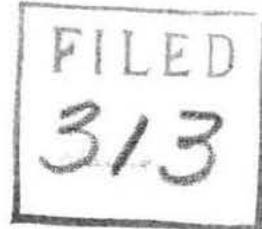


November 1, 1963



Honorable Harry Keller
Representative of Eighth District
Jackson County
4119 Troost Avenue
Kansas City 10, Missouri

Dear Representative Keller:

We have your opinion request of July 26, 1963 in which you ask five questions of this office. Questions 2 through 5 will be answered in a separate opinion to be issued shortly.

Your first question related to the legality of the County Court of Jackson County to expend funds for a newspaper advertisement which sets forth the advantages of Jackson County in terms of industrial expansion. The advertisement deals with the finances of the county, its bonded indebtedness and bond rating, tax levies, etc., etc., and pictorially depicts various points of interest in the county.

We have checked with the County Counselor's office in Jackson County and find that on at least two occasions in years past the County Counselor has approved the legality of such expenditures, i.e. September 23, 1952 (County Counselor Hilary A. Bush) and October 18, 1961 (County Counselor Cornelius Costello).

With respect to questions of local government in those counties or cities which enjoy the services of a legal department, we defer to the authority of said legal departments in determining questions of law relating to said local governmental entity.

Thus, under these circumstances, we would suggest that the advice already given by two County Counselors would be sufficient authority so as to constitute a good faith decision by the County Court in making the expenditure.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS F. EAGLETON
Attorney General