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# **County Legislature**

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

Monday, April 21, 2025

### Eleventh Regular Meeting

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

3:00 PM

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

### 1 ROLL CALL

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

### 2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

### 3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on April 07, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

### 4 HEARINGS

Resolutions #21907, #21908, #21909, #21905 and #21910 were adopted at this time. See pages 9-10 for details.

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

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, was not present.

Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said she has returned to the office from maternity leave.

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, gave praise to Pastor Miles, the recipient of a courtesy resolution. He had no report from the County Executive's Office.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked where the County Executive was and Mr. Clifford stated he did not know. Manuel Abarca IV asked what

Jackson County Courthouse 415 E.12th Street, 2nd floor Kansas City, Missouri 64106 (816)881-3242 the protocol is for reporting serious issues to the Legislature. Mr. Clifford said he could not give an answer without knowing what issue he was referencing but would be happy to work with the Legislature regarding any issues and present that information in a timely fashion. Mr. Abarca stated he was asking about the protocol to report any serious issue, and Mr. Clifford had no definitive answer.

Manuel Abarca IV asked for an update regarding the negotiations with the Royals and Chiefs sports teams. Mr. Clifford stated he had no update but would be happy to speak about the matter in a closed session. Mr. Abarca said he believes the public deserves some transparency on the subject. He then asked Mr. Clifford about the status of the vacancies on Boards and Commissions. Mr. Clifford answered there have been numerous appointments made over the last few weeks. Mr. Abarca stressed that he asked approximately four weeks ago for the total number of vacancies and did not receive an answer. He again requested Mr. Clifford provide the total number of vacancies at next week's legislative meeting.

Manuel Abarca IV wanted to know if there was an issue with leased vehicles in the assessment process. Mr. Clifford stated he was unaware of any issues. Mr. Abarca said he will follow up with him after the meeting.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, asked Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, for an update regarding a car being damaged at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course. Mr. Covinsky stated the protocol was for the claim to be submitted to the Risk Management office to process and his office be notified. Currently, he has not had any follow-up from the Risk Management office.

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

5904 AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, Sections 5577. and 5578., relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.

(Legislature As A Whole - 21st Perfection)

5909 AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the primary election to be held on August 5, 2025, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

(Legislature As A Whole - 12th Perfection)

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<u>5965</u>	Repealing subsections 2066.6., 2066.7., and 2066.8., Jackson Cou Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu the new subsections relating to the same subject.	-	
	(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MEGAN L. MARSHALL. CONCURF SEAN E. SMITH AND JALEN ANDERSON)	RED BY	
<u>5966</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,688,456.00 from the undesignated balance of the General Fund, \$293,956.00 from the undesignated for balance of the Health Fund, \$708,172.00 from the undesignated for balance of the Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, and making the necessar transfers within the General Fund, Health Fund, Anti-Crime Sales Tax and the County Improvement Fund to provide the Circuit Court, Far and Family Court Facilities with their portion of the 2025 Recomme Budget. (Budget Committee - 6th. Perfection)	und ind ary ax Fund, nily Court,	н. 
	A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca waive the reading of Ordinances #5967, #5969, #5970, and #5971. motion passed by a roll call vote: Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Veness Huskey, Charlie Franklin, and Sean E. Smith No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer	The	
<u>5967</u>	AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406 Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliat complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amendin discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu to three new subsections relating to the same subject. <i>(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Perfection)</i>	on for ng the	
<u>5969</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$75,000.00 from the undesignated balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of a new position in the COMBAT Administration Division of the Jacks County Prosecutor's Office. (Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)	creating	
<u>5970</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000.00 from the undesignated balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of a financial management system for grant reporting for the COMBA Administration Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. <i>(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)</i>	acquiring	

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<u>5971</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$25,000.00 from the undeside balance of the 2025 Delinquent Sales Tax Fund and author Prosecuting Attorney to execute a Cooperative Agreement of Mansur, of Kansas City, MO, for the Stand Against Violence cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00. ( <i>Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection</i> )	izing the with Michael
<u>5972</u>	Enacting sections 5293., 5294., 5295., 5296., and 5297., of Code, 1984, related to the subject of wreckers and tow serv	•
	(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR DARON MCGEE. CONCUR ANDERSON AND SEAN E. SMITH.)	RED BY JALEN
<u>5973</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$69,345.00 from the undesi balance of the 2024 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a three-m of the VOCA Grant awarded to the Jackson County Prosecu the Missouri Department of Social Services.	onth extension
	(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Perfection)	
7 FINAL PASSA	GE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES	
<u>5959</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$71,751.00 from the undesi balance of the 2025 General Fund in acceptance of the Mis Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force grant awarded by the	souri Western

Department of Public Safety.

(PERFECTED)

### 8 **RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

21641 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.

(Legislature As A Whole - 40th Meeting)

21766 A RESOLUTION transferring \$49,500.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing a contract to cover the cost of consultation and proposal services to Colette Holt & Associates Law Firm of San Antonio, TX, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$49,500.00.

(Legislature As A Whole - 27th Meeting)

21843 A RESOLUTION requiring the Jackson County property cards provided by the Assessment Department to include photographs of the property inspection and related property comparable sales that were used to determine the Fair Market Value (FMV) and property classification. (Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Meeting)

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<u>21864</u>	A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Population Services Division programs. (Legislature As A Whole - 7th. Meeting)	Disabled to
<u>21869</u>	A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Sheriff to exercontract for services with the Family Court Division of the 16th of Missouri to provide deputies to assist with the Family Court's Connections supervised visitation program. (Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting )	Circuit Court
	A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Al waive the reading of Resolutions #21870, #21871, #21872, #27 #21874, #21875, #21876, #21877, #21878, #21879, #21880, # #21882, #21883, and #21897. The motion passed by a roll call Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Ver Huskey, Charlie Franklin, and Sean E. Smith No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer	1873, 21881, vote:
<u>21870</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a month-to-month contract extension furnishing of food service at the Jackson County Detention Cerr Services Group of Oldsmar, Florida, under the terms and condi- Invitation to Bid No. 27-21. <i>(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting )</i>	nter to Trinity
<u>21871</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of ca chloride pellets and rock salt supplies for use by various Count departments, to Nu-Life Labs, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri and Chemicals, Inc. of Potomac, Maryland, under the terms and co Invitation to Bid No. 24-087. (Budget Committee - 7th. Meeting)	alcium y 1 Humana
<u>21872</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of elect for use by various County departments to Graybar Electric Contouis, MO, under the terms and conditions of the City of Kansa Missouri contract No. EV2370, an existing competitively bid go contract. (Budget Committee - 7th. Meeting)	trical supplies npany of St. is City,

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<u>21873</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of softball um services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Eastern Jackson USSSA Umpire Association of Independence, MO, as a sole source purchase.	pire County	
	(Land Use Committee - 7th. Meeting)		
<u>21874</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply cor with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of trash r service for use by various County departments to Waste Manageme Kansas, Inc., under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 24-0 ( <i>Public Works Committee - 7th. Meeting</i> )	emoval ent of	
<u>21875</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of body transportation services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to F of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to E 24-082. <i>(Finance and Audit Committee - 7th. Meeting)</i>	First Call	
<u>21876</u>	A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Counce Waste Management District to provide access to the regional house hazardous waste centers for the residents of the unincorporated are Jackson County, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,761.00. ( <i>Finance and Audit Committee - 6th. Meeting</i> )	hold	
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<u>21877</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply corwith two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of paint a painting supplies for use by various County departments to PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc. of Columbia, MO and Sherwin Williams of Cleveland, OH, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid N 25-003. (Finance and Audit Committee - 6th. Meeting)	and	
<u>21878</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for annual software maintenar use by the Sheriff's Office and Department of Corrections to Lexipol Frisco, TX, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$57,992 sole source purchase. (Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting )	, LLC, of	

<u>21879</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of bottled water and dispenser services for use by various County departments to Metro Pure Water, LLC of Smithville, MO and DS Services of America dba Primo Water North America of Mableton, GA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-079. <i>(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Meeting)</i>
<u>21880</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-one-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) supplies, equipment, and related products and services for use by various County departments to Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, of Mooresville, NC under the terms and conditions of Lowe's OMNIA Partners Cooperative Program Contract No. R240805, an existing government contract. <i>(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Meeting)</i>
<u>21881</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of fuel dispensing equipment services for use by various County departments to Petroleum Equipment, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-078.
	(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Meeting)
<u>21882</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of public safety uniforms for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011124, an existing competitively bid contract. <i>(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)</i>
<u>21883</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a forty-five-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of body armor with related accessories, equipment, and services for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 091924, an existing competitively bid contract. <i>(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)</i>
<u>21897</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of portable outdoor toilet rentals for use by the various County Departments to ORI Outdoor Restrooms of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-008.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

Three applications with resumes were received for the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority (Resolution #21901).

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to insert the names Shalonn (Kiki) Curls, Phil LeVota and Chris Hernandez. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith. No: 1 - Jalen Anderson

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21901, nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2028. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
  - Yes: 8 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
  - No: 1 Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

### 9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

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

<u>5974</u>	Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 2.5± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
	(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
<u>5975</u>	Enacting subsection 24005.26., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to wedding and events facilities within the unincorporated areas of Jackson County.
	(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
<u>5976</u>	Vacating Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Moore View, a subdivision in Jackson County.
	(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
<u>5977</u>	Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
	(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing regarding Ordinances #5974, #5975, #5976, and #5977 on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 1 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

5978 Enacting sections 5293., 5294., 5295., 5296., and 5297., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the subject of wreckers and tow services. (Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

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

Awarding an eight-month contract extension for the lease of golf carts, a beverage cart, and a range picker for use by the Parks + Rec Department to PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, of Cincinnati, Ohio, at cost not to exceed \$37,912.00, under the terms and conditions of National IPA Contract No. 161101, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

- 21904 Authorizing the County Executive to execute a temporary construction easement and a permanent utility easement in favor of Spire Missouri, Inc., for a fee payable to the County. (Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- 21905 A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21905, congratulating Reginald L. Thomas on his retirement from LIUNA Local 264. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
  - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$128,295.00.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

- 21907 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21907, celebrating the 46th Anniversary and the 25th Annual Awards dinner for the Labor Management Council of Greater Kansas City. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
  - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21908, honoring Working Families' anniversary, recognizing its dedication to supporting working families in times of crisis and advocating for their well-being. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
  - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21909, honoring Earth Day on April 22, 2025, and recognizing the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
  - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

- 21910 A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21910, honoring Pastor John Modest Miles and First Lady Jeanette Miles for celebrating 38 years leading Morning Star Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
  - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

21911Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Temporary Right-of-Entry<br/>agreement in favor of the City of Independence, Missouri, for the Square<br/>Streetscape Project.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

### 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

### 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no response from the County Executive regarding the items listed on the agenda.

Manuel Abarca IV asked the Administration for answers to the items under Unfinished Business. DaRon McGee requested Caleb Clifford send responses to the questions to all legislators by Friday, April 25, 2025 so legislators could review them prior to next week's legislative meeting.

The following items were requested by the County Legislature and are awaiting response from the Administration:

- Opinion from County Counselor regarding investigation.
- Update on NDA's with Chiefs and Royals.
- · Update on Troy Schulte contract.
- Timeline for Impact Notices from Assessment Department.

• Timeline of all correspondence to taxpayers sent by Assessment, County Executive or Board of Equalization.

#### 14 NEW BUSINESS

**Veto message from County Executive for Ordinance #5958**, requiring the Jackson County Assessor to provide an Assessment Roll that complies with the Missouri State Tax Commission's Order and rolls back the 2023 value of any parcel that exceeded a 15% increase in 2023 to be changed and to be valued at no more than 15% more than the 2022 property value.

There was a motion by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith to override the veto for Ordinance #5958.

Manuel Abarca IV shared an article from Education Week, dated September 30, 1987 titled "Kansas City Judge's 'Excessive' Tax Order Ignites Public Furor, Has Leaders Ducking". The article is about a judge ruling to increase the tax levy for a particular school district, after the rates had been set, and the County Executive indicating he would not enforce the tax-increase order. In doing so, the County Executive was subject to being held in contempt of court and jailed which Mr. Abarca compared to the situation faced with the current County Executive refusing to abide by the ruling of the State Tax Commission (STC) regarding 2023 tax assessments.

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, read the following prepared statement opposing Ordinance #5958:

"I'll start by stating the obvious 2023 assessment process was flawed, confusing, chaotic and most times deeply unfair. Does this ordinance is not the fix the community deserves nor the fix to Jackson County's assessment process.

First and foremost, this ordinance does not explain how it would be implemented. It mandates a 15% cap on assessment increases - but

provides no plan for how the Assessor's Office is supposed to carry that out. No process for recalculating bills or notifying property owners. No clarity on how refunds IF ANY would be handled or how taxing jurisdictions would be made whole.

In short: it's policy with no plan. That's not governance - that's risk.

Second, the legal foundation of this ordinance is far from settled. The State Tax Commission's order can still be challenged in court. Initially a judge has said it's unenforceable. Then another decision says otherwise. And here we are - preparing to carry out a massive rollback based on something that's has the potential to still being appealed.

That brings me to my third point: the financial impact. If this ordinance is implemented, taxing jurisdictions across Jackson County could lose over \$200 million. Including tens of millions of dollars in lost funding for public schools.

That's not just a number. That's teachers, counselors, school buses, and after-school programs. And it's not just schools - it's public safety, infrastructure, and essential county services.

Fourth, this ordinance risks creating more inequity. If we don't have a clear plan, some homeowners will get relief - others could see their tax bills go up. Especially people in modest homes who didn't see huge spikes, but could end up covering the shortfall. That's not fair. And it's not what we were elected to do.

Finally - and most importantly - we need to lead with responsibility. This ordinance is a reaction, not a solution. We need long-term reforms to the assessment process - grounded in law, guided by data, and implemented with fairness. But Ordinance 5958 offers none of that.

And let me say this clearly, for the record - my vote today is not influenced by public pressure or any other elected official. I'm voting based on the facts, the law, and what I believe is best for the people of Jackson County. I was elected to think independently, not to rubber-stamp anyone's agenda - and that's exactly what I'm doing here and that is exactly what I have strived to do with every vote I have had the privilege of making.

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I am here to represent the entire county, not just act on what's immediate or the loudest. Sometimes the right decision is the harder one. We owe it to our constituents to make decisions that are well-thought-out, sustainable AND addresses the need for immediate relief.

For all these reasons - legal, logistical, financial, and ethical - I cannot support Ordinance 5958."

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, agreed with Legislator Marshall.

Sean E. Smith reiterated that the ordinance is an attempt to force the County Executive to abide by the ruling of the State Tax Commission, which has now been upheld in court. He stated not doing so will result in greater harm to the taxpayer and the county overall.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, to explain the document handed out by Legislator Abarca. Mr. Covinsky responded by saying he would rather wait until all lawsuits are settled and/or finalized before acting on them prematurely.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to override the veto for Ordinance #5958. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

The veto for Ordinance #5958 was sustained.

### Signing statement from County Executive for Ordinance #5968,

repealing subsections 2066.6., 2066.7., and 2066.8., <u>Jackson County</u> <u>Code</u>, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, five new subsections relating to the same subject.

### 15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 28, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.