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Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer
(5th)*

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Monday, May 6, 2019

1:00 PM

Nineteenth Regular Meeting

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

Theresa Galvin, Chair, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

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 April 29, 2019. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Dale Youngs, Family Court Administrative Judge, Theresa Byrd, Family Court Administrator, and Dr. Pamela Behle, Director of Assessment and Development, presented information regarding the Jackson County Family Court's new pilot program, Cradles to Crayons.

Judge Youngs stated that this new initiative is designed to safely move babies and toddlers, whose parents have temporarily lost custody of their children due to allegations of abuse or neglect, faster through the court system to permanency. He said that the average length of time a child spends in foster care is 23 months. In Jackson County 42% of the children in foster care are aged 0 - 3 years old, a time when children are most vulnerable. Time in foster care can have a detrimental impact on the growth and development of these children.

The Family Court, in partnership with KC Family Programs, has created the Child Protection and Permanency Unit. The goals of this Unit are to

decrease the number of children in foster care, reduce the amount of time a child may be in foster care, and safely reunify children with their biological parents. The Unit has one program manager and two permanency and protection officers or PPOs. These positions came from available staff and are not newly funded positions. The PPOs provide an extra set of hands, ears, and eyes to assist these families in meeting court orders and to clear barriers that slow down the process of navigating this system.

Judge Youngs said that 13 families and 15 children are currently participating in this program. Families in this program will have more frequent hearings, visitations and more questions to move more quickly toward reunification, or if that is not possible, then working toward some other permanency goal for the children.

He said that they will evaluate their progress at the end of the year and determine if they have succeeded in reducing the length of time children are in foster care. Theresa Galvin invited Judge Youngs back at that time to provide an update on the program.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, stated that she loves to see these kinds of programs. She asked about the follow-up process and if this program is allowing enough time to provide the safest environment for these children.

Judge Youngs said that they hope to reduce the time children spend in foster care to no more than 18 months. He said that not every family is eligible for this program. The safety of the children is part of the evaluation process about who will participate in this initiative.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5221](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5222](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5224](#)

Appropriating \$2,370,375.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 Grant Fund, awarding a contract on Bid No. PW 09-2018 for the Rock Island Rail Corridor Shared Use Path - South Segment Project, No. 3221, to Radmacher Brothers Excavation Co., Inc., of Pleasant Hill, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$2,370,375.00, and authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve line item adjustments at no additional cost to the County.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MILLER. CONCURRED BY WILLIAMS AND TARWATER III.)

Frank White Jr., County Executive, explained that the money was promised to Jackson County, Missouri from Kansas City, Missouri. The money will pass through Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) then to Jackson County, Missouri. He said he spoke with Robbie Makinen with KCATA and the money has not been transferred yet. He said part of the agreement was that Jackson County, Missouri agreed to pay \$150,000.00 for the half of the master planner.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said Mr. Makinen cannot commit to money he does not have in hand.

Theresa Galvin said she is looking forward to all this coming back in good order.

Ed Stoll, Chief Administrative Officer, asked if Ordinance #5224 could be held.

Theresa Galvin responded no. The ordinance has been withdrawn and will need to be introduced again when the money is received. She said if the Administration gets this on the printed agenda for Monday, May 13th then the County Legislature can adopt it at that time.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5216](#)

Consent Agenda.

[5218](#)

Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20149](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20150](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to waive the reading of Resolution #20151. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[20151](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20152](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to hold Resolution #20153 until after the closed session. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[20153](#) A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Resolution #20153, authorizing the County Counselor to execute Legal Services Agreements with certain lawyers and law firms, at an aggregate cost to the County not exceed \$368,700.00, for services to be performed in 2019. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5221](#) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the County Executive to execute a Permanent Ingress/Egress Easement Agreement across a portion of the Rock Island Rail Corridor in favor of David and Elaine Haake.

(PERFECTED)

[5222](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 Health Fund representing reimbursement from the Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) for travel to the National Environmental Health Association annual training conference.

(PERFECTED)

[5216](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 5000. and 5002., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County Parks and the Rock Island Rail Corridor, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two sections relating to the same subject.

(ADOPTED)

- [5218](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,250.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 General Fund, representing reimbursement from the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services to cover court costs for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
(ADOPTED)
- [20149](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a six-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of title services to Clear Title Nationwide, Inc., of Overland Park, KS, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 14-19.
(ADOPTED)
- [20150](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a First Amendment to the Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in connection with senior services to receive grant funds payable to the County.
(ADOPTED)
- [20151](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$27,200.00 within the 2019 General Fund, \$1,800.00 within the 2019 Health Fund, \$1,800.00 within the 2019 Park Fund, \$1,800.00 within the 2019 Special Road and Bridge Fund, and \$1,800.00 within the 2019 Assessment Fund and authorizing the Department of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$34,400.00 to the Mid-America Regional Council for the County's portion of the costs related to the CORE4 initiative.
(ADOPTED)
- [20152](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the maintenance of computer hardware and software for use by the Assessment, Collections, Information Technology, and Recorder of Deeds Departments to Thomson Reuters of St. Paul, MN, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$460,012.00, as a sole source purchase.
(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5221 and #5222 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinances #5216, #5218, and Resolutions #20149, #20150, #20151, and #20152 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20154](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Resolution #20154, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[20155](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of four pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to PlayCraft Boats of Richland, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 12-19, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$90,280.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20156](#)

Awarding a twenty-four month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of commercial tires, tubes, and related services for use by various County departments to Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, OH, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC191557003, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[20157](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Independence Chamber of Commerce for use of the County's parking lots and property located in and around the Independence Square, for the Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20158](#)

Transferring \$27,408.00 within the 2019 General Fund to cover the cost of one part-time wellness coordinator position within the Human Resources Department.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

[20159](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adopt Resolution #20159, transferring \$117,204.00 within the 2019 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover funding for the Sheriff's Office's 2019 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said she noticed on Resolution #20160 that the source of funding was from the Capital Improvements Fund. She realizes that this is not the proper source of funding and will look at what other sources are available.

[20160](#)

Authorizing an expenditure for the installation of cell door food pass/cuff ports for use by the Department of Corrections to Cornerstone Detention Products of Madison, AL, under an existing term and supply contract, at an additional cost to the County of \$95,804.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

The County Legislature went into closed session per Resolution #20154.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #20153 was adopted at this time. See page 4 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, May 13, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.