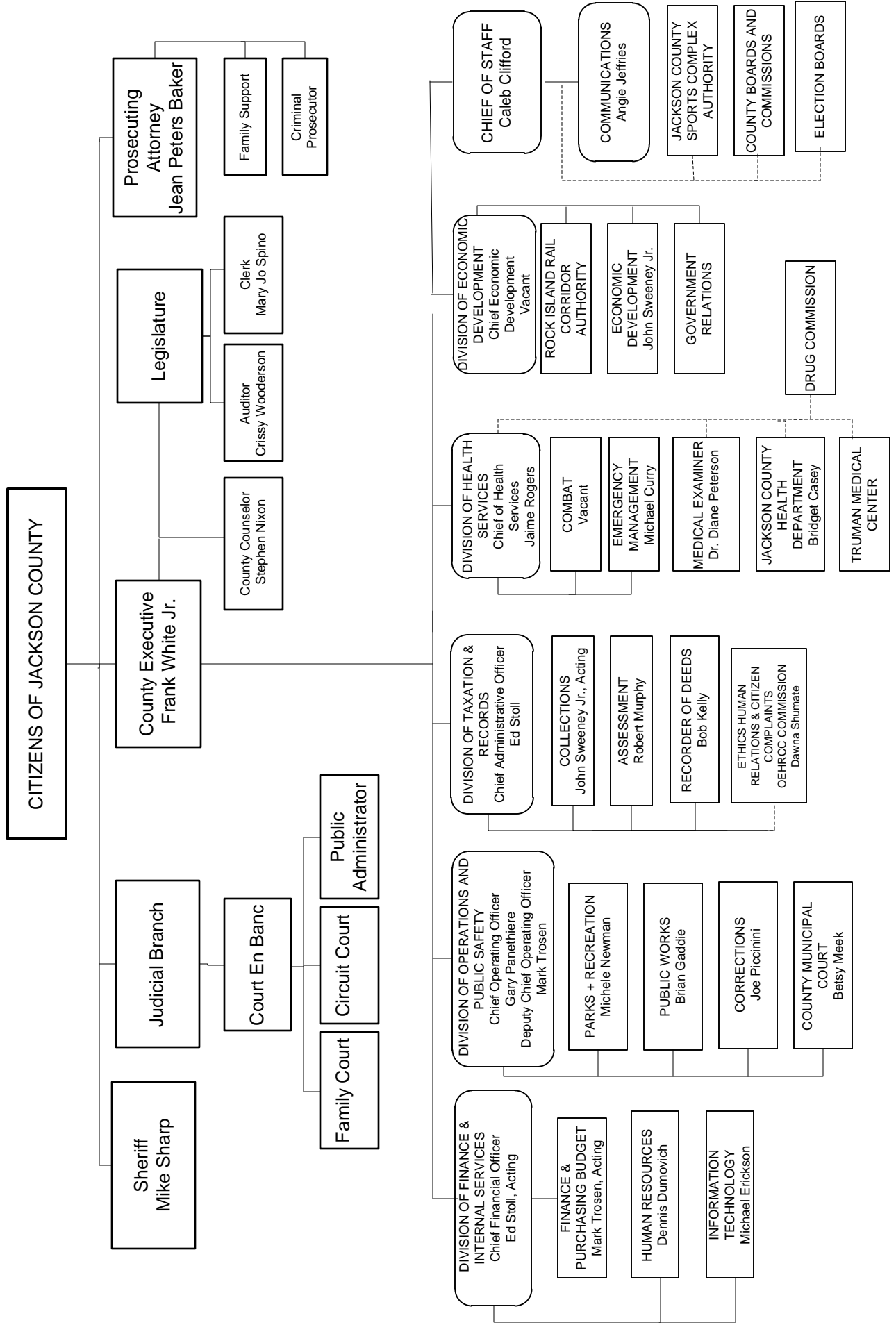


The following will be included in the 2018 Adopted Fund Book:

- State of the County Address
- Adopted Budget Ordinance
- 2018 Budget Amendment
- 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance

Jackson County, Missouri Organizational Chart

As of November 15, 2017





Jackson County, Missouri

History

On December 15, 1826, the Missouri State Legislature authorized the "County of Jackson," named after the seventh president of the United States of America, Andrew Jackson. Two years later, the first courthouse was built in Independence by Daniel P. Lewis for \$150.

In 1836 the first permanent, brick Jackson County Courthouse was erected on Independence Square in Independence, the County Seat. That building, now commonly known as the "Truman Courthouse" has since undergone five major remodels.

In 1926, Harry S. Truman was elected Presiding Judge of Jackson County and was instrumental in voter approval of a major bond issue that made possible the adoption of a County "Ten Year Plan." The plan called for a new courthouse in downtown Kansas City plus remodeling of the Independence Courthouse, a juvenile center, improvements at the Jackson County home, and modernization of roads and bridges. This was the start of Harry Truman's political career where he went on to become a United States Senator, and then later became the 33rd President of the United States of America.

President Harry Truman left a decorating legacy behind him beyond bricks and mortar. In fact, his design savvy helped make Kansas City become known as the nation's top 10 city for art deco buildings. Truman traveled the country at his own expense to locate a design for the courthouse, which he found in Louisiana. The Jackson County Courthouse in downtown Kansas City still stands tall and remains a well-known landmark

Expansion of the courthouse in Independence was dedicated in September of 1933. Construction of the downtown courthouse began in July of 1933 and was dedicated in 1934, the same year that Truman left county government to become a U.S. Senator.

Jackson Countians then – as now – owe Truman much gratitude for his vision and successful execution of a multitude of decision that kept Jackson County at the forefront of forward-thinking county planning, civic up-building, good government, and welfare and healthcare issues. County Court minutes are full of details that tell the story of how Jackson County survived (and in some instances thrived) during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Jackson County became a charter county in 1970 and is governed by an elected County Executive and an elected County Legislature.