



Jackson County Missouri

JOURNAL

County Legislature

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2003

3:30 PM

Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting

Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 West Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers

Dennis Waits, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker 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 10/6/2003

Yes: 0

No: 1 - Robert A. Stringfield

(FAILED)

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, objects to the approval of the journal of the previous meeting held on October 6, 2003. He would like comments made by Rhonda Shoemaker and himself included in the journal regarding the new concealed weapons law where the Sheriff says he would not be ready to accept applications by Monday. The journal is a public record and everything being said needs to be included. Some relevant points were made as to why they think this law should be implemented.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked what particular matter Mr. Stringfield was referring to.

Mr. Stringfield said he is referring to the part where the Sheriff was saying his office would not be ready to accept applications by Monday. Ms. Shoemaker asked some questions and so did he. Those questions and their answers were not in the journal and he would like them to be included.

Bill Snyder, Legal Counsel, said that the comments can be put in the journal verbatim or they can be paraphrased. They can then approve the journal as amended.

Robert A. Stringfield would like the journal to be approved with their comments included.

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Dennis Waits, Chairman, asked if Mr. Stringfield would like to review the journal before it is approved. Mr. Stringfield responded that he would like to review the journal.

Dennis Waits said that the approval of the journal of October 6, 2003 would be held until October 20, 2003.

Ronald E. Finley asked the Clerk of the County Legislature what her timetable or procedure was for getting out the journal. Mary Jo Spino, County Clerk, replied that normally her office tries to get the journal out by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Resolution #14759 was adopted at this time. See page 7 for details.

Rhonda Shoemaker and Bob Spence present a courtesy resolution to the Blue Springs Post 499 Auxiliary A's baseball team. Coach Jack Gillis thanks the Legislature.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, said she wants to talk about keeping major league sports, both the Chiefs and the Royals, in the greater metropolitan area for the coming 25 years. An agreement is before the Legislature today to do just that. Before getting to the Memorandum of Understanding Katheryn read a few quotes from a newspaper column that ran in the Denver Post. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Chiefs and the Royals will accomplish two very important things. They will show that the Chiefs and the Royals are committed to the metropolitan Kansas City area for another 25 years. They will also show that we are committed to the teams as a regional asset. With the approval of the Legislature, these agreements will go to the Sports Authority for their consideration. She appreciates the Legislature's consideration and asks for its adoption today.

Katheryn Shields announced that Jack Holland, Financial Advisor and one of the negotiators in this Memorandum of Understanding, is present to make a short presentation and answer any questions.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said he was expecting Sheriff Phillips to be present to discuss labor negotiations. Katheryn Shields suggested a closed session to discuss this matter.

Dennis Waits asked Bill Snyder to prepare for the agenda next week a resolution for a closed meeting.

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, discusses the national exposure the Kansas City area has received because of the Royals and the Chiefs.

Henry Rizzo, County Legislator, asked the County Executive if she was comfortable with the Memorandum of Understanding as far as benefiting Jackson County and as far as having a working agreement with the two teams. Katheryn Shields said it is one that she recommends to the Legislature and puts us in a position where we can begin to move forward to ensure that we keep the Royals and Chiefs here for another 25 years.

Jack Holland answers questions from the Legislature about the Memorandum of Understanding. There is much discussion on this matter. View videotape or listen to audiotape for details.

Resolution #14751 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

Katheryn Shields said that in late summer the Legislature had some questions on whether the Office of Human Relations and Citizens Complaints had outlived its usefulness and needed to be dissolved. She agreed to look at it and is now reporting back with her recommendations. It is an 8 person commission and there are currently 3 openings. She has begun interviewing individuals for these three open seats. She is asking them if they will look at the office of OHRCC and see if its function, as set out in the Charter, is still necessary and if the office is meeting that obligation to the highest degree possible. She is also meeting with those whose terms have not expired and are asking them to undertake this same examination over the next 6 months. She will then bring the findings to the County Legislature for discussion.

Dennis Waits said it was his understanding that there are 2 other terms set to expire within the next 90 days. Katheryn said that she believes it is in March, 2004.

Fred Arbanas, County Legislator, asked if it was an Ordinance that sets the number of members to the OHRCC and if it can be changed. Katheryn responded that OHRCC is set up in the Jackson County Charter. It would have to go out to a public vote to amend the Charter.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ronald E. Finley moved to waive the reading of Ordinance #3407. Seconded by Robert Stringfield.

The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

3407

AN ORDINANCE reimposing a tax of 2.0% 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 - 3rd. Perfection)

3422

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$280,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2003 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement for Services with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, for its "Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program," at a cost to the County not to exceed \$28,000.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

Scott Burnett, County Legislator, asked if anyone wanted to come forward and be considered as a candidate for the Jackson County Sports Authority (R. #14728).

Eugene Standifer, Jr. was present and interviewed as a Democratic candidate.

Dennis Waits opens nominations for candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority (R. #14728).

Scott Burnett nominates William Carson.
Henry Rizzo nominates Curtis Jones.
Robert A. Stringfield nominates Eugene Standifer, Jr.

Ronald E. Finley moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Henry Rizzo.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

Fred Arbanas moved by acclamation that the names of William Carson, Curtis Jones and Eugene Standifer, Jr. added to Resolution #14728. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.
The motion passed by a voice vote and the votes were recorded as follows:

William Carson received 9 votes.
Curtis Jones received 9 votes.
Eugene Standifer, Jr. received 9 votes. (APPROVED)

[14728](#)

Dan Tarwater moved the passage of Resolution #14728, rescinding Resolution 12801, dated July 12, 1999, and nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

Dennis Waits asked if anyone wanted to come forward and be considered as a candidate for the Jackson County Sports Authority (R. #14729).

Richard Hastings was present and interviewed as a Republican candidate.

Dennis Waits opens nominations for candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority (R. #14729).

*Bob Spence nominates Richard Hastings.
Scott Burnett nominates Richard Berkley.
Ronald E. Finley nominates Mark Thompson.
Henry Rizzo nominates Warren Erdman.*

*Scott Burnett moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

*Richard Berkley received 9 votes.
Richard Hastings received 4 votes.
Mark Thompson received 7 votes.
Warren Erdman received 7 votes.*

Scott Burnett moved that the names of Richard Berkley, Mark Thompson and Warren Erdman be added to Resolution #14729. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)

[14729](#) Scott Burnett moved the passage of Resolution #14729, rescinding Resolution 13742, dated June 25, 2001, and nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. Seconded by Robert A. Stringfield.
Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)

[14744](#) Land Use Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.
*Ronald E. Finley moved to waive the reading of Resolutions #14746 through #14748.
Seconded by Scott Burnett.
The motion passed by a voice vote. (APPROVED)*

[14746](#) A RESOLUTION approving a group dental plan and rates as a County-provided benefit.
(Health and Justice Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[14747](#) A RESOLUTION 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 - 1st. Meeting)

[14748](#) A RESOLUTION approving a group employee assistance program and rates as a County-provided benefit.
(Health and Justice Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[14750](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[14751](#) Fred Arbanas moved the passage of Resolution #14751, authorizing the County Executive to execute Memoranda of Understanding with the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., and Kansas City Royals Baseball Corporation, concerning the continued operation of and proposed improvements to the Harry S Truman Sports Complex. Seconded by Dan Tarwater.
Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence
(ADOPTED)

[14752](#) Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[14744](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute storm drainage and temporary easements in favor of the City of Independence, Missouri, in connection with the Little Blue Trace Park.

(ADOPTED)

[14750](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing a change order to the purchase order issued to BRAL Environmental Services, Inc., of Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the Independence Historic Courthouse Roof Replacement project, increasing the contract amount by \$21,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[14752](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$140,640.00 within the 2003 Special Road and Bridge Fund and awarding a contract on Bid No. PW 09-2003 for the 2003 Pavement Maintenance, Phase 3, Project No. 2490, to Vance Brothers, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, in the actual amount of \$140,640.00.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Resolutions 14744, 14750, 14752.

Dan Tarwater moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Ronald E. Finley. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[14753](#) Declaring certain personal property as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal.

(Public Works Committee)

[14754](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement for services with the City of Kansas City, Missouri for the continuation of the Prosecuting Attorney's STOP Violence Against Women Program, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$62,787.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[14755](#) Authorizing an increase to the contract with American Equipment Company of Kansas City, KS, to provide payment of the Kansas state sales tax not covered in the original bid, in the actual amount of \$1,304.66.

(Public Works Committee)

[14756](#) Awarding an ten-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 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 \$77,000.00.

(Public Works Committee)

[14757](#) Awarding a one-year term and supply contract for the furnishing of maintenance and repair parts for scanning equipment for use by the Records Department to Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, NY, in the estimated actual amount of \$10,000.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Finance and Audit Committee)

[14758](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), in the amount of \$25,000.00, as a local match to a private grant.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[14759](#) Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #14759, recognizing and commending the Blue Springs Post 499 Auxiliary A's baseball team for its outstanding season in 2003. Seconded by Scott Burnett.

Yes: 9 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dennis Waits, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[14760](#) Awarding a contract on Electronic Solicitation No. BB200369 for the purchase of one (1) all wheel loader for use by the Public Works Department to KC Bobcat, Inc., of Blue Springs, MO, in the actual amount of \$59,145.00, and declaring one (1) 1973 Case loader as surplus and authorizing its disposal by way of trade-in.

(Public Works Committee)

[14761](#) Transferring \$25,000.00 within the 2003 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with 12th Street Heritage Corporation, for the prevention of drug and drug-related offenses, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

(Anti-Drug Committee)

[14762](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, to assist with the development and expansion of businesses, entrepreneurs and community organizations within the greater Metropolitan area, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$5,000.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

[14763](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a License and Professional Services Agreement with Entercom-Kansas City, LLC, for the sponsorship of an event at Longview Lake, at an actual cost to the County of \$7,500.00.

(Land Use Committee)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Dan Tarwater moved to change the time of the Legislative meeting on October 20, 2003 to 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Fred Arbanas.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Dennis Waits announced that there will be a tour of the Jackson County Jail on Monday, October 20, 2003 in the afternoon after the Legislative meeting.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Dan Tarwater moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bob Spence.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri.