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Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Donna Peyton (2nd AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Venessa Huskey (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd),
DaRon McGee (4th), Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Monday, March 16, 2026

3:00 PM

Eighth Regular Meeting

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

Manuel Abarca IV, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Jalen Anderson to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 11, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[6050](#)

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their faces or badges during performance of their official duties and establishing penalties and exemptions.

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Perfection)

[6058](#) Appropriating \$636,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund for construction services provided by Hartline Construction of North Kansas City, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MEGAN L. SMITH. CONCURRED BY VENESSA HUSKEY AND DONNA PEYTON.)

[6059](#) AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on April 7, 2026, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 6th. Perfection)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to waive the reading of Ordinances #6064, #6065, #6066, #6067 and #6068. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[6064](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 161.00± acre tract from District AGp (Agricultural Planned) to District AG (Agricultural).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6065](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 4.87± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6066](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6067](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.05± acre tract from District B (Two Family) to District LI (Light Industrial).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6068](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 9.75± acre tract from District LB (Local Business) to District LI (Light Industrial).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing regarding Ordinances #6064, #6065, #6066, #6067 and #6068 on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6070](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[6049](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.

(PERFECTED)

Comments made by Chairman Abarca.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22160](#) A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22160, authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with certain lawyers and law firms at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

No: 2 - Sean E. Smith and Megan L. Smith

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22163](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of items for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Dunlop Sports of Dallas, TX, as proprietary purchases.

(Public Works Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[22170](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a deep core aerifier for use by the Parks + Rec Department for the Fred Arbanas Golf Course to Redexim North America, Inc. of Valley Park, MO, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-055 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,541.00.

(Public Works Committee - 5th. Meeting)

[22172](#) A RESOLUTION recognizing honorarium payments to community volunteers who assisted in the evaluation of non-profit grant applications.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Meeting)

- [22175](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for training, consulting services, and software maintenance on the Mobile Assessor Software for use by the Assessment Department to Woolpert, Inc. of Dayton, OH, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$114,355.00.
(Finance & Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [22184](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Collection Department to Aumentum Technologies of Niagara Falls, NY, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$642,563.00, as a sole source purchase.
(Finance & Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [22187](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22188](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22189](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22192](#) Finance & Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22193](#) Legislature As A Whole moved to adopt.
Sean E. Smith objected to the Consent Agenda.
- [22193](#) Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a Consulting Agreement with Marcus Winn of Heartland Communications, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, to provide communication and policy services to the Legislature, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)
- [22194](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of six (6) pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$209,346.00.
(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)
- [22195](#) Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22196](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22197](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22198](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled - EITAS to provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division programs.

(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22199](#) Finance & Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22200](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22202](#) Finance & Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22204](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said the Budget Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at a time to be determined.

[22205](#) Finance & Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[6070](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$64,322.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 General Fund in acceptance of the Missouri Western Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

(PERFECTED)

[22187](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of two vehicles for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force to Corwin Motors of Springfield, LLC, of Springfield, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182 and CC24166201-005, existing competitively bid government contracts, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$99,502.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22188](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of rifles for use by the Sheriff's Office to Clyde Armory, Inc., of Athens, GA, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-056 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$83,565.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22189](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a three 2026 Ford Transit T-350 Passenger Vans for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Detention Center to Midway Ford Truck Center of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182001-MC250182011, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$230,220.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22192](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute a twelve-month contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for legal services to Seyferth, Blumenthal, and Harris, LLC., of Kansas City, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00 as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[22195](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District to provide access to the regional household hazardous waste centers for the residents of the unincorporated areas of Jackson County, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$27,325.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22196](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a ten month term and supply contract with two twelve month options to extend for the furnishing of ammunition for use by various County law enforcement agencies to Bristol Ridge Precision LLC of Warrensburg, MO, Gulf States Distributors, Inc. of Montgomery, AL, Kiesler Police Supply, Inc. of Jeffersonville, IN, Precision Delta Corporation of Ruleville, MS, Sunset Law Enforcement of Ackley, IA, and Doc's Tactical, LLC of Dexter, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC260192001, MC260192002, MC260192003, MC260192004, MC260192005 and MC260192006 all existing, competitively-bid government contracts.

(ADOPTED)

[22197](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a 2026 RAM 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4 x 4 vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office to Corwin Motors of Springfield, LLC, of Springfield, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182004, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$61,485.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22199](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four month term and supply contract with two twelve month options to extend for the furnishing of pro shop articles for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Acushnet/Titleist and FootJoy of Fairhaven, MA, as proprietary purchases.

(ADOPTED)

[22200](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit to CFLR Auto, LLC of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$97,978.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22202](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to execute a Legal Services Agreement with Spencer Fane Law Firm of Kansas City, MO, for legal advise in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[22205](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement and Addendums to existing Legal Services Agreements with certain lawyers and law firms at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$275,000.00 for services to be performed in 2026.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #6070 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Resolutions #22187, #22188, #22189, #22192, #22195, #22196, #22197, #22199, #22200, #22202 and #22205 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[6071](#)

Transferring and appropriating \$4,164,475.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Enterprise Fund and awarding a contract for the replacement of the irrigation system at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course and the Frank White, Jr. Sports Complex to Verde Sports Construction, LLC., of Langley, WA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 25-047, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$4,164,475.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[22207](#)

Transferring \$42,857.00 within the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of communication equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office to MRA International, Inc., of Long Branch, NJ under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-057, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$42,857.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22208](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22208, honoring Amy Hall in recognition of Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22209](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22209, congratulating Macedonia Baptist Church on its 110 Year Anniversary. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[26-14](#)

I hereby make the following reappointment to the Pension Plan Board of Trustees:

B. Stephen Gillis is hereby reappointed to a new term set to expire 3/31/2030. Mr. Gillis' resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on distribution of budget books with tabs to the County Legislature. **Phil LeVota, County Executive, said the 2026 budget is available online. The books are at the printer as it was necessary to insert the transmittal letter. The books should be ready by the end of this week.**

Status of organizational chart with names.

The County Executive said it will be available next week.

Update from County Counselor regarding the conflict of interest (Resolution #22172).

Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said if any legislator has a conflict of interest, he suggests they do not vote on the legislation or disclose it.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Sean E Smith, County Legislator, asked the Clerk of the County Legislature to change his vote on Resolution #22160 from "abstain" to "no". The journal will reflect this change.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 23, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.