

# **JEFFERSON COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES**

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## **October Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**October 15, 2015**

**Mayor Bill Dieruf, President, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00PM, Central Bank/Hurstbourne, 9300 Shelbyville Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Community Room. He opened the floor for introductions by attendees.**

**Meeting Minutes: He referred attendees to copies of the JCLC September 17, 2015 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve as presented, adopted by consensus.**

**Treasurer Report: Mayor Jim Ising, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer Report. Opening balance as of August 31, 2015 of \$8,149.90 and September 30, 2015 balance of \$6,818.52. The expenses were administrative expenses related to the Executive Director contract and the host company for the JCLC website.**

**Mayor Dieruf called on Marty Nemes of the Ky. League of Cities for a report. He stated that the recent KLC Convention had 750 attendees and 603 of them were representing Cities. The Convention surveys indicated that it was a success. The 2016 Convention will be held in Lexington, Ky.**

**Mayor Dieruf introduced Ken Weber, COO, MBA, of REACH Alert, an instant mass communication company. It is a notification service that helps administrators communicate timely information to everyone in their organization or just those with a need to know quickly. He outlined the services that REACH Alert provides to a number of its City clients and welcomed the opportunity to serve Cities present. He opened to questions and answers.**

**Mayor Dieruf introduced J. D. Chaney, Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky League of Cities, for a presentation on the upcoming 2016 Kentucky Legislative Session in January, 2016.**

**J. D. listed the KLC Board's vote on the ranking of legislative issues in 2016:**

- 1.) 911 funding**
- 2.) Road aid distribution formulas**
- 3.) Revenue Diversification – including LIFT and expansion and amendment to restaurant tax.**
- 4.) Abandoned and Blighted properties**
- 5.) Retirement Anti-Spiking legislative fix**
- 6.) Prevailing Wage elimination**
- 7.) Drug Abuse issues**
- 8.) Police and Fire Incentive Pay Increase with administrative cost reimbursement to cities**
- 9.) CERS separation from KRS**
- 10.) Occupational License Tax – protection of credits, against county tax where they exist**
- 11.) Alcohol Amendments**
- 12.) Newspaper publication reform**

### **13.) Rehiring Retired Police Officers.**

**He concentrated on those legislative items that most directly affect urban areas such as Jefferson County. The KLC Board has representation from all districts and they reviewed all legislation and prioritized it.**

**1.) The 911 has had a decrease due to the decline of land lines in the homes. There is a fee by Metro Government on these lines and the shortfall in fee revenue is due to the decline in home use. A statewide fee in 1998 was placed on mobile phones and redistributed back to the counties.**

**2.) The current road aid distribution formulas of collection/distribution by counties were created in the 1940's. Cities carry their own. The counties are currently receiving more funds than necessary for rural and secondary roads. 80% of the current City road cost is coming from the General Fund.**

**3.) The need for Revenue Diversification has led to a discussion within the legislature on a consumption tax; special taxes in cities/counties for special districts; and a productivity tax would make the state non-competitive.**

**4.) Abandoned & blighted properties have increased and a change in the process of foreclosure would expedite the process. Non-judicial foreclosure for banks is being reviewed.**

**5.) The Retirement Anti Spiking needs a legislative fix. CERS is 62% funded. Cities currently pay for employee spike in the last five years of their employment.**

**6.) The Prevailing Wage Elimination will be difficult to pass during this session.**

**7.) Drug Abuse Issues are affecting many Cities and impacting their budgets. The current focus is on overuse of Heroin.**

**9.) CERS separation from KRS because CERS is in good fiscal condition and KRS is not. A need to separate governance - CERS City vs KRS State employees.**

**12.) Newspaper publication reform because of the Courier Journal rates and impact on small cities in Jefferson Co. There are newer forms of communication through social media, etc. that could meet the same legal requirements on reporting of City budget, audits, etc.**

**13.) Rehiring retired police offices would benefit Cities.**

**The attendees engaged with J. D. on these legislative issues and various other issues that they raised.**

**Mayor Bill Dieruf thanked J. D. for his presentation and encouraged all attendees to contact their State Senator and Representative on these issues. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jack Will  
Executive Director**

