



Jackson County Missouri

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Theresa A. Garza (1st AL), Fred Arbanas (3rd AL), Scott Burnett (1st),
James D. Tindall (2nd), Dennis Waits (3rd),
Greg Grounds (5th), Bob Spence (6th)*

Monday, July 2, 2007

2:30 PM

Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting

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

Dan Tarwater, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Henry C. Rizzo moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 6/25/2007.
Seconded by Theresa A. Garza.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

Resolution #16341 was adopted at this time. See page 4 for details.

Christina Serrone, employee in the County Clerk's office, received a 5 year service pin.

New Business was discussed at this time. See page 5 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mike Sanders, County Executive, announced the prescription drug discount plan for citizens of Jackson County, at no cost to the county or the taxpayers. He said this was done in conjunction with the National Association of Counties and roughly 770 counties around the country. The card provides an average of 20-35% discount. The card can be used to get a discount on prescriptions if the person is uninsured or under insured. There are no qualifications except that you must be a Jackson County resident. The card can be used if you are traveling. The card is available at all public county buildings as well as libraries. Additional information is available on the county's web site.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, thanked Fred Arbanas for coming up with this idea and asking the Human Resources Department to look into it.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3903](#) Health and Justice Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[16294](#) Scott Burnett moved to adopt the Finance and Audit Committee Substitute of 7/2/2007, authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to execute contracts with and make payments to certain vendors providing services relating to the Jackson County, Missouri Employees Pension Plan. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

Consent Agenda.

[16332](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16333](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16334](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[16335](#) Land Use Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[3903](#) AN ORDINANCE waiving the reimbursement of acquisition cost required by section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the transfer of ownership of the Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit dog Speedy, to dog handler and companion Deputy Glen Postlethwait.

(PERFECTED)

[16294](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to execute contracts with and make payments to certain vendors providing services relating to the Jackson County, Missouri Employees Pension Plan.

(ADOPTED)

[16332](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute revised Consolidated Tax Billing and Collection Agreements to provide consolidated property tax billing and reciprocal tax collection services with the City of Blue Springs, City of Grandview, City of Lee's Summit, and City of Raytown, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[16333](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$120,195.00 within 2007 Health Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Wayside Waifs, Inc., to fund a collaboration of area animal care and animal control organizations, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$120,195.00.

(ADOPTED)

[16334](#) A RESOLUTION extending for twelve months the term and supply contract for the furnishing of t-shirts and wearing apparel for use by various County departments with Raytown Screen Print of Raytown, MO, under the terms and conditions of Electronic Solicitation No. BB200531.

(ADOPTED)

[16335](#) A RESOLUTION extending for twelve months the term and supply contract for the furnishing of concessions candy and cigarettes for use by the Parks and Recreation Department with St. Joe Distributing of St. Joseph, MO, under the terms and conditions of Electronic Solicitation No. BB200520.

(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinance 3903. To adopt Resolutions 16294, 16332, 16333, 16334, 16335.

Dennis Waits moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3904](#) Imposing a tax of 4.25% of the tariff rate for each local telephone access line, not to exceed 100 lines per person or per location, for emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911."

(Finance and Audit Committee)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[16338](#) Scott Burnett moved the passage of Resolution #16338, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, July 2, 2007, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under Section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[16339](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Jackson County Historical Society for record archiving services, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$31,077.50.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[16340](#) Fred Arbanas moved the passage of Resolution #16340, authorizing the County Executive to execute an Easement Agreement granting a permanent easement along multiple tracts of land in Fleming Park fronting Woods Chapel Road in favor of Aquila, Inc., for the installation, operation, and maintenance of guy wires and anchors in connection with the Woods Chapel Road Project, for a total fee to be paid to the County in the amount of \$2,620.00. Seconded by Bob Spence.

Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #16341 - not on the printed agenda.

[16341](#) Henry C. Rizzo moved the passage of Resolution #16341, in support of recommendation of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri, that a new Northeast Community Center be constructed at 9th Street and Van Brunt Boulevard in Kansas City. Seconded by Scott Burnett.

Yes: 9 - Theresa A. Garza, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Henry C. Rizzo, County Legislator, said there will be a budget meeting next week to implement the 5 point plan. On July 9th the budget committee will meet to address the reporting from the Collections Department to allow them to check the status of taxpayers who owe county taxes. On July 16th the budget committee will meet to focus on reporting from the Assessment Department.

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, reminded legislators that there will be an open seat on the Jackson County Sports Authority.

Jay Haden, Deputy County Counselor, said the Sports Authority appointment expires July 15th.

Dan Tarwater said anyone interested in the position should get their resumes to Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature. He also stated that the vacancy is a Democratic position. He instructed Jay Haden to prepare legislation to be introduced next week.

Jackson County will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Resolution #16338 was adopted at this time. See page 3 for details.

Legislature goes in to closed meeting.

Legislature reconvenes.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Gary Panethiere, Legislative Auditor, gave a copy of the selected recommendations of the Housing Resources audit to all legislators. He suggested the Housing Resources Commission meet quarterly. The Commission also needs a mission statement to provide a clear and consistent understanding with the direction of use for the homeless funds. The Housing Resources Director is not included in the salary schedule which will require legislation. He said the severe revenue shortfall and the diminishing fund balance needs to be addressed. Gary suggested asking the General Assembly to increase the fee from \$3.00 to \$10.00. If the General Assembly passes legislation, the County Legislature would need to call an election for a vote of the people. He said the Homeless Assistance Fund is funded by a \$3.00 fee collected by the Records Department. The State statutes and County code only allow for this fee.

He said the entire audit is available in a written report and is available to the public. He said his office is currently working on a web site where the audit reports from his office can be viewed.

James D. Tindall, County Legislator, said the Housing Resources Commission is in the process of addressing the issues mentioned in the audit and will do so at the next board meeting. The commission will need to decide what percentage will need to be cut due to the projected shortfall in the fund balance. He asked some State Representatives to prefile a bill on the County's behalf to ask permission to raise the fee. The County Legislature will also need to pass a resolution regarding this issue. He said the commission will answer the audit through Resolutions or Ordinances adopted by the County Legislature.

Discussion regarding the Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall audit will be on the agenda on Monday, July 16, 2007 under New Business.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Scott Burnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 9, 2007 at 2:30 P.M. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.