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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

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### County Legislature

*Charlie Franklin (3rd) Chairman,  
Theresa Cass Galvin (6th) Vice Chairman,  
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),  
Scott Burnett (1st), Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Dan Tarwater III (4th),  
Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

**Monday, July 25, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting**

### **K.C. Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri**

Charlie Franklin, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 18, 2022. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Resolution #21013 was adopted at this time. See page 9 for details.*

*Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, opened the public hearing on Ordinance #5637, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, a question authorizing Jackson County, solely for the purpose of continuing its Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, to extend its countywide sales tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent.*

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said the vote on this ordinance is not a vote in favor or against the tax, it is to let the voters decide whether to continue the work of the Children's Services Fund.*

*Tony Miller, County Legislator, agreed. He said the Legislature has an obligation to determine if the issues we bring to a ballot are worthwhile to our community. Mr. Miller invited Rob Whitten, Executive Director of the Children's Services Fund (CSF) of Jackson County, Ann Mesle, Chair of CSF, John Fierro, President and CEO of Mattie Rhodes Center, and Lisa Mizell, President and CEO of the Child Protections Center, to speak in favor of Ordinance #5637. Mr. Whitten said the CSF provides 102 programs through 78 different organizations, providing assistance to 64,000 children in Jackson County. CSF has a competitive approach to its funding process, striving to be equitable and to address the needs in our community.*

*Ann Mesle said she has a passion for the Children's Services Fund. The Jackson County CSF is the only such program within Missouri with a sunset clause. The process for seeking reauthorization is expensive and time consuming. The organization works with low overhead and minimal staff. CSF provides programs that address critical issues dealing with mental health and child abuse. COVID and inflation have increased the need in our community and CSF has worked hard to continue to provide vital services during difficult times.*

*John Fierro said the westside of Kansas City has benefitted from CSF programs, providing critical funds to deliver basic services and therapy to children. CSF operates with a professional, open, and transparent process. The staff is fair and reasonable in its oversight of programs.*

*Lisa Mizell said the Child Protection Center looks to the CSF to provide mental health services for abused children. Increasing the CSF funding will allow them to serve more abused children and their families.*

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about the areas of highest need. Rob Whitten said the pandemic brought greater social isolation which took a toll on the mental health of children in our community. They have seen increased requests for mediation and intervention for early childhood aged children to deal with trauma issues. John Fierro said they have seen an increase in the number of fights at schools since the start of the pandemic. Staff shortages within schools has made the problems more difficult.*

*Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked about the cost to renew the tax and how it compares to the COMBAT tax. Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said the COMBAT tax renews every nine years. These taxes are not on the same renewal cycle. Ann Mesle said organizations funded*

by CSF need to have certainty that the programs funded will continue. Tony Miller said the proposal before the Legislature will eliminate the sunset and increase the funding from 1/8 cent sales tax to ¼ cent sales tax. Approval of this ordinance will place the question on the November ballot.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said when the Legislature passed the original ballot language for the CSF, there were concerns that this was a new program without a proven record. The proposal was for a brand new tax that would be structured differently than COMBAT. It was important to everyone supporting CSF that it not be political. The sunset put in place in 2016 was to allow the Legislature to review how well the program is performing and reevaluate the CSF once it was well established. CSF is important to our community. It is a transparent process and organization.

Tony Miller asked Rob Whitten to address the equity issue mentioned earlier. Mr. Whitten said the organization recognized that some smaller nonprofit organizations doing vital work serving people of color were less able to go through the grant process. CSF made a focused decision to open its process, to be transparent and communicate effectively so these funds can be available across the County.

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said he is in support of this ordinance. He is confident these funds will be used appropriately. He is impressed with the work of the CSF staff.

The Honorable Dale Youngs, presiding judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, said he supports the adoption of Ordinance #5637. He said a quick look at the CSF website will show all of the organizations funded and how valuable these organizations are to Jackson County. The courts have seen a decline in hotline calls about abuse and neglect, which is alarming because it means fewer children are in contact with mandatory reporters. It is important that families have access to those services funded by CSF.

Damon Daniel, President of the AdHoc Group Against Crime, spoke in favor of Ordinance #5637. He said it is important to invest in our youth. The victims and perpetrators of crime are getting younger, and it is important to have this fund to provide these services.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said the team that leads CSF is second to none. He attended a meeting regarding the renewal of the CSF and at that event several mothers came to him to speak about their children who had taken their own lives. He said MOCOSA and other groups

*have also provided important services. This help is vital to abused and bullied children. The more funding we can provide the more children we can help. Passage of the ordinance is crucially important.*

*A copy of the Children's Services Fund handouts distributed at the meeting are available under the Meeting Details for the July 25, 2022, Legislative Meeting, located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=989879&GUID=D1A25B9F-EDF5-4578-AB59-8EA9E0E973E1&Options>.*

*Charlie Franklin closed the public hearing.*

*Ordinance #5637 was adopted at this time. See page 6 for details.*

*Michael Erickson, Director of Information Technology - GIS, presented a mid-year review. A copy of Mr. Erickson's presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the July 25, 2022, Legislative Meeting, located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=989879&GUID=D1A25B9F-EDF5-4578-AB59-8EA9E0E973E1&Options>.*

*Ronald E. Finley asked about the security systems planned for the Detention Center project. Mr. Erickson said he would communicate with the JCDC Partners team to get clarification regarding the security plans for the project.*

## **5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

*Frank White, Jr., introduced Bridgette Shaffer, Director, and Ray Dlugolecki, Deputy Director, of the Jackson County Health Department, to give an update on communicable diseases in our area. A copy of the Health Department presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the July 25, 2022, Legislative Meeting, located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=989879&GUID=D1A25B9F-EDF5-4578-AB59-8EA9E0E973E1&Options>.*

*Ms. Shaffer said, the weekly overall COVID-19 case rate in Eastern Jackson County (EJC) has continued to increase. The case rate for the week of July 3rd was 225.77 per 100,000 population. COVID-19 case reports for the case rate for the week of July 10th is still being received, but the case rate is currently at 228.35 per 100k, the highest rate since late January 2022. At-home tests are not counted in case counts, so the case*

*rates are artificially low compared to the true case rate in Eastern Jackson County.*

*Recent studies have suggested that the prevalence of disease is vastly underreported – due to the rise in popularity of at home testing. Studies estimate the true prevalence to be three to eight times higher than what is represented.*

*The latest strain of COVID-19 to impact Kansas Citians is the BA.5 variant. It is an omicron subvariant that should not cause more severe symptoms than other subvariants, but is more contagious. Since bottoming out in April, the Health Department has seen a general increase in hospitalization rates across the region over the last several months.*

*With CDC's designation of someone being up-to-date for COVID-19 vaccination involving a booster dose after a certain interval, a large amount of the Eastern Jackson County population is not considered fully protected against COVID-19 infection, despite having been vaccinated.*

*The Jackson County Health Department is distributing high quality masks free to the general public through the Health Department, MCPL library campuses, churches, and other community partners. They have distributed over 60,000 masks. Additionally, the health department is providing free access to at home rapid tests through the Health Department, MCPL campuses, and other community partners.*

*Ray Dlugolecki said Monkeypox is considered endemic in certain African Countries. The main symptoms of Monkeypox are fever, headache, muscle aches and backache, chills, exhaustion, rash consisting of pimples or blisters that appears on the face, inside the mouth and on other parts of the body.*

*Monkeypox is spread in different ways, including, direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids, respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex, touching items (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the infectious rash or body fluids, and pregnant people can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta.*

*Ronald E. Finley asked about the number of vaccine shots residents should get. Mr. Dlugolecki said it can depend on an individual's age and health status. He recommended people contact the health department or*

*their doctor for specific guidance. Mr. Finley asked about COVID variants and why it effects people differently. Mr. Dlugolecki said the current BA.5 variant seems to be less reactive to immunity, but they are not seeing as severe disease with the current variant. He said people should communicate with their health care provider regarding new treatments for COVID-19. Mr. Dlugolecki said masks are recommended by the CDC. There are no mandates in place requiring masks to be worn in public places. The County requires masks in its buildings when the County is in high transmission. Mr. Finley asked about the availability of vaccines outside of the Health Department offices in Independence. Mr. Dlugolecki said the Health Department offers vaccines at many community partner locations. The Health Department is working on redesign of its weekly report to the Legislature to accurately reflect everywhere vaccines are available.*

*Tony Miller said there is a new vaccine that is a protein vaccine similar to traditional vaccines. It will be an effective alternative for people who object to using the MRNA vaccines currently available. Mr. Dlugolecki said this new vaccine is not yet available in Missouri.*

## 6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5636](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$262,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Park Fund and \$38,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Park Enterprise Fund to cover the increased cost of gasoline for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

*(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

[5637](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5637. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5637](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5637, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, a question authorizing Jackson County, solely for the purpose of continuing its Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, to extend its countywide sales tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5638](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

*None.*

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[21008](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21009](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

*A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to waive the reading of Resolution #21010. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

[21010](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21011](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5638](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$18,290.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund and authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Engineering Services Contract with Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects of Kansas City, MO for the Haines Road Bridge Replacement Project No. 3241, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$18,290.00.

(PERFECTED)

[21008](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$484,815.00 within the 2022 County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract for third-party compliance review services to Strategic Workplace Solutions, Inc., of Belton, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 18-22, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$484,815.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21009](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the repair of the Lake Jacomo concrete spillway for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Radmacher Brothers Excavating of Pleasant Hill, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 61-22, at an actual cost to the County in an amount not to exceed \$1,210,968.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21010](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of pump maintenance and repair services, for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Letts, VanKirk and Associates of Kansas City, KS, and Alliance Pump & Mechanical of Independence, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 45-22.

(ADOPTED)

[21011](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of a fairway mower for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van-Wall Equipment, Inc., of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 65-22, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$71,243.00.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5638 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.  
Resolutions #21008, #21009, #21010, and #21011 were moved to the  
Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

## 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

*Jalen Anderson asked about The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Dianne Kimzey, Deputy Director of Enterprise Operations with Parks + Rec Department, responded. Discussion.*

*Dan Tarwater III congratulated the late Buck O'Neil on being inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. He said Mr. O'Neil was very deserving of this honor.*

[5639](#) A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Dan Tarwater III to perfect Ordinance #5639. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)



[5639](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5639, appropriating \$1,230.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Park Fund in acceptance of a donation of funds by The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21012](#)

Authorizing the County Counselor to execute an Addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Husch Blackwell, LLP, of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$10,000.00, for services to be performed through December 31, 2022.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[21013](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #21013, transferring \$67,204.00 within the 2022 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to allow for the purchase of soft body armor for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force from an existing County term and supply vendor. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

*Dan Cummings with the Jackson County Drug Task Force explained that this purchase is to replace their outdated soft body armor. He advised the County Legislature that he has seven new detectives and the current contract for body armor expires on July 31.*

[21014](#)

Transferring \$307,374.00 within the 2022 General Fund and awarding a contract for the furnishing of a training simulator for use by the Sheriff's Office to VirTra, Inc., of Tempe, AZ, under the terms and conditions of GSA Contract No. GS-02F-0214P, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$307,374.00.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21015](#)

Transferring \$85,000.00 within the 2022 General Fund to cover the increased cost of gasoline for use by the Sheriff's Office.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21016](#)

Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a contract with Harvesters - The Community Food Network of Kansas City (Jackson County), MO, for the purpose of insuring that food insecurity is minimized in the wake of the full economic impact of the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 64-22, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

*(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)*

[21017](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #21017, expressing the support of the Legislature for the Greenwood Connector Project Phase 2 and Railroad Street Improvements and authorizing two grant applications for Federal Highways Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Grants for fiscal years 2025 and 2026, representing Phase Two of a multi-phase strategy to complete the Greenwood Connector. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

*Bruce Wilke, Landscape Architect for the Parks + Rec Department, spoke regarding Resolution #21017. He said the proposed grants to fund extensions to the Rock Island Trail require a statement of support from area residents. The Raytown Chamber of Commerce sent a letter of support today.*

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

## 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## 14 NEW BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson asked the Administration about the costs involved with re-pavement of County roads (unincorporated area). He asked if the pavement program is sustainable. He requested information within the next few weeks. Jeanie Lauer said the concerns are in areas that are heavily traveled by tractors and farm equipment, which takes a toll on the road conditions, especially on Bone Hill Road near Buckner, Missouri. Tony Miller indicated that N. Atherton Road has the same problem. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said he would provide information soon.

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**15    ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 1, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*