



Jackson County Missouri

JOURNAL

County Legislature

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Henry C. Rizzo (2nd AL), Chairman, Bob Spence (6th), Vice-Chairman,
Robert A. Stringfield (1st AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL), Scott Burnett (1st),
Eugene Standifer Jr. (2nd), Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater (4th),
Rhonda L. Shoemaker (5th)

Monday, February 6, 2006

2:30 PM

Sixth Regular Meeting

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

Henry C. Rizzo, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker, Bob Spence 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 1/30/2006.
Seconded by Eugene Standifer Jr..

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

Unfinished Business was discussed at this time. See pages 6 and 7 for details.

*Bob Spence, County Legislator, said the National Catholic Reporter published the speech given by Katheryn Shields titled *The Price of Fear*. The editor of the paper said it is rare that speeches are published but they were so taken by what she had to say that they published it in its entirety and the editor also made comments. Bob Spence congratulated her.*

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, said she had the opportunity to speak before a significant number of Muslim Americans last December and she took the opportunity to make some comments about fear. She said what seems to her to be much exaggerated fear has really harmed society. She talks in the speech about the price of that fear. She cares deeply about it and is pleased the National Catholic Reporter chose to print her speech.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields asked to take a few moments to remember Joe McGuff who passed away this weekend. He was an icon in the journalism field, an editor at the Kansas City Star, a civic minded leader in the community and a true gentleman. He died this week at the age of 79 from ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. Joe worked tirelessly to bring back major league baseball after Charlie Finley took the A's to Oakland and Joe McGuff succeeded. Joe McGuff fought to make this city major league and he fought to keep it major league. She said she hopes everyone remembers him and his life long commitment to Kansas City when we go to the polls on April 4th. It would be a fitting legacy for the gentleman she knew as "Joe".

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, said Joe was an upbeat, positive individual. He was the type of guy you enjoyed being around because he had good ideas and good things to say. However, if anyone got out of line he would let them know about it. He was a supporter of the Royals and a Chiefs fan and helped both franchises. Fred said he felt fortunate to spend time with him over the years.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3730](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

Fred Arbanas objects to the consent agenda.

[3730](#) Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3730. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[3730](#) Fred Arbanas moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3730. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

[3736](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[3737](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.

Scott Burnett objects to the consent agenda.

[3737](#) Scott Burnett moved to perfect the Finance and Audit Committee Substitute of 2/6/2006. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (PERFECTED)

[3737](#) Scott Burnett moved to suspend the rules to consider final passage of Ordinance #3737. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

Consent Agenda. See Final Passage of Proposed Ordinances.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[3730](#) Consent Agenda.

[3737](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[15757](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15761](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3736](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$417,484.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Grant Fund to cover the cost of the Family Court Division's staffing agreements for the Truancy Court Project.

(PERFECTED)

[3730](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette) a certain 10 ± acre tract.

(ADOPTED)

[3737](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 2051., 2056., 2060., 2061., and 2062., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to residential real property tax installment payment procedures and enacting six new sections relating to the same subject.

(ADOPTED)

[15757](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Trustees of the Land Trust of Jackson County to convey a parcel of real property located in Kansas City, Missouri, for use in connection with the Irene H. Ruiz branch of the Kansas City Public Library in accordance with §141.750, RSMo Supp. 2005.

(ADOPTED)

[15761](#) A RESOLUTION approving the settlement of claims of Saint Luke's Hospital and authorizing execution of payment to Saint Luke's Hospital for services rendered to Department of Corrections' inmates in the aggregate amount of \$56,651.00.

(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinance 3736. To adopt Ordinances 3730, 3737. To adopt Resolutions 15757, 15761.

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

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker, Bob Spence and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at Fleming Hall regarding Ordinances #3738 through #3741.

[3738](#)

Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette) a certain 10± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee)

[3739](#)

Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette) a certain 10± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee)

[3740](#)

Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette) a certain 5± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee)

[3741](#)

Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette) a certain 20± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee)

[3742](#)

Reappropriating \$5,350.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and Purchasing to issue payments to certain individuals who served as evaluators for proposals received pursuant to Request for Proposals 32-05 for anti-drug prevention services, in the aggregate amount of \$5,350.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[15762](#)

Declaring certain property at the Family Court Division as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal.

(Health and Justice Committee)

- [15763](#) Transferring \$78,000.00 within the 2006 General Fund to cover the cost of staff uniforms and inmate clothing for the Department of Corrections.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15764](#) Accepting a right-of-way, temporary construction easement, and permanent drainage easement and authorizing payment to the property owner, Mehring Development Company, in the amount of \$36,300.00, in connection with the Harry Truman Road Improvements Project, No. 2999.
(Public Works Committee)
- [15765](#) Awarding term and supply contracts for the furnishing of cellular phone service and equipment for use countywide to Nextel Wireless of Overland Park, KS, Sprint PCS of Overland Park, KS, and AT&T/Cingular Wireless of Overland Park, KS, under the terms and conditions set forth in Western States Contracting Alliance contracts, existing government contracts of the State of Nevada, to provide for countywide needs for the upcoming one-year period.
(Finance and Audit Committee)
- [15766](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with the Mid-America Regional Council to subcontract with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Health Fund, for various public health purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$256,859.00.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15767](#) Awarding term and supply contracts for the furnishing of inmate clothing for use by the Corrections Department to Acme Supply Co. Ltd. of Pt. Washington, NY, Leslee Scott, Inc., of Ogden, UT, and Uniforms Manufacturing Co. of Scottsdale, AZ, under the terms and conditions of Electronic Solicitations No. BB200577, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15768](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with the Mid-America Regional Council for various public purposes funded by the County's General and Health Funds, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$206,383.00.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15769](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Soil and Water Conservation District of Jackson County to provide education and information on soil and water conservation at a cost to the County not to exceed \$19,092.00.
(Public Works Committee)
- [15770](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with United Inner City Services, to provide funding in the areas of emergency assistance, youth services, and day camp, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$76,180.00.
(Health and Justice Committee)

- [15771](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the University of Missouri Extension Council of Jackson County to assist in providing secretarial salaries, office facilities, telephone, postage, travel, equipment, printing, and supplies to support extension staff in programs and services for citizens of Jackson County, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$210,780.00.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15772](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Health Fund, for various public health purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$1,803,677.00.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15773](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's Park Fund, for various parks and recreation public purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$39,005.00.
(Land Use Committee)
- [15774](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies funded by the County's General Fund, for various public purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$222,000.00.
(Finance and Audit Committee)
- [15775](#) Declaring certain property at the Sheriff's Department as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal by way of transfer to Prairie Township Fire Protection District.
(Health and Justice Committee)
- [15776](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute addenda to the Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies which are engaged in anti-drug treatment activities, to provide services during the 2006 calendar year, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$3,013,734.00.
(Anti-Drug Committee)
- [15777](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Cudney, Ecord, McEnroe and Mullane, L.L.C. to provide accounting services to anti-drug prevention and treatment agencies at a cost to the County not to exceed \$20,000.00.
(Anti-Drug Committee)
- [15778](#) Transferring \$341,612.00 within the 2006 General Fund to adjust the adopted 2006 Jackson County budget to reflect a negotiated compromise concerning the budget of the Family Court Division.
(Health and Justice Committee)

[15779](#)

Rhonda L. Shoemaker moved the passage of Resolution #15779, commending the Blue Springs School District for its role as leader in education and recognizing student and staff accomplishments in a multitude of areas. Seconded by Bob Spence.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker, Bob Spence and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, apologized to the public for the events last week. He said he always worked for the best interest of his district and for the good of all Jackson County. He said he was elected to watch over the taxpayers money and will continue to do this job. He said it will not be a distraction. He wants to put this unfortunate event behind and work together on the important tasks that come before the Legislature each week. He said the Legislature and Administration have worked too hard to let this incident derail the task at hand.

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, said last Monday, citizens of Jackson County were reminded that the passion that drives politicians for their ideas sometimes erupt. He apologized to all citizens and members of the business community especially to the citizens that he offended. He asked for their forgiveness. He realized that during the meeting last week he should have rolled with the verbal punches and not rush to have words with another legislator after the meeting. He assured the public that he was capable of comportment with dignity of his office. He asked the public to accept his apology and assured the public that civility will reign on this Legislature.

Henry C. Rizzo thanked Danny and Bob for their statements. He said Dan Tarwater was the architect in getting the leases approved and signed. Dan attended many meetings over the past two months and much time was taken from his personal business. Dan Tarwater, as Chairman of the County Legislature, had to deal with this issue over the past year and he did a stellar job. He thinks Bob Stringfield is trying to do the right thing. He said the message the Legislature wants to send today is that this is officially over and the members will work together to support the issue placed on the ballot. Henry C. Rizzo also apologized as Chairman of the Legislature and said he will do whatever he can so that this will not happen again.

Dan Tarwater said he would like to settle this like a gentleman with a handshake and agree to work together on the many issues that will come before them. Bob Stringfield agreed.

Henry C. Rizzo thanked everyone who assisted in this resolution.

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, asked for an update from the County Counselor's office regarding the property in Sugar Creek.

Ed Rucker, County Counselor, said Randy Collins is working on it.

Dennis Waits said we are waiting for Sugar Creek to pay for the appraisal for the property. He asked if the legal department can send Sugar Creek a letter to that effect. He is just trying to expedite this process.

Ed Rucker said he thought Sugar Creek was aware of what needed to be done but he will ask his staff to send a letter.

Henry C. Rizzo said the city of Sugar Creek is willing to pay for the appraisal but a letter needed to be sent.

Dennis Waits asked if the County Counselor's office should send a letter or should Land Trust bill them. He asked Ed Rucker for ideas on how to get the ball rolling.

Ed Rucker said he had no ideas off the top of his head. He will find out how to get it done.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Eugene Standifer Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, February 13, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.