



Jackson County Missouri

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County Legislature

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

Monday, May 2, 2005

2:30 PM

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

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Bob Spence moved to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on 4/25/2005.
Seconded by Henry C. Rizzo.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Katheryn Shields, County Executive, announced that a quarterly award as well as an annual award from the Missouri Chapter of the Public Risk Managers Association was received by Kevin Parr, Manager of Safety and Health in the Public Works Department. She explained that four quarterly awards are chosen. Then the quarterly award winners are judged to determine the best new program for the year. Katheryn said that having a peer-reviewed statewide quarterly award is a distinct honor, but having the annual award is an exceptional event. She congratulated Kevin, Scott and Marilyn for their hard work and dedication to the program. Kevin Parr and his staff, Scott Morello and Marilyn Snelling, were present to receive the awards for employee safety and risk management. Kevin and his staff designed and implemented a New Employee Safety Orientation program for Public Works in 2004. It was a one week safety program that is now being honored for its innovation.

Kevin Parr thanked Katheryn and J.D. Stokes, Director of Public Works, for their support.

Katheryn Shields invited everyone to the 12th Annual Public Employees Recognition Awards ceremony scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 2 P.M. at the Municipal Auditorium in the Little Theatre located at 13th and Wyandotte. She explained that this is the 12th year for the event in which exemplary employees of the County, City, State and Federal government are honored.

Katheryn Shields said the tax relief information has been placed on the front page of the Jackson County web site www.jacksongov.org as requested by the Legislature at the meeting held last week. Information about how to qualify for the Property Tax Credit and the Homestead Preservation Credit is included. Information about these programs is also available by phone by dialing 816-889-2944 for the Missouri Property Tax Credit or 573-751-3505 for the Homestead Preservation Credit.

She said there was also a request for an explanation about the property tax "rollback" to be provided to citizens. She said there is a one page overview of what the "rollback" is and how it works, added to the Reassessment Fact Sheet.

Ken Evans, Public Information Officer, distributed a sheet titled "FACT SHEET - 2005 Reassessment - Jackson County, MO."

Robert A. Stringfield, County Legislator, asked Katheryn for a list of the commissioners for OHRCC.

Katheryn Shields replied that she will get him a list as soon as she makes her final appointment.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[3618](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing Schedule III to Chapter 2, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the salary ranges of employees not under the Merit System and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject for the purpose of establishing the position of COMBAT Program Auditor/Evaluator.

(Anti-Drug Committee - 6th. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[15417](#)

A RESOLUTION establishing legislative oversight of the Jackson County Office of Human Relations and Citizen Complaints.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 7th. Meeting)

[15471](#)

Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

[15473](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved do pass.

Henry C. Rizzo objects to the Consent Agenda.

Henry C. Rizzo, County Legislator, said he feels this should be rebid and not extended for 2 years.

[15473](#) Dennis Waits moved the passage of Resolution #15473, awarding a two (2) year term and supply contract on RFP No. 65-04 for the furnishing of drug treatment services for use by the Prosecuting Attorney's Drug Court program to Kansas City Community Center of Kansas City, MO. Seconded by Scott Burnett.

Yes: 5 - Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

No: 3 - Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas and Eugene Standifer Jr.

Abstain: 1 - Robert A. Stringfield

(ADOPTED)

[15475](#) Health and Justice Committee moved do pass. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[15471](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing six (6) month extension of a contract with Sprint Payphone Services, Inc., of Overland Park, KS, for the furnishing of an inmate pay telephone system and services for use by the Corrections Department at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[15475](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Purchasing Director to execute a contract with Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories of Medford, NJ for the furnishing and installation of surveillance equipment for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force and transferring \$70,213.00 within the 2005 Anti-Drug Tax Fund to provide the funds necessary to accomplish this purchase at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$70,213.00 as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

To adopt Resolutions 15471, 15475.

Dennis Waits moved the passage of the consent agenda. Seconded by Scott Burnett. 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, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[3629](#)

Reappropriating \$300,000.00 from the unappropriated surplus of the 2005 General Fund to make available unexpended, unencumbered funds from the Family Court's FY2004 budget to provide supplemental funding for the Family Court's capital improvement program.

(Health and Justice Committee)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[15476](#)

Scott Burnett moved the passage of Resolution #15476, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, May 2, 2005, 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 - Robert A. Stringfield, Henry C. Rizzo, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Eugene Standifer Jr., Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Rhonda L. Shoemaker and Bob Spence

(ADOPTED)

[15477](#)

Fred Arbanas moved the passage of Resolution #15477, congratulating Lyle Keith Query on being named the 2005 Labor's Representative of the Year Award. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

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

(ADOPTED)

[15478](#)

Authorizing and directing the Jackson County Counselor to delay entering into an agreement for binding arbitration of the issues and determination of liability arising from any claims that Jackson County may assert for trespass and damage to County park property by an adjacent landowner, until after May 30, 2005.

(Legislature As A Whole)

Robert A. Stringfield said he introduced Resolution #15478 because he is trying to find out where the dirt is located. He said they received new facts. The attorney he hired on this matter found out that there was more dirt removed than what was reported to Jackson County. He said there is a difference of 60,000 cubic yards, which is a major factor. He is hoping the Legislature will hold off on the arbitration proceedings.

[15479](#)

Bob Spence moved the passage of Resolution #15479, declaring certain property as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal. Seconded by Dennis Waits.

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

(ADOPTED)

[15480](#)

Authorizing the transfer of certain surplus personal property to the Blue Springs School District without compensation for use by its Department of Public Safety.

(Health and Justice Committee)

Resolution #15476 was adopted at this time. See page 3 for details.

Scott Burnett, County Legislator, announced that the dinner for Keith Query will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel.

Robert A. Stringfield announced that the Truman Run and Walk, through the Jackson County Board of Public Services, will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at the Sunshine Center. He said they do preschool and parent programs.

Legislature goes into closed session.

Legislature reconvenes.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Fred Arbanas moved to rescind Resolution #15463. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, summarized that the developers at Saddle Ridge have 10 days to accept the terms of arbitration as sent to them by the County Counselor on Friday, April 29, 2005. If they do not accept, the County Counselor's office will file a lawsuit.

Ed Rucker, County Counselor, said the 10 days will expire on Monday, May 9, 2005.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Henry C. Rizzo moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Eugene Standifer Jr..

The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Meeting adjourned until TUESDAY, May 10, 2005 at the Independence Courthouse Annex, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.

Jackson County offices will be closed on Monday, May 9, 2005 in observance of Truman's Birthday.