

# Jackson County Missouri JOURNAL

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# **County Legislature**

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)

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

12:00 PM

Second 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

Dennis Waits moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 1/9/2006. Seconded by Eugene Standifer Jr..

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Resolution #15750 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

# 4 HEARINGS

None.

# 5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, said she hoped everyone enjoyed the Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration. She said she attended the closing event Monday evening at St. Stephen's Baptist Church. She spoke briefly and said a few words about how we should follow Dr. King's example today - to reject fear and embrace hope. She said it was a wonderful evening and event.

She announced that Jackson County has received another award for the Historic Preservation project of the downtown courthouse. This award is for the exemplary concrete work on the new plaza and surrounding the grounds. The Concrete Promotional Group has honored the Jackson County Courthouse project on its "Excellence in Concrete Awards" for 2005. Also mentioned on the award are: BNIM Architects, DGM Consultants, Lafarge AC&A Materials, Leavcon II Inc., and Universal Construction.

Katheryn thanked the Legislature for working with her on this project.

She said that the County is in the process of replacing a computerized financial system that had become outdated, with a Windows-based one that will serve the County's needs into the future. She reported that the conversion to FMS is on time and under budget. She said for the first time, in a long time, the Courts will be on the same system as the County. The new system will streamline processes and significantly cut down on the use of paper. Ongoing training is being provided to all departments. She reminded legislators that this change was necessitated by the old software being phased out by the vendor. The vendor notified us that they would no longer support the old version of its software. The upgrade they offered did not provide enough enhancements for the money.

Other benefits expected from the change include: Using Best Practices to streamline processes, incorporating on-line approvals, implementing use of scanned documents (invoices, memo's etc.), integrating new laser technology to print accounts payable checks and using the intranet to document financial processes.

Staff in both Finance and MIS have been working very hard on this conversion, and deserve to be recognized for their efforts. In particular, she mentioned the Project Manager, Scott Jacoby, and Director of Finance, Gloria Fisher.

She said the next step is the integration of payroll which will be on-line April 1, 2006. She said the FMS is an important step forward in integrating the different components of the County into one financial system.

Bob Spence, County Legislator, congratulated Katheryn on the award received and said he appreciated her consideration of the environment and preservation of the downtown courthouse.

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, said with reference to the bi-state tax, once the retail sales tax was accumulated in the amount set forth there was a termination clause. He asked if the County collects the sales tax prior to the 25 year term is there a termination clause.

Jack Holland, Oppenheimer and Company, said in the financing there is an option to pre-pay the bond if there are enough funds on hand. The option is available as early as 10 years out, but it is very unlikely that there will be enough funds available in 10 years because the funds are close and there is not a lot of surplus coverage.

Henry C. Rizzo, Chairman, set a special meeting of the County Legislature for 11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 20, 2006 in the Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri. He asked Jack Holland to bring other members of the negotiating team to the meeting to answer any questions from the legislators.

Dan Tarwater, County Legislator, asked Jack Holland and his team to be ready to specify what is in the leases at the meeting on Friday so the Legislature could have a clear understanding prior to voting on the issue at the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, January 23, 2006.

#### 6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Fred Arbanas would like to address Ordinance #3721 today if there are no objections.

No objections were made.

Fred Arbanas moved to perfect Ordinance #3721, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing from District A (Agricultural) and District GB (General Business) to District RE (Residential Estates) a certain 6.6 ± acre tract. Seconded by Bob Spence.

Yes: 3 - Robert A. Stringfield, Fred Arbanas and Rhonda L. Shoemaker No: 6 - Henry C. Rizzo, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Bob Spence and Bob Spence

(FAILED)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at Fleming Hall regarding Ordinance #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.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

- Anti-Drug Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.
- AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, at a special election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax at the rate of three-eighths of one percent for a period of twenty-five years for the purpose of improving and modernizing the Harry S Truman Sports Complex.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

#### 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

### 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- <u>15741</u> Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.
- <u>15742</u> Public Works Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

#### 9 CONSENT AGENDA

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$73,015.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006
Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover a grant received from the United States Executive
Office of the President's Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Investigative
Support Center to allow the Jackson County Drug Task Force to contract with an intelligence analyst.

(PERFECTED)

A RESOLUTION authorizing a one-year extension to the United States Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' 2004 Technology Grant awarded to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, at no additional cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an easement in favor of the Tarsney Lakes Citizens Association, Inc., a Missouri Non-Profit Corporation, affecting County road right-of-way within the Tarsney Lakes subdivision.

(ADOPTED)

To perfect Ordinance 3731. To adopt Resolutions 15741, 15742.

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

Yes: 8 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Rhonda L. Shoemaker, Bob Spence and Bob Spence Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

# 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Appropriating \$15,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2006 Grant Fund in acceptance of a grant awarded to the Family Court Division by the National Children's Alliance for the Child Protection Center Supplement project, covering contractual expenses needed for the program and training from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

(Health and Justice Committee)

# 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District, to provide access to the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Centers for the residents of the unincorporated county, at a cost not to exceed \$17,106.66 in 2006.

(Public Works Committee)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health Network of Kansas City, MO, to cover the cost of atypical anti-psychotic medications dispensed at the Jackson County Detention Center at a cost to the County not to exceed \$89,993.00.

(Health and Justice Committee)

15747 Approving the 2006-07 Jackson County Assessment and Equalization Maintenance Plan.

(Finance and Audit Committee)



# 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

### 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written comments and emails received regarding the stadiums public hearing held January 17, 2006 are on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature.

# 14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### 15 ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

A special legislative meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri.

The next regular legislative meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.