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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, October 16, 2000

3:30 PM

Thirty-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, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits,
Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: Scott Burnett

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dennis Waits moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 10/9/2000.
Seconded by Terry Young.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

None.

Resolution #13385 was adopted at this time. See page six for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, introduced Jim Torres as her newest appointment to the Mental Health Levy Board.

A ten year service pin was presented to Habib Ahmed, an Accountant in the Finance Department.

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, gave an update on the preparations for the upcoming tax season. First of all, last summer the Legislature approved an appropriation that added 12 positions to the Collections Department, bringing the authorized position count up to sixty. She is pleased to announce that all of the additional positions have been filled. A comprehensive training day on the operation procedures of the Collection Department will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2000. The first floor will be reorganized to increase efficiency. One clerk will work with landowners that have multiple pieces of land. The Legislature recently authorized the purchase of four super computers that have been received and installed. There was also an upgrade to the ASCEND billing system which is completed. Collections has been running approximately one fourth of the different types of tax bills to test the system and testing will not be completed until next week. This is the first year for billing under this new system. From a hardware standpoint, the County appears to be in a very good position.

In terms of collecting the tax dollars, Jackson County has entered into a contract with United Missouri Bank for a lock box service agreement. Our return envelopes will have a post office box number on them and they will mail them back to UMB. Our staff will pick up the mail several times a day and under our agreement the bank is committed to process every payment that comes in within 72 hours of them receiving it. Each day they will transmit to us a paid file which will show all payments received so we can post those to our system and they will also send a list of checks that cannot be processed. United Missouri Bank will not be able to process any bills that have changes. After receiving the paid file, the Collections Department will post them within two working days. After being posted, the County will generate an electronic tape that will be sent to the printer who will print the receipts. So if there are no problems, the taxpayer should receive their receipt within 20 days after they mailed their payment. Jackson County has entered into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Revenue so that at the end of each month, Jackson County will forward to them everyone who has paid their County taxes in that prior month. The State will have access to this information which will be helpful when taxpayers renew their license plates. For future years, Jackson County is discussing with the State of Missouri the concept of taxpayers writing one check to the State including their County taxes and the State reimbursing us with a collection fee. Unlike last year, she showed the Legislature the two types of envelopes that are clearly marked TAX BILL and TAX RECEIPT. The instructions have been improved for clarification.

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, asked about an article in the Lee's Summit Journal which was critical of Jackson County's collection system and it's lack of speed.

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, said that her staff has told her that most of the issues addressed in the article by Mr. Lamb were untrue. We are contemplating asking for some time on the Lee's Summit council agenda so that our staff can attend the meeting and address the issues that have been raised. They will advise the Lee's Summit Journal so they can attend the meeting and they will also advise the County Legislature of the outcome. Frankly, Lee's Summit, Missouri is not even processing the payments received. They are accepting checks, handwriting the receipt and sending the paperwork to the Independence Courthouse. The staff in Independence then post the payments and make sure that it all balances. We are paying Lee's Summit one and one half percent to process our tax bills when in fact Jackson County staff is doing the work. She believes this article is a political advertisement by Mr. Lamb to try to get more money out of Jackson County. Since the super computers have been installed the cities have been reporting acceptable times as far as response time with the computers. Jackson County staff has also been meeting with the Finance Directors from the various cities on a weekly basis to address any issues they may have in processing the tax bills. Mr. Lamb was present at the meeting held last Thursday and did not raise any of his issues as listed in his article on Friday.

To avoid long lines, there is a backup plan in place in case the computers cannot generate the receipts fast enough for those taxpayers paying in person. The top part of the bill will be stamped paid and the bottom of the bill will be attached to their check so we can then input it into the computer.

Terry Young, County Legislator, asked how soon taxpayers in Jackson County will be able to pay their taxes via the internet.

Katheryn Shields responded that staff has been interviewing some e-commerce companies and we are contemplating entering into a contract with one of these companies, this will not happen this year.

Ken Evans, Public Information Officer, said this should be a possibility for next year after sending out Requests for Proposals.

Katheryn Shields is planning on doing public service announcements or some type of information to put on the government channel to advise taxpayers of services that will be available on the internet. She mentioned that since August 2000 anyone can call up appraisal and tax status information on real estate on the internet.

Ronald Finley asked for a general time line on the billing process that would be consistent with the statute.

Katheryn Shields said Jackson County will begin billing on October 31, 2000 and by November 15th billing will be complete. On December 11th the first receipts will be mailed. We are anticipating that the turn around time will be 20 days. She agreed to advise the Legislature when we will have the opportunity to be on the agenda for the Lee's Summit Council meeting so they too can attend.

Terry Young asked when the County Legislative meetings will begin being televised.

Ken Evans responded it should be the third Monday in November, 2000.

Katheryn Shields stated that the Public Health Task Force had their first meeting this week and she will report on this at next week's meeting.

Victor E. Callahan said he was asked to sponsor Ordinance #3080 and since Mr. Mann was present, he asked the County Executive to address this legislation.

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, said in 1996 Bob Mann representing the State Environmental Foundation, asked if Jackson County would be willing to allow environmental groups to participate in our charitable giving campaign. Jackson County realized that we had a coordinated campaign with the City of Kansas City. Therefore, Mr. Mann requested information from the City. The City Law Department looked into it and agreed that there needed to be some justification as to who we choose if we have other interests. The City of Kansas City passed an ordinance setting up the process. Then the City sent out requests for proposals with eligibility requirements to interested groups and came up with 21 groups to include in their campaign. So Jackson County would like to adopt an ordinance similar to the one passed by Kansas City and through intergovernmental agreements, the County would participate in the selection process which the City has already completed. She recognized Jay Haden, Assistant County Counselor, Bob Mann, representative of the Missouri Environmental Fund and John Franklin from the City of Kansas City for their work on this matter.

Victor E. Callahan stated that this is voluntary but facilitates those employees that want to participate.

Fred Arbanas asked for a list of the organizations. Katheryn Shields provided copies for all legislators.

Mr. Finley asked that this be held one week.

Katheryn Shields asked legislators to contact Jay Haden with any questions.

Resolution #13389 was adopted at this time. See page eight for details.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Fred Arbanas moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #3069 through #3076.
Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote.

There will be a public hearing on Ordinances #3069 through #3076 on Monday, October 23, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at Fleming Hall.

[3069](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RR (Residential Ranchette), a certain 10.5 + acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[3070](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RR (Residential Ranchette), a certain 6.1 + acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[3071](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), a certain 3 + acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

- [3072](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), a certain 6.5 + acre tract.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [3073](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), a certain 3 + acre tract.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [3074](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to LI (Light Industrial), a certain 3.77 + acre tract.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [3075](#) AN ORDINANCE approving a conditional use permit to operate a horse boarding facility as to a certain 26 + acre tract.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [3076](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), a certain 60.5 + acre tract, and approving the preliminary plat "Crystal Aire - 3rd Plat," creating an eighteen-lot residential subdivision.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [3077](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.
Fred Arbanas objects to the consent agenda.
- [3077](#) Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3077. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)
- [3077](#) Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3077. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.
- [3078](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.
Fred Arbanas objects to the consent agenda.
- [3078](#) Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3078. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[3078](#) Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3078. Seconded by Dennis Waits.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)
Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

[3079](#) Public Works Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3080](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting § 933., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to charitable campaigns for County employees, with an effective date.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[3077](#) Consent Agenda.

[3078](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[13380](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass.
Bob Spence objects to the consent agenda.

[13380](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #13380, rescinding Resolution 13040, dated January 24, 2000, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with Black Chamber of Commerce, for funding of certain programs to assist minority contractors, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00. Seconded by Ronald E. Finley.

Yes: 6 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits and Terry Young

No: 1 - Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[13381](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13382](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13383](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13384](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[13385](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #13385, declaring October 2000 as "Registered National Apprenticeship Month 2000" in Jackson County, Missouri. Seconded by Terry Young.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3079](#) AN ORDINANCE amending Schedules II, III, and IV to Chapter 52, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the traffic code.

(PERFECTED)

[3077](#) AN ORDINANCE approving the preliminary plat "Highlands Ranch," creating a twenty-lot residential subdivision on 38.8+ acres.

(ADOPTED)

[3078](#) AN ORDINANCE extending the boundaries of Carriage Oaks Sewer District, No. 102.

(ADOPTED)

[13381](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for maintenance of Informix software for use by the Management Information Systems Department to Informix Software of Lenexa, KS, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$67,124.22, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[13382](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Truman Medical Center, Inc. (TMC) for its "Teen Moms" program in the amount of \$81,397.00 as a local match.

(ADOPTED)

[13383](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 93-00 for the furnishing of rock salt for use by the Public Works Department to Hutchinson Salt Company of Paola, KS, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$39,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[13384](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 105-00 for the furnishing of Ford truck manufacturer's original equipment parts for use by the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments to Bob Allen Ford of Overland Park, KS, to provide for their needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$13,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinance 3079. To adopt Ordinances 3077, 3078. To adopt Resolutions 13381, 13382, 13383, 13384.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3081](#) Enacting chapter 36, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to stormwater management, consisting of fourteen new sections.

(Public Works Committee)

[3082](#) Appropriating \$35,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2000 Park Enterprise Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain organizations to provide services in connection with the 2000 Christmas in the Park event, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$35,000.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[3083](#) Appropriating \$58,700.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2000 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Third Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, MO, regarding the Midwest H.I.D.T.A. Kansas City Metropolitan Enforcement Initiative Task Force.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[3084](#) Appropriating \$100,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2000 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring grant received from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, and the transfer of matching funds, authorizing the County Executive and Prosecuting Attorney to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute regarding this grant, and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with Abt Associates, Inc., of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to provide monitoring for those arrested on drug offenses, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[3085](#) Transferring \$7,215.00 within the 2000 General Fund and appropriating \$28,859.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2000 Grant Fund to cover the Victim Services Advocates Grant received from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, and the transfer of matching funds.

(Health and Justice Committee)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[13387](#) Approving an eleven-month term and supply contract for the purchase of John Deere industrial parts and service for use by the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments, under an existing government contract of the City of Kansas City, MO, Contract No. PA3492, from Mid-America Industrial Equipment Co. of Kansas City, MO, in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[13388](#) Authorizing an extension to the maintenance agreement with Intergraph Corporation for proprietary mapping hardware and software for use by the Assessment Department in the actual amount of \$28,548.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[13389](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #13389, congratulating City of Kansas City, Missouri City Auditor Mark Funkhouser on his receipt of the Association of Government Accountants' Einhorn-Gary Award. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

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

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[13390](#) Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Pyramid Contractors, Inc., of Olathe, KS, for the Little Blue Trace Bicycle Trail Project, increasing the contract amount by \$30,475.00.

(Land Use Committee)

[13391](#) Awarding a contract on Bid No. 112-00 for the furnishing of a backhoe loader with attachments for use by the Public Works Department to Mid-America Industrial Equipment Co. of Kansas City, MO, in the actual amount of \$61,097.00, and declaring certain equipment as surplus and authorizing its disposal by way of a trade-in.

(Public Works Committee)

[13392](#) Approving the renewal and extension of the existing group health insurance plans as a County-provided benefit, and the rates therefor.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[13393](#) Approving a group dental plan and rates as a County-provided benefit.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[13394](#) Awarding a contract on Request for Proposals No. 62-00 for the furnishing of a law enforcement software package for use by the Sheriff's Department to Information Technologies of St. Louis, MO, in the actual amount of \$177,016.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 23, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. at Independence City Hall, 111 E. Maple, Council Chambers, Ground Floor.