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Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),
Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer (5th)
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Thursday, November 20, 2025

9:00 AM

Forty-sixth Regular Meeting

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

DaRon McGee, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on November 19, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Megan L. Smith requested that Ordinances #6026, #6027 and #6028 be moved to the Legislature As A Whole Committee. After today's meeting, the Ordinances are subject to be dropped from the agenda and Legislator Smith will be having a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1st that includes addressing these items. The votes on each ordinance are reflected below.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson to waive the reading on Ordinances #5967, #6007, #6036, #6037, #6038, #6039, #6040, #6042, and #6043. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

[5967](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.

(Legislature As A Whole - 28th Perfection)

[6007](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5542., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of unlicensed gambling devices with severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 13th Perfection)

[6026](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to reassign Ordinance #6026 to the Legislature As A Whole, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 17.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

(APPROVED)

ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATURE AS A WHOLE

[6027](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to reassign Ordinance #6027 to the Legislature As A Whole, vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved right of way within Breezy Meadows, a subdivision in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

(APPROVED)

ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATURE AS A WHOLE

[6028](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to reassign Ordinance #6028 to the Legislature As A Whole, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.13± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

(APPROVED)

ASSIGNED TO LEGISLATURE AS A WHOLE

[6036](#)

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 - 3rd. Perfection)

[6037](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 36.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6038](#)

AN ORDINANCE requesting a renewal of a conditional use permit (CUP) in District RE (Residential Estates) for continuous operation of a bed and breakfast subject to specified conditions, as to a 0.48± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6039](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 20.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6040](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$133,835.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a six-month extension of the VOCA Grant awarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

(Anti-Crime Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[6042](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$90,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of additional grant funds received by the Family Court Division from the State of Missouri Department of Social Services Division of Youth Services.

(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[6043](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$102,600.00 within the 2025 General Fund and awarding a twelve-month contract, with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of recruitment services for use by the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center to Changing Technologies, Inc. of Washington, DC under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-027.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to waive the reading of Resolutions #22014, #22087, #22098, #22099, #22103, #22104, #22105, #22106 and #22107. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

[22014](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of disaster recovery services for use countywide to 21st Enterprise, LLC aka ServPro of Lee's Summit, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) Contract No. 19-7242-C3R2.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Meeting)

[22087](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a Flex Wing rotary cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$32,487.00.

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[22098](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for a lease of three Wide-Area Mowers, two Zero-Turn Mowers, a utility tractor, and brush cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC and Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance Contract No. 112624-DAC, existing competitively bid government contracts, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$115,585.00.

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22099](#) A RESOLUTION honoring the Northeast High School Vikings Boys' Soccer Team.

(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Meeting)

[22103](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$636,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Park Fund for construction services provided by Hartline Construction of Kansas City, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22104](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned equipment as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22105](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of resale fishing equipment, products, and supplies for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Wholesale Fishing Tackle, LLC of Joplin, MO under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-042.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22106](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of grass seed for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Advanced Turf Solutions of Riverside, MO, and Swipe Resources, LLC of Burke, VA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-043.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22107](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract extension for the furnishing of employee cafeteria plan administration for use countywide to Application Software, Inc. (ASI Flex), of Columbia, MO.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[22113](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22113 remembering the life and legacy of Alice Kitchen.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 3 - Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

[22114](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22114 honoring the Kansas City Indian Center during National Native American Heritage Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22114 - not on printed agenda.

[22115](#)

Expressing the opposition of the Jackson County Legislature to the reopening of the CoreCivic-owned facility in Leavenworth, Kansas as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22115 - not on printed agenda.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[25-26](#)

I hereby make the following appointment and reappointment to the Board of Equalization:

James Glover III is hereby appointed to a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jacqueline Sommer, for a term set to expire 12/31/2027. Mr. Glover's resume is attached.

Terrell Walls is hereby reappointed to a term set to expire 12/31/2028. Mr. Walls resume is attached.

Nathaniel Petty is hereby reappointed to a term set to expire 12/31/2027. Mr. Petty's resume is attached.

[25-27](#)

I hereby make the following reappointments to MCPL's Board of Trustees:

Dr. Susan Wilson is hereby reappointed to a new term set to expire 6/30/2028. Dr. Wilson's resume is attached.

Robert Johnson is hereby reappointed to a new term set to expire 6/30/2029. Mr. Johnson's resume is attached.

Joycelyn Tucker-Burgo is hereby reappointed to finish her current term set to expire 6/30/2027. Ms. Tucker-Burgo's resume is attached.

Marcie Gragg is hereby reappointed to finish her current term set to expire 6/30/2026. Ms. Gragg's resume is attached.

[25-28](#)

I hereby appoint Stephen A. Arbo to serve as County Administrator/Manager, effective October 16, 2025. Mr. Arbo's resume is attached.

[25-29](#)

I hereby appoint Theresa A. Garza to serve as Chief of Staff, effective October 14, 2025. Ms. Garza's resume is attached.

[25-30](#)

I hereby appoint Chris R. Whiting to serve as Chief Policy Officer, effective October 29, 2025. Mr. Whiting's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV introduced Resolution #22115. Jalen Anderson asked to be added as a sponsor. See page 6 for details.

Jeanie Lauer asked to be excused from the meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Chairman McGee agreed and there were no objections.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

The County Legislature will not meet on November 24, 2025. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Meeting adjourned until Monday, December 1, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.