

## **IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement by the County Counselor of the claims of Audrey Kelley related to employment with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, for a payment of \$850,000.00, plus an additional payment to be paid to the Jackson County, Missouri Revised Pension Plan as calculated by the Pension Plan Board of Trustees' actuary for purchase of service credit in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21944**, June 18, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY** DaRon McGee, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 1606.1(3) Jackson County Code, 1984, authorizes the settlement of claims in excess of \$5,000.00 upon recommendation of the County Counselor by Resolution of the Jackson County Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Audrey Kelley has filed a claim against the County relating to her employment with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, styled 2216-CV07520 Audrey A Kelley v Jackson County, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation, the County Counselor recommends a settlement of a payment of \$850,000.00 to be paid by the County to the Audrey Kelley and, her attorneys of record, Siro Smith Dickson PC, of Kansas City, Missouri, plus an additional payment to be paid by the County to the Jackson County, Missouri Revised Pension Plan as calculated by the Pension Plan Board of Trustees' actuary for purchase of service credit in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will limit the County's financial obligation in this matter and is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Counselor be and hereby is authorized to settle the claims of Audrey Kelley in the case styled 2216-CV07520 Audrey A Kelley v Jackson County, Missouri, now pending in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, by the payment of \$850,000.00 to be paid by the County to the Audrey Kelley and, her attorneys of record, Siro Smith Dickson PC, of Kansas City, Missouri, plus an additional payment to be paid by the County to the Jackson County, Missouri Revised Pension Plan as calculated by the Pension Plan Board of Trustees' actuary for purchase of service credit in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, in full, final, and complete release of all of claims against the County and all of its employees, officers, agents, and servants, as to any damages incurred; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Counselor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to affect this settlement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to issue checks in the amount totaling \$850,000.00 to be paid by the County to Audrey Kelley and, her attorneys of record, Siro Smith Dickson PC, of Kansas City, Missouri, plus an additional payment to be paid by the County to the Jackson County, Missouri Revised Pension Plan as calculated by the Pension Plan Board of Trustees' actuary for purchase of service credit in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, in full and complete settlement of this claim.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky

Bryan Covinsky (Jun 12, 2025 11:00 CDT)

County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Resolution, Resolution 21944 introduced on June 18, 2025, was duly passed on June 18, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 1

Absent 1

6.18.2025  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 060 1101 56380  
ACCOUNT TITLE: Self Insurance Fund  
County Counselor  
Legal Liability Claims  
NOT TO EXCEED: 965,000.00

06/12/2025  
Date

Sylvia Stevenson  
Sylvia Stevenson (Jun 12, 2025 10:35 CDT)  
Chief Administrative Officer