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

Monday, August 3, 2026

3:00 PM

Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting

**Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, K.C.
Legislative Assembly Area**

Donna Peyton, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith,
Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon
McGee

Excused 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey to
approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 27, 2026. The
motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive was present and gave the following report:

He invited Chief Ivan Washington, Superintendent of Park Safety with the
Park Rangers, to make a report on safety measures taken on the Rock
Island Trail during the FIFA World Cup matches. The Rangers were
stationed on the trail to ensure a safe environment and reduce crimes of
opportunity against the public. There was a Welcome Tent set up and
staffed by Jackson County working 10 hour shifts. Feedback from the public
was positive and they were happy the staff were in place, especially in the
late hours at the conclusion of each match.

The County Executive distributed a blueprint of the remodel of the 1st Floor at the Jackson County Courthouse. Manuel Abarca IV asked about the total cost of the project as well as the selected contractors. Mr. LeVota responded that the cost is \$2,000,000.00 and he will send the list of the contractors to Legislator Abarca.

He distributed another handout that was the bid document used to layout the plans for the restoration of the front and West side entrance steps with ACA compliance. He stated construction will take 200 days from start to finish. Legislator Abarca asked what will happen with the Andrew Jackson statue and Mr. LeVota replied it will remain where it currently sits.

The County Executive mentioned the legislation being introduced today that begins the bond process needed to help University Health with its buildings and services.

The annual compliance financial report audit for 2025 is in and he will send to the Legislature this week. It was compiled by the new auditor Clifton Larson Allen.

To view details from this section of the journal, click on the link below and select the video of the County Legislative meeting dated Monday, August 3, 2026.

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6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[6050](#)

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their faces or badges during performance of their official duties and establishing penalties and exemptions.

(Legislature As A Whole - 27th Perfection)

Discussion.

[6077](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 6004., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to standards for care and treatment in Jackson County residential facilities with a severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 18th Perfection)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to adopt Ordinance #6077. The motion failed for lack of a second.

[6091](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a general election to be held on November 3, 2026, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of one half of one percent for public transportation purposes.

(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Perfection)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by DaRon McGee to perfect Ordinance #6091.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey to hold Ordinance #6091. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

No: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: Jeanie Lauer

[6097](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the position of Legislative Intern within the Office of the Jackson County Legislature and setting forth provisions governing the appointment, supervision, and employment of Legislative Interns.

(Legislature As A Whole - 10th Perfection)

Donna Peyton asked to be added as a sponsor.

[6105](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 1030. and 1040. of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to competitive bidding, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6109](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$32,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with a certain outside agency which is engaged in anti-crime, anti-violence, drug prevention and treatment activities, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$32,000.00.

(Anti-Crime Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

The Anti-Crime Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6109 at a time to be determined.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22323](#)

Directing the County Executive, the Department of Public Works, and all appropriate County departments and agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive framework governing the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of artificial intelligence and high-capacity data center facilities within Jackson County, Missouri, and establishing conditions necessary to protect public infrastructure, utility systems, environmental resources, public safety, and neighboring communities.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

The Public Works Committee made no recommendation on Resolution #22323 so it was assigned to Legislature As A Whole.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to adopt Resolution #22323. It failed for lack of a second.

[22338](#)

Finance & Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22345](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22345 declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling one (1) surplus parcel. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

Discussion.

[22346](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22346 declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling five (5) surplus parcels. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

Discussion.

[22347](#)

County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc) moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

- [22348](#) County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc) moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22355](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department related to the maintenance of the parks facilities within the County's Park System.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)
- [22357](#) A RESOLUTION establishing the Jackson County Housing Trust Fund to support the development, preservation, rehabilitation, and accessibility of affordable housing throughout Jackson County, Missouri, and requesting the County Administration to develop policies governing the use of the Fund.
(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)
- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to discharge Resolution #22357 from the Budget Committee to Legislature As A Whole. The motion failed for lack of a second.
- [22358](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- Discussion.
- [22360](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Resolution #22360 awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three (3) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of custodial services for use by Public Works, Facilities Management Division to Cleaning Up LLC of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-031. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
- Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee
- No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV
- Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

The Budget Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #22360. Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Resolution being placed on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to hold Resolution #22360. The motion failed for lack of a second.

[22361](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22361 authorizing the final sale of one (1) surplus parcel of real property within the Public Works Department. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

The Land Use Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #22361. Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Resolution being placed on the Consent Agenda.

[22362](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the substitute dated August 3, 2026 for Resolution #22362. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(APPROVED)

[22362](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt the substitute dated August 3, 2026 for Resolution #22362 transferring \$235,436 within the 2026 County Improvement Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract for the furnishing of construction services for exterior improvements to the Jackson County Courthouse for use by the Public Works Department to Rand Construction Corporation of Kansas City, MO., under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-001 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$8,200,000. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[22338](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Office to CFLR Auto, LLC, of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$146,967.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22347](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling two (2) surplus parcels.

(ADOPTED)

[22348](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling five (5) surplus parcels.

(ADOPTED)

[22358](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of records management and CAD systems software maintenance for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Central Square Technologies, LLC, of Lake Mary, FL, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$29,810.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22338, #22347, #22348 and #22358 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6110](#) Transferring and appropriating \$18,758.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund, to properly account for the receipt of insurance proceeds relating to damage of a Parks + Rec Department flatbed truck.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

- [6111](#) Appropriating \$82,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for funding of undercover duties, purchases, and vehicles.
(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [22364](#) Declaring certain County-owned IT equipment as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)
- [22365](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of roofing services for use by various County departments to Delta Innovative Services of Kansas City, KS and Blue Chip Roofing and Waterproofing of Lee's Summit, MO under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-037.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)
- [22366](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22366 authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, August 3, 2026, 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 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee
Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

- [22367](#) Authorizing the County Executive to take necessary preliminary steps to facilitate the issuance of Special Obligation Bonds for improvements to University Health facilities and services.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)
- There will be a Public Hearing on Resolution #22367 on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 3:00 PM at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #22366.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 10, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.