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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), Lisa White Hardwick (2nd AL),
Fred Arbanas (3rd AL)

Monday, February 1, 1999

4:00 PM

Fifth Regular Meeting

Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, Division 12, 5th Floor

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence
Absent: Fred Arbanas

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 . Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

The Journal of January 25, 1999 was also approved at this time.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[2885](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RE (Residential Estates), a certain 10 + acre tract.

Dennis Waits moved to waive the reading of Ordinances #2886 through #2890. 2nd. by Dan Tarwater.

Voice Vote.

(APPROVED)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #2885, #2886, #2887, #2889 and #2890 on Wednesday, February 10, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Independence, Missouri.

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #2888 on Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Independence, Missouri.

[2886](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to LI (Light Industrial), a certain 10 + acre tract.

[2887](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RS (Residential Suburban) a certain 1.5 + acre lot residential subdivision.

[2888](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RS (Residential Suburban), a certain 33+ acre tract and approving the preliminary plat "Meadows of Lawnwood," creating a 21-lot residential subdivision.

[2889](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the districts established by the Jackson County Zoning Order by changing from A (Agricultural) to RR (Residential Ranchette), a certain 5 + acre tract.

[2890](#) AN ORDINANCE approving a conditional use permit to operate a horse boarding facility as to a certain 17.5 + acre tract.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[12457](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$11,874.00 within the 1998 General Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Addendum to the Agreement with the City of Blue Springs regarding its DARE/Here's Looking at You 2000 program at a cost to the county not to exceed \$11,873.70.

[12506](#)

Anti-Drug Committee moved do pass the Anti-Drug Committee Amendment of 2/1/1999, to add a new page titled "Exhibit A".

The motion passed by a voice vote.

Bob Spence objects to the consent agenda.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, made the following comments:

I attended the Anti-Drug Committee meeting earlier as most of the other Legislator's did. Mr. Tarwater did a pretty good job as Chairman of that committee explaining why the drug committee chose to make this re-allocation. But just as this body has done in prior years, it is about to overturn at least part of the hard work that the COMBAT Commission did in coming up with their recommendations. I ask you, who among my colleagues, has read all of the proposals. Victor E. Callahan, said he has read them.

Bob Spence responded, one? You're not even on the committee. Who among my colleagues has come up with a method of ranking those requests for money that is superior to the method used by the COMBAT Commission? As a matter of fact, who among my colleagues, is really qualified to make a fair and equitable distribution of that money that would be in the best interest of Jackson County? And I understand, just as it was stated in the committee, that this body has the ultimate responsibility and authority to do as it wishes with the recommendations of COMBAT. But I think that the citizens of Jackson County felt pretty good when the COMBAT Commission was established because they thought rightfully or wrongfully that we now had an independent body to allocate this drug money and it would take it out of the purview of politics. I'm not sure that has occurred. I think that

what we are doing is encouraging agencies that no matter how they put together their proposals, no matter how they perform under those proposals, if they just get enough politicians to support them, they're still going to get their money or at least get some of their money. I fear that this process has been polluted and I have some fear for the future of COMBAT. I'm gonna have to vote no on this and I hope my colleagues join me and do the same thing.

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, responded. Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, also made comments. (Tape available upon request.)

Bob Spence felt the need to respond to Mr. Waits and Mr. Tarwater. Mr. Waits has got pure speculation on why maybe somebody gave Renaissance West/DETOX a zero. It may or may not have had anything to do with the President of Renaissance West being there. Secondly, I ask both of these gentlemen, have you read all of the proposals submitted to COMBAT by the agencies asking for money? Dan Tarwater responded that he has read them.

Mr. Spence asked Mr. Waits if he did. Mr. Waits responded no.

Mr. Spence asked Mr. Tarwater what type of ranking system he used when he ranked these agencies. Mr. Tarwater explained.

Mr. Spence asked Mr. Tarwater how much weight he gave to their proposal versus how much weight did he give to their performance versus how much weight did he give to their postural performance in the future? Mr. Tarwater responded, more than zero.

Terry Young, County Legislator, said it should be noted that in the last COMBAT meeting two agencies receiving money thought so much of Renaissance West that they offered to give some of their funding to Renaissance West. She has also received letters from additional agencies offering their support.

Bob Spence asked if the county took money from agencies who did not want to give up money or was it all volunteer.

Dan Tarwater said no money was taken from any agency because no one has received it.

Dennis Waits made comments.

[12506](#)

Dennis Waits moved to adopt Resolution #12506 as amended, authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreements with certain organizations which engage in anti-drug treatment and rehabilitation activities for the purpose of treating users of illegal drugs, at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$2,747,354.00. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 6 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits and Terry Young

No: 1 - Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

[12516](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

Victor E. Callahan, Chairman, opens the floor for nominations for Resolution #12517.

Terry Young nominates Dennis Waits.

There are no other nominations therefore, nominations cease.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

[12517](#) Lisa White Hardwick moved to adopt the floor amendment Resolution #12517, appointing Dennis R. Waits to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture Commission. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[12517](#) Dan Tarwater moved to adopt Resolution #12517 as amended, appointing Dennis R. Waits to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture Commission. Seconded by Lisa White Hardwick.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

Dan Tarwater moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Dennis Waits. The motion passed.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

[12516](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Addendum to the Agreement with the Friends of Sugar Creek for an extension of time to assist in the design, construction, and operation of a historical and heritage center to serve the people of Sugar Creek, at no additional cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[12518](#)

Dan Tarwater moved the passage of Resolution #12518, awarding a term and supply contract on Bid No. 186-98 for the furnishing of body transfer services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to Kansas City Motorcycle Escort Company, to provide for departmental needs for the upcoming one-year period, in the estimated amount of \$60,000.00. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

[12519](#)

Congratulating Kristin Gilmore, a senior at Blue Springs South High School, upon breaking the school's girls' basketball record for points scored in a game.

(Legislature As A Whole)

No dissenting vote to consider Resolutions #12520 and #12521 - not on printed agenda.

[12520](#)

Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #12520, expressing the sympathy of the Legislature to family and friends of Steve A. Como. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

[12521](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #12521, congratulating Douglas R. Myers upon being selected for the United States Junior Olympic Shotgun Trap Team. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 7 - Victor E. Callahan, Lisa White Hardwick, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Terry Young and Bob Spence

Absent: 1 - Fred Arbanas

(ADOPTED)

[12522](#)

Authorizing Change Orders Nos. 13 and 14 to the contract with Walton Construction Co. of Kansas City, MO (Bid No. PW-2345, Bid Package No. 8), for various changes required in connection with general construction for the expansion at the Jackson County Detention Center, increasing the contract amount by \$78,136.00 and \$14,841.00, respectively.

(Health and Justice Committee)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Victor E. Callahan, asked the County Counselor's office to make more of an effort to contact the committee chairman with new legislation. By doing this the committee chairman can be named as the sponsor and will be informed regarding the specifics of the legislation.

14 NEW BUSINESS

There will be a closed session on February 8, 1999 during the legislative meeting to discuss legal matters.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, February 8, 1999 at 1:00 p.m., at the Old Courthouse on Square, Division 28, 2nd Floor, 112 W Lexington, Independence, Missouri.