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*Theresa Cass Galvin (6th) Chair, Dan Tarwater III (4th) Vice Chair,
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)*

Jackson County Courthouse
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Monday, August 31, 2020

10:00 AM

Thirty-third Regular Meeting

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

Theresa Cass Galvin, Chairman, 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 Cass 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 Jalen Anderson to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on August 24, 2020. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

Frank White Jr., County Executive, was listening to the legislative meeting by phone.

Theresa Cass Galvin reminded those attending the meeting to make sure they remained in their seats, wear their masks over their nose and mouth at all times and when speaking to make sure they speak clearly into the microphones.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5389](#)

Legislature As A Whole moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

Bryan Gash, Chief Technology Officer for the Mid-Continent Public Library system, answered questions regarding Ordinance #5389. Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked if this lending program could be restricted to college students who present a valid college ID upon checking out the hot spots. Mr. Gash said this program would be marketed specifically at the community colleges. They are open to restricting the lending program to college students. Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked if the Kansas City Public Library is also participating in this program and if this will be restricted to Jackson County residents. Mr. Gash said the Jackson County portion of these funds would used for the benefit of Jackson County residents. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said the Administration has received a similar request from the Kansas City Public Library and will have something for consideration ready to be introduced soon. Mr. Finley asked how this measure will reduce the spread of the disease. Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said many students are using online courses to reduce the in person spread of the virus. This is a grant that is being leveraged against a state-funded grant. Mr. Gash said the grant will provide an additional \$120,000 in funding for this program.

[5390](#)

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5390. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

John Gordon, Treasurer, answered questions related to Ordinance #5390. Mr. Gordon said fees for 911 service have declined about 5% year-to-date. This should be adopted by September 1st. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator asked about the current fund balance. Mr. Gordon said there is about \$119,000 in the fund balance. Theresa Cass Galvin asked that this request be submitted earlier in the future to allow time for review by legislators. Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said hopefully the ballot measure will pass in November and this will not be needed in the future.

[5390](#)

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5390 renewing the tax and setting its rate at 7.00% of the tariff rate, for each local telephone access line, not to exceed 100 lines per person or per location, for emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911." 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 Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5391](#)

Legislature As A Whole moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

The Floor Substitute dated August 31, 2020 was sent to the Consent Agenda for perfection.

Stacey Daniels Young, Board Member, and Mike Goff, Chief Engagement Officer, answered questions regarding Ordinance #5391. Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, asked about the breakdown of the administrative costs in the back up documents. Ms. Galvin said she believes more costs should go directly to fighting evictions rather than administrative costs. Ms. Daniels Young said the administrative costs on this program are lower than the United Way's typical administrative costs. United Way has also received an additional \$1 million in funds to support this project. They have a commitment of funds from Clay County and Wyandotte County. A request for funds has been submitted to Johnson County, Kansas. Scott Burnett, County Legislator, asked if this included funding for Legal Aid. Ms. Daniels Young said it does include costs for attorneys for Legal Aid. Crystal Williams said administrative costs are inherent to the expenses non-profits need to exist in order to keep their electricity on and do the work to fight these evictions. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked how they are going to determine who they are going to help. Mr. Goff said there will be an assessment of need, such as does the family have children or were they impacted by COVID with a job loss. The coalition of agencies has established the criteria for the assistance. Costs may include paying back rent and fighting a legal eviction in court. Presently there are 1,275 cases in Jackson County that would be assisted by this funding.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20462](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$750,000.00 within the 2020 County Improvement Fund to cover the costs of three projects to make critical and mandated repairs in the Jackson County parks system as identified by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Meeting)

After much discussion, it was agreed that Resolution #20462 be held on the agenda for additional information on September 14, 2020.

[20478](#) A RESOLUTION requesting the County Administration to develop and present to the Legislature for approval and funding a plan to assist public school districts within Jackson County in the reopening of schools for the upcoming fall 2020 semester.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

Ronald E. Finley said plans are being discussed and he does not believe they are ready to proceed. Caleb Clifford said the County Executive has put out a proposal publicly. They are meeting with the school administrations weekly. They plan to have an ordinance for introduction next week. Mr. Finley said he hopes the school reopening plan is included as part of these plans. Mr. Clifford said the weekly discussions include the Health Department's reopening plan. He does not anticipate any recommendation regarding extra-curricular activities.

[20480](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5389](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$50,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund for use by the Mid-Continent Public Library of Kansas City, MO, to implement a hotspot lending program to facilitate additional internet connectivity for students of higher education in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and the migration to virtual classrooms for the 2020-2021 school year.

(PERFECTED)

[5391](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,500,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to support an eviction prevention program and authorizing the County Executive to execute a cooperative agreement with the United Way of Greater Kansas City for this program, in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

(PERFECTED)

[20480](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement and Addendums to existing Legal Services Agreements with certain law firms, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$8,224.00, for services to be performed in 2020.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5389 and #5291 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Resolution #20480 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, 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 Cass Galvin

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5393](#)

Repealing sections 4000., 4001., 4010., and 4051., and Schedule I to chapter 40, Jackson County Code, relating to public health, and enacting, in lieu thereof, five new sections and one new schedule relating to the same subject, with a penalty provision.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

[5394](#)

Appropriating \$426,081.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to provide for health screenings at County facilities and personal protective equipment and pay other costs necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5395](#)

Appropriating \$15,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to provide funds for the City of Lake Lotawana, Missouri, to acquire supplies and equipment, make minor building improvements, and pay public safety overtime and other costs necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lake Lotawana, Missouri, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.00.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20482](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20482, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020, for the purpose of conducting confidential communications under section 610.021(17) 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: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[20483](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of fleet fuel cards for use by various County departments to WEX Bank of Midvale, UT, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC160898001, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #20482.

The County Legislature went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, that the County Legislature's response to the state audit regarding no-bid contracts and other expenditures be submitted to the State Auditor's office as discussed in the closed session. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Theresa Cass Galvin said she received an email from one of her constituents stating that if school districts did not follow the guidelines for reopening as recommended by the Jackson County Health Department, the department would issue misdemeanor citations to the school administrators.

Troy Schulte said he had no knowledge of this but would reach out to the Director of the Health Department.

Caleb Clifford said the Health Department could issue orders but not misdemeanor citations.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

The County Legislature will NOT meet the week of September 7th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.