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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

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### County Legislature

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

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**Monday, July 7, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting**

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

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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. Smith, 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 Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 30, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

Discussion regarding Ordinance #5993.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said she has received emails and phone calls from taxpayers regarding the vote today. She wanted to clarify that the vote today by the County Legislature is to put the question on the ballot. She asked Chairman McGee to speak as to why the election is being called in August rather than November 2025.

DaRon McGee responded that the Jackson County Home Rule Charter states an election must be called within 60 days; the options were August 26 or the day after Labor Day. The November election would not be following the Charter.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. He said he is pleased Jackson County has a democratic process that allows citizens to express themselves in this way. He said he

looks forward to seeing what transpires over the next 60 days.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said the people have spoken in providing their vote for putting this initiative on the ballot and she will honor their request.

DaRon McGee said this is a tedious and difficult process for the County Legislature to undertake as it has never happened before in the history of Jackson County, Missouri. His role as Chairman as well as the role of the County Legislature is not to pass judgment on the merits of the recall but to uphold the law. The charter is clear with instructions, the signature threshold has been met and verified. The County Legislature must take action today. It is not about personalities and politics, it is about following the law, respecting the voices of our residents and preserving the integrity of the democratic institutions at the county. He understands emotions are high on all sides but what the public needs the most right now is consistency, calm and commitment to the process, as stated in the charter. Deliberation is a part of any legislative process especially when the stakes are high. But our duty is clear, since the signature threshold has been certified, the County Legislature must take action to move this process forward. Scheduling an election date and approving ballot language is not only a formality but a critical step to ensure a lawful election can take place. The charter sets a timeline and any delay threatens to compromise that process. We are entering an unprecedented moment in Jackson County government but he remains committed as Chairman of the Legislature to meet it with clarity, order and respect for the law.

Ordinance #5993 was perfected and adopted at this time. See pages 6 and 7 for details.

Discussion regarding Resolution #21965.

Resolution #21965 was adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

Resolution #21955 was read into the record at this time.

Candidates for the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority were interviewed. Shawn G. Foster, Jon R. Gray, Kenneth B. McClain and Estella Morales were present. Joseph "Bo" Moreno attended via TEAMS.

DaRon McGee opened the floor for nominations to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

Manuel Abarca IV nominated Joseph "Bo" Moreno and Estella Morales.

Jalen Anderson nominated Ken McClain and Shawn Foster.

Megan L. Smith nominated Jon Gray.

Since there were no other nominations, nominations ceased. Legislators voted by ballot.

Resolution #21955 was adopted at this time with the names of Shawn G. Foster, Joseph "Bo" Moreno and Kenneth B. McClain inserted. See page 5 for details.

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

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

**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 - 30th Perfection)*

[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 - 11th Perfection)*

[5975](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to perfect Ordinance #5975 enacting subsection 24005.26., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to wedding and events facilities within the unincorporated areas of Jackson County. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

No: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

(FAILED)

[5982](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5578., Jackson County Code, 1984 related to discrimination in public accommodation.

*(Health and Environment Committee - 7th. Perfection)*

[5990](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a commercial property assessment rate cap in Jackson County, Missouri  
*(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)*

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

None.

**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 - 49th 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 - 36th Meeting)*

[21921](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.  
*(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 7th. Meeting)*

[21930](#) A RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to implement a temporary moratorium on foreclosure proceedings and tax lien sales against residential property owners affected by the 2023 Jackson County property reassessment cycle.  
*(Land Use Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21945](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21946](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21947](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21948](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21949](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21952](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21955](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to insert the names Shawn G. Foster, Joseph "Bo" Moreno, Kenneth B. McClain and adopt Resolution #21955, nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2030. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21956](#)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

## 9 CONSENT AGENDA

[21945](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-four-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of uniform and facility rental products and other services for use by various County departments to UniFirst (Clean Uniform) of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011124-UFC, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(ADOPTED)

[21946](#)

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.

(ADOPTED)

[21947](#)

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.

(ADOPTED)

[21948](#)

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.

(ADOPTED)

[21949](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of paint and 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 No. 25-003.

(ADOPTED)

[21952](#) A RESOLUTION declaring a certain County-owned vehicle as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.

(ADOPTED)

[21956](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of four new vehicles for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force to Corwin Motors of Springfield, MO and Corwin Ford Lincoln Republic of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138001-011, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$196,634.00.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #21945, #21946, #21947, #21948, #21949, #21952 and #21956 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 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

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

[5993](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #5993. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(PERFECTED)

[5993](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Ordinance #5993, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, a question regarding the recall of County Executive Frank White, Jr. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21959](#)

Awarding a sixty-month term and supply contract, for the furnishing of leased copiers for use by various County departments to Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc. of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Omnia Partners Region 4 contract No. R241204, an existing competitively bid government contract.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21960](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of softball umpire services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Eastern Jackson County USSSA Umpire Association of Independence, MO, as a sole source purchase.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21961](#)

Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of trash removal service for use by various County departments to Waste Management of Kansas, Inc., under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 24-096.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21962](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of electrical supplies for use by various County departments to Graybar Electric Company of St. Louis, MO, under the terms and conditions of the City of Kansas City, Missouri contract No. EV2370, an existing competitively bid government contract.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21963](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of GIS software maintenance and licenses for use by the Information Technology Department to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., of Redlands, CA, as a sole source purchase.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21964](#)

Urging the County Executive to implement a temporary moratorium on foreclosure proceedings and tax lien sales against residential property owners affected by the 2019-2022 Jackson County property reassessment cycle.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[21965](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21965, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, a question regarding the recall of County Executive Frank White, Jr. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Charlie Franklin

(ADOPTED)

Megan L. Smith, County Legislator, asked why the County Legislature was voting on both an Ordinance and Resolution regarding the same subject. There was brief discussion with Chairman DaRon McGee, Legislator Sean E. Smith and County Counselor, Bryan Covinsky.

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

## 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussions took place between Chairman DaRon McGee, Legislators Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and County Counselor Bryan Covinsky regarding a conflict of interest with the County Executive's authority to sign Ordinance 5993 that places his recall election on the ballot.

Donna Peyton asked Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, to research this issue to see if it has happened in other counties, to find out what procedures were used for a recall election.

DaRon McGee cited the Jackson County Code of Ethics Section 906. (a) ". . . no public servant shall have a personal interest in any official action." He asked the County Counselor to research and advise the County Legislature on whether or not it is a conflict of interest for the County Executive to sign Ordinance 5993.



**14 NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to hold a meeting on Friday, July 18, 2025 at 10 a.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area, to address a possible veto by the County Executive on Ordinance #5993. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

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

The County Legislature canceled their meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, July 14, 2025.

Meeting adjourned until Friday, July 18, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.