and minority owned businesses are not left behind as we move forward to the Internet.

Fred Arbanas asked about the recycling center mentioned earlier. He does not believe it is appropriate to have these centers in our parks.

Katheryn Shields said it would be similar to what Kansas City, Missouri is operating. Jackson County currently has two drop off centers; one in Raytown, Missouri which is held twice a month and one near Lake Lotawana. This third site would be further east so that those residents can participate. There will be several large holding bins and people drive up and deposit their recyclables. The sites we currently have are only open on the weekends, Friday through Sunday. Jackson County is also working with one of the school districts near the new Public Works facility to possibly use one of the lots near the school as a recycling center until our land is developed.

Ronald Finley suggested that the County compile statistics on how these centers are utilized and how often. He asked to have a report by the end of the year.

Katheryn Shields said Bridging the Gap will probably compile these statistics. She will call and ask them to do this so it could be presented at budget hearings.

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, asked for the status of discussions with Grain Valley, Missouri regarding a park being developed next to Monkey Mountain Park and the transfer of land from the county.

Katheryn said that we are still working out a few of the details on the water line we want to share. The Mayor of Grain Valley said he has received a letter from the water district saying that they have no objection to the city providing the water for that park and for our Public Works facility. He will forward the letter to the legal department so that we can proceed with the land transfer.

Victor E. Callahan asked if an acting Director of Parks and Recreation had been chosen and what kind of search would be done to find a permanent replacement for Bettie Yahn-Kramer.

Katheryn said that she wants to consult with the Legislature and Bettie about the position of acting director and hopes to make an announcement by the end of the week. A search will be done to find a permanent replacement.

Victor E. Callahan asked when the Legislature could expect a contract or deed on the land transfer. Katheryn said that it should be done by the end of summer now that the water main issue has been resolved.

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, asked if this would be a transfer of title.

Katheryn responded that it is a long term (50 year) lease.

Victor E. Callahan stated that the land is currently being used for crops, it is not used for a park. The land is also used as a horse facility and as part of the park this will be accommodated.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3159](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$19,647.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2001 Grant Fund to cover the grant received from the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District for the development of employee and vendor waste reduction and recycling manuals and the transfer of matching funds and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Grant Assistance Agreement with the district relating to said grant.

(Health and Justice Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[3152](#)

Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[13761](#)

Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13762](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13763](#)

Land Use Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13764](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13765](#) Land Use Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3152](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$70,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2001 General Fund to cover private grants received for the County's Strategic Planning Initiative.

(ADOPTED)

[13761](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract on Bid No. 77-01 for the changeover of emergency response equipment for use by the Sheriff's Department to Commenco, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[13762](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an addendum to the contract with Southwestern Bell Advanced Solutions, Inc., for the furnishing of additional frame relay line services, in the amount of \$3,036.00 for the remainder of calendar year 2001, at a total amount of \$18,216.00.

(ADOPTED)

[13763](#) A RESOLUTION in support of submitting a grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in connection with the National Recreational Trails Program for funds to renovate facilities at the Longview Horse Park.

(ADOPTED)

[13764](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract on Bid No. 76-01 for the furnishing of computer software for use by the Family Support Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to Midwest Technology Connections of Kansas City, MO, in the amount of \$17,364.48.

(ADOPTED)

[13765](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 78-01 for the furnishing of clean rip-rap rock for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to Damon Pursell Construction Co. of Liberty, MO, in the estimated amount of \$20,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Ordinance 3152. To adopt Resolutions 13761, 13762, 13763, 13764, 13765.

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

Yes: 8 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[13766](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with the City of Lee's Summit, MO and G.& R. Development, L.L.C., to permit the installation, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer transmission line through a portion of Prairie Lee Lake Park, in connection with the City's Woodland Shores Sanitary Sewer project.

(Land Use Committee)

[13767](#) Authorizing payment of \$167,243.41 to the City of Blue Springs from the Blue Springs CURS account to cover costs of the City's 2001 street overlay program.

(Public Works Committee)

[13768](#) Authorizing payment of \$4,621.56 to the City of Lone Jack from the Lone Jack CURS account to cover maintenance costs for the City's 2001 street and road maintenance program.

(Public Works Committee)

[13769](#) Authorizing an increase to the contract with Blue Springs Marine of Blue Springs, MO, for the purchase of seven bass boats for use by the Parks and Recreation Department in the actual amount of \$13,300.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[13770](#) Transferring \$79,277.00 within the 2001 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover funding for the Sheriff's Department's 2000-2001 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[13771](#) Awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 79-01 for the furnishing of marine accessories for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to Medart Marine Supply of Edwardsville, KS, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$17,000.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[13772](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Second Addendum to the Agreement with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission for the Metropolitan Community Services Program, to provide placement and supervision services for the Prosecuting Attorney's Deferred Prosecution and Drug Court Programs, in an amount not to exceed \$11,250.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[13773](#) Authorizing payment of \$5,784.25 to the City of Buckner from the Buckner CURS account to cover maintenance costs for the City's 2001 street and road maintenance program.

(Public Works Committee)

[13774](#) Awarding an eleven-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of galvanized and aluminized type 2 corrugated culvert pipe and fittings for use by the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments under contract No. PA3949, an existing government contract of the City of Kansas City, MO, to K. C. Winwater Works Company of Kansas City, MO, at an estimated cost to the County of \$66,000.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[13775](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Water Main Relocation Agreement with Public Water Supply District No. 12 for the relocation of a water main in connection with the Harris Road Bridge Project, No. 2409, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$34,800.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[13776](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with St. James United Methodist Church for its "Children's Connection" program in the amount of \$15,000.00 as a local match to a private grant.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[13777](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of vinyl wall covering for use by the Facilities Management Department at the Independence Courthouse to D. L. Couch Wall Source of New Castle, IN, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$17,552.80, as a source purchase.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

No dissenting vote to consider Resolutions #13778 and #13779 - not on printed agenda.

[13778](#) Dan Tarwater moved the passage of Resolution #13778, recognizing Gabrielle G. Finley for her outstanding achievements in education and journalism. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

[13779](#) Ronald E. Finley moved the passage of Resolution #13779, expressing the sympathy of the Legislature to the family and friends of Dr. William H. Clark upon the occasion of his death. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Terry Young

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bob Spence, County Legislator, wanted to read into the record an e-mail he received from Sanders Company regarding the Jackson County Maintenance Facility. The e-mail referred to Bid Package #15 in which Sanders was the low bidder. However, the County chose to award it to the next highest bidder for the plumbing and mechanical bid package which was \$18,000.00 more, for minority participation. A representative from Jackson County did not contact anyone from Sanders Company to advise them or to question their good faith effort. Bob Spence said Bid Package #15 was awarded to Environmental Mechanical even though it was higher. He is troubled about this matter because it is not proper to treat our vendors like this who really do bid in good faith. It may also discourage vendors from bidding on County projects in the future. He also believes it is a disservice to the minority vendors because the message is that they cannot compete which is a falsehood. He is sure the vast majority of taxpayers in Jackson County, including minority vendors, expect a level playing field. Jackson County took the contract away from a good, solid, taxpaying Jackson County firm and awarded it to a Johnson County firm, which Bob thinks is strange. Awarding that contract, he feels, comes close to violating our purchasing policies. He was not on the prevailing side when the resolution was passed so he cannot make a motion for reconsideration. He asked his colleagues in the future to carefully consider when this kind of favoritism is shown.

Victor E. Callahan said he believed that Troy Thomas, Manager of Finance, asked the Legislature to consider this change and suggested that Mr. Spence refer his questions to the administration who advised the Legislature to go with that vendor. Secondly, Victor is pleased that Bob is for open and competitive bidding, since he has not been in the past. He hopes that when the County's accountant contract comes open on professional services Mr. Spence will feel the same way, especially since the contract is awarded to his old firm. As you know, professional contracts are not awarded on an open, competitive basis, they are awarded at the sole discretion of an administrator.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, said that the firm was awarded the contract after completing the request for qualifications and the fees on the contract are less than they were when Mr. Waris hired an auditor without going out for bid.

Victor E. Callahan, said he urges Mr. Spences support when the Legislature seeks to change the way professional service contracts are awarded since they are not competitively bid.

Fred Arbanas asked Mr. Thomas why the County chose to go with the other vendor.

Troy Thomas responded that it was because it was a minority vendor, as Mr. Spence had stated earlier.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 6, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri.