

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

TO: BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Reviewed:
FROM: Lisa Johnson	Ext: 3485
DEPARTMENT: Administration	
DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2008	No:

ITEM: Consider the approval of a Proclamation establishing April as Fair Housing Month in Franklin County.

Background: The Commission has approved Proclamations in the past for Fair Housing Month. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the *Civil Rights Act of 1968*. In recognition of this, the Commission has been requested to recognize April as Fair Housing Month in Franklin County in honor of the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Commission approve the Proclamation establishing April as Fair Housing Month in Franklin County.

Attachments: Proclamation

KANSAS  HOUSING
RESOURCES CORPORATION

February 11, 2008

Greetings City Mayors and County Commissioners!

Every year for the past nine years I have written to you on behalf of the State's Fair Housing Task Force. Our mission continues to be one that includes outreach to Kansas cities and counties in the hopes of improving communities and neighborhoods through education and support of Fair Housing laws.

This year marks the *40th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1968*, commonly referred to as Title VIII. The Civil Rights Act was signed into law on April 11, 1968, nearly forty years ago today. Fair Housing laws guarantee equal housing opportunity for all United States citizens regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, familial status or disability. Your efforts are crucial to furthering this cause.

Enclosed is a sample proclamation for Fair Housing Month. Proclamations will be shared with the Governor at the state's signing, and kept as a part of our permanent records. Won't you join us in this *40 Year Anniversary Celebration* by ensuring your city and county make a commitment? Please engage your communities in the signing of this proclamation and return a copy of it to me for our records. We would also be interested to hear about any local activities you plan as a part of the celebration or to tie in with the signing of your proclamation.

For more information about Title VIII or the State's Fair Housing Task Force, we invite you to visit our web site at www.kshousingcorp.org. It contains valuable Fair Housing information, including the six major impediments to fair housing choice identified in Kansas.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact me at (785) 296-1134 or by email at srobles@kshousingcorp.org.

Sincerely,

Sheila Robles

Sheila Robles, Chairperson
Kansas Fair Housing Task Force

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PROCLAMATION

Celebrating 40 Years of Fair Housing

(City/County) of _____

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the (City/County) of _____ is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our (City/County) that can and should be achieved,

I, (Mayor or County Commissioner) of _____, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

And express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the (City/County).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2008

(Mayor or County Commissioner)

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ITEM: Consider the approval of an agreement between Franklin County and Treanor Architects to provide a feasibility study for the Jail, Juvenile Detention, and Court Building.

Background: Franklin County has been studying and researching the potential options relating to the expanding needs for the criminal justice system. Upon the recommendation of the Jail Study Committee and the request of the Commission an agreement to provide the a feasibility study has been received from Treanor Architects. Treanor Architects specialize in jail construction and have submitted a proposal to provide the requested feasibility study for the fee of \$,8500.00.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the commission entered into the agreement with Treanor Architects to provide the feasibility study.

Attachments: Agreement

26 February 2008

Sheriff Craig A. Davis
305 South Main
Ottawa, Ks. 66067



Dear Sheriff Davis;

I was happy to receive your call to discuss the feasibility assessment for your justice system. We are happy to provide you with the following proposal, with the understanding as we discussed that you have concluded any negotiations with other architects for this project, as is required by our code of ethics. After our discussion with you, we believe we understand the services you are requesting and believe the scope of work listed below will give the County the necessary information to make decisions as to how to proceed.

- 1) **Juvenile Detention/Intake Feasibility:** Treanor Architects will study the feasibility of a 15-17 bed capacity Juvenile Detention Center with Day School spaces and render an opinion as to the probable cost. The study will compare the design, operations issues, and costs associated with two different sites. These services will include the following deliverables:
 - a. Brief written study and recommendations
 - b. Plan Diagram
 - c. Site diagrams (2)
 - d. Cost Estimate

- 2) **Jail Feasibility:** Treanor Architects will study the feasibility of a 125-130 bed capacity Adult Detention Center with associated Sheriff Office spaces and render an opinion as to the probable cost. The study will compare the design, operations issues, and costs associated with two different sites (Remote location vs. Courthouse Square). These services will include the following deliverables:
 - a. Brief written study and recommendations
 - b. Plan Diagram
 - c. Site diagrams (2)
 - d. Cost Estimate

- 3) **Court Feasibility:** Treanor Architects will study the feasibility of a Courthouse Expansion with associated judges and attorney spaces and render an opinion as to the probable cost. The study will compare the design, operations issues, and costs to locate these functions on the Courthouse Square. These services will include the following deliverables:
 - a. Brief written study and recommendations
 - b. Plan Diagram
 - c. Cost Estimate

We propose to complete these services for a lump sum fee of \$8,500. We include the printing of one master copy in this fee and will provide as many copies as the County needs as a reimbursed cost. We believe these tasks can be accomplished in 90-120 days from when we are given direction and we have budgeted 4 trips to Ottawa to gather information, discuss and present the feasibility report. I hope this information is helpful and reflects our conversation last week. We believe this will equip the Commission with the tools necessary to keep the process moving forward.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel R. Rowe, AIA
Principal
Treanor Architects, P.A.

Accepted By: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____