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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Jeanie Lauer (5th) Chairman,  
Megan L. Marshall (3rd AL) Vice Chairman,  
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Donna Peyton (2nd AL), Manuel Abarca IV (1st),  
Venessa Huskey (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd), DaRon McGee (4th),  
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
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**Monday, February 5, 2024**

**3:00 PM**

**Fourth Regular Meeting**

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

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

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

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 29, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

Resolutions #21521, #21522, #21523, #21524 were adopted at this time. See pages 4 and 5 for details.

Dan Wehmuller, JCDC Partners, LLC, and Jeff Jenkins, J.E. Dunn, gave an update on the Detention Center Project. The project remains on schedule and on budget. The project will be substantially completed by December 2025, and operational by February 2026. A copy of Mr. Wehmuller and Mr. Jenkins update is available under the Meeting Details for the February 5, 2024, Legislative Meeting located at:

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Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked for clarification about prevailing wage pay on both the fabrication side of the operation and the batch plant production. Jeff Jenkins said yes, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Legislature, they are moving the batch plant toward prevailing wage.

Additionally, they are aligning the pre-fabrication facility with the local workforce and bringing in more local union labor. Mr. Abarca said he understands this excludes suppliers. But once on-site, the fabrication will be using prevailing wage, plus. Mr. Abarca said he understands that perhaps the original goals were set too low, through no fault of JCDC Partners. He asked Troy Schulte, County Administrator, when the County last completed a disparity study. Mr. Schulte said that was last completed in 2016 as a partnership with the City of Kansas City. The County is due for an updated study.

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

The County Executive was present and had no report.

Manuel Abarca IV asked for an update on the Workday implementation. Mr. Schulte said the system went live this morning. Older bills are the first priority. The Administration is offering live training for any associate with questions. There are additional phases that are modules in Workday that have not yet been implemented. Mr. Abarca asked for a follow-up on the prior questions regarding positions in the Compliance Department. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said the Chief Compliance Officer position has been restored and the three open positions will be posted. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said the Chief Compliance Officer position is signed off. The other positions will be signed off this week.

Mr. Abarca asked about the bidding process for health insurance. Mr. Schulte said they will open bidding for a consultant to get the process started. Mr. Abarca asked if there is an opportunity to get an employee survey on health insurance. Mr. Schulte said they will incorporate that in the consultant's scope. Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he believes the County needs to improve its dental benefits.

## **6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5823](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.  
*(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*

[5824](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund and authorizing the construction of two floors of office space in the Health Sciences building for use by University Health.  
*(Budget Committee - 5th. Perfection)*

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

None.

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[21512](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21515](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21516](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21517](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21518](#) Rules Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21519](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive or the Chairman of the Legislature to sell the County-owned property located at 1300 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 via the competitive bidding process.  
*(Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[21512](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute two amendments to the contract with J.E. Dunn-Axiom of Kansas City, MO, for the construction of the new Jackson County Detention Center to cover Component Packages 2B and 2C related to the furnishing of services, labor, and materials for the footing, foundation, and structural portions of the of the new Detention Center Project, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$193,996,230.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21515](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twenty-four-month term and supply contracts, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of beer for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to County Beverage Company of Lee's Summit, MO, and Central States Beverage Company of Kansas City, MO, as proprietary purchases.

(ADOPTED)

[21516](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility and a temporary construction easement in favor of the City of Raytown, MO, across a portion of the Rock Island Corridor, for a fee payable to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[21517](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of general grading and earthwork services for use by various County Departments to She Digs It, LLC, of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-054.

(ADOPTED)

[21518](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the continued opposition by the Legislature to a proposed landfill in the southeastern portion of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, near the city limits of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and expressing continued support of Missouri Senate Bills 739, 769, and 1751.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #21512, #21515, #21516, #21517, and #21518 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

None.

**11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

[21520](#) Transferring \$1,641,518.00 within the 2024 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute agreements with certain outside agencies which are engaged in anti-crime, anti-violence, drug prevention and treatment activities, and law enforcement school-based initiatives and purposes, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$12,528,743.00.

*(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)*

[21521](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21521, recognizing Dr. Kenny Rodriquez, Superintendent of the Grandview C-4 School District, on being named the 2024 Missouri Superintendent of the Year. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21522](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Resolution #21522, congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs on winning the American Football Conference Championship and securing a spot in Super Bowl LVIII. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21523](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Resolution #21523, recognizing Pauly Hart for her dedicated service as Executive Director of Lead to Read KC. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21524](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21524, honoring the life and achievements of the Honorable Jean Carnahan, former United States Senator, on the occasion of her passing on January 30, 2024. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21525](#)

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21525, expressing the acceptance of a Letter of Intent among Jackson County Missouri, the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority (the "Authority"), the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc. (the "Chiefs") and the Kansas City Royals Baseball Club, LLC (the "Royals") dated January 19, 2024, concerning the understandings and agreements for contracts related to retaining the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs sports teams in Jackson County, Missouri, and authorizing the County Executive to execute the Letter of Intent. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

No: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

Discussion.

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, asked for an explanation of this resolution. DaRon McGee, County Legislator, said this resolution expresses the Legislature's support for the binding areas of the Letter of Intent (LOI). Ms. Marshall asked if this is the same LOI that was put in place when the issue was passed onto the ballot. Mr. McGee said this is the same LOI. Mr. Marshall asked if by moving the initiative to the ballot, is that not expressing support for the LOI? Mr. McGee said this is in support of the binding portion of the LOI signed off by the teams and the Sports Complex Authority. Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said the language in this resolution is in support of both the binding and the non-binding portion of the LOI. Ms. Marshall asked if this has any impact on the ongoing negotiations. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said the LOI that was signed by the teams and the Sports Authority reflects what they anticipate will be in the lease. The LOI states there is a portion that is binding and a portion that is not binding. Manuel Abarca IV said if the sponsor is willing, he believes the binding portion of the LOI should be attached for the public.

[21526](#)

Authorizing a grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in connection with the National Recreational Trails Program for funds to improve the Cave Spring Park Trail.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[21527](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21527, transferring \$75,000.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the anticipated sponsorship of the "Chiefs Kingdom Championship Parade" for the Kansas City Chiefs, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$75,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[24-02](#)

Pursuant to chapter 95 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby make the following appointments and reappointments to the Jackson County Freedom Memorial Wall Commission:

Bob Hill is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Gayle Hill-Suber is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Anita L. Russell is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Marquita L Taylor is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Karen Slaughter is reappointed for a term to expire September 21, 2024.

Letonia Torrence is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Lisa Pelofsky for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Ms. Torrence's resume is attached.

Robert "Bobby" Hernandez is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Ronald E. Finley for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Mr. Hernandez' resume is attached.

Damon Daniel is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Vernon P. Howard for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Mr. Daniel's resume is attached.

Kevin Woolfolk is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Tyjaun A. Lee for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Mr. Woolfolk's resume is attached.

Toi Wilson is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Sharon Sanders Brooks for a term to expire September 21, 2024. A copy of Ms. Wilson's resume is attached.

### **13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **14 NEW BUSINESS**

Jeanie Lauer said with the cancellation of two meetings this year and the anticipation of other conflicts, it will be necessary to revise the Legislative Meeting Schedule. She will circulate some recommended dates to be voted on at a later time.

### **15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The County Legislature will not meet the week of February 12, 2024.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, February 19, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.