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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

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

Jackson County Courthouse  
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
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**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

**SPECIAL Meeting**

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

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

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

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on December 18, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

None.

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

Frank White Jr., County Executive, congratulated the County Legislature for accepting the compromise on ARPA. He said his offer was compromised. He thanked Congressman Cleaver for intervening to help save taxpayer dollars and to help the community.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked the County Executive for the 2025 Assessment Plan. He said he has requested Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment, to attend committee meetings to present her plan but she has refused.

Frank White Jr. said he knows she is busy with end of year tasks. He told Mr. Abarca he could call Ms. McCann Beatty. Mr. Abarca said he would

like her to publicly present the 2025 Assessment Plan.

Manuel Abarca IV asked for an explanation regarding the Senior Tax Freeze. Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said she will draft a response and send it to all legislators.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the activity happening around the Historic Truman Courthouse in Independence, Missouri.

Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the City of Independence is working on a bike lane on the north side of Lexington which will take out the diagonal parking spaces and instead be parallel parking spaces. The City of Independence offered a parking lot that is approximately a block away from the courthouse but there is need for ADA parking near the building. The City of Independence is requesting Jackson County to give them the land but it has a huge impact on operations at the Truman courthouse. He said they are trying to figure out some alternatives.

Manuel Abarca IV asked the County Executive what amount the 50% was as indicated in the amendment for Ordinance #5955. Frank White Jr. responded it is 50% of \$70.4 million in the ARPA fund. He thanked Mr. White and said he hopes compromise between the County Legislature and County Executive carries through into 2025.

## 6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

### [5902](#)

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Perfection)*

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked legislators to send their amendments to him if they have not already so he can finalize the budget amendment.

### [5903](#)

AN ORDINANCE setting the 2025 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Perfection)*

[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 - 5th. Perfection)*

[5906](#) AN ORDINANCE awarding a contract for construction services for the Stoenner Road Bridge Replacement County Project No. 3247, Federal Project No. BRO-B048 to Dondlinger & Sons Construction Company, Inc., of Wichita, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-068 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$877,022.00.

*(Public Works Committee - 4th. 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.

*(Rules Committee - 4th. Perfection)*

Whitney Miller explained the Floor Amendment for Ordinance #5955, found on pages 3 and 6.

[5955](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to approve the Floor Amendment dated December 19, 2024 for Ordinance #5955, to delete the fourth and fifth paragraphs on page three that read: "WHEREAS, fifty percent (50%) of the future undesignated fund balance dollars recouped from ARPA revenues, will be directed to a new unrestricted fund within the general fund to be created within the 2025 budget process and will require those funds to exclusively be obligated to disadvantaged communities by December 31, 2025; and, WHEREAS, the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the future undesignated fund balance dollars recouped from ARPA revenues will be directed to another new unrestricted fund within the general fund to be created within the 2025 budget process and will require those funds to exclusively be obligated to Jackson County infrastructure needs by December 31, 2025; and," and to insert them on page six. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[5955](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by DaRon McGee to perfect Ordinance #5955. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Yes: 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(PERFECTED)

[5955](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5955, transferring to and appropriating from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 ARPA Fund \$44,869,957.00 to cover expenses related to lost revenue due to COVID-19 and authorizing the County to use all remaining ARPA funds to cover eligible County contract expenses through 2026. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

[5951](#) Consent Agenda.

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Jalen Anderson objected to the Consent Agenda.

[5953](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Ordinance #5953, appropriating \$2,500,000.00 to the City of Blue Springs for the development of affordable housing as part of the development of Central Park, from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 American Rescue Plan Fund. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

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

(ADOPTED)

## 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 - 24th 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 - 11th Meeting)*

[21814](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21814, awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of concrete flat work, curbing, and street repairs for use by various County departments to Quality Custom Construction of Lone Jack, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-043. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[21821](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of on-call construction management at risk services for use by various County departments to McCown Gordon, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 24-051.

*(Public Works Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21828](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21836](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a twelve-month Cooperative Agreement with two twelve-month options to extend with the Mid-America Arts Alliance for the implementation of an arts grant program for Jackson County at a cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00 under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-047.

*(Budget Committee - 3rd. Meeting)*

Discussion regarding procurement, the evaluation committee selection and bid documents for Resolution #21836. Legislators requested additional information.

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Resolution #21836. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

[21837](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

## 9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5951](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$495,500.00 to the City of Oak Grove for the replacement of a bridge on White Road currently serving unincorporated Jackson County, from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 American Rescue Plan Fund.

(ADOPTED)

[5952](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$900,000.00 to the City of Blue Springs for the improvement of Cook Road, from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 American Rescue Plan Fund.

(ADOPTED)

[21828](#) A RESOLUTION declaring a certain John Deere tractor and rotary cutter owned by the Parks + Rec Department as surplus and unusable property.

(ADOPTED)

[21837](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an one-month Consulting Agreement with one twelve-month option to extend with Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, to serve as Chief Lobbyist to perform State Legislative Lobbyist Services for the Legislature, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 24-086, at a cost to the County for 2024 in the amount of \$9,792.00, and a cost to the County for 2025 not to exceed \$117,500.00.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5951, #5952 and Resolutions #21828 and #21837 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

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

No objection to the consideration of Ordinance #5956 - not on the printed agenda.

[5956](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5956. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Yes: 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(PERFECTED)

[5956](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5956, establishing the Disadvantaged Communities Fund and the Jackson County Infrastructure Fund as dedicated general and health funds within the County's financial system. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

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

None.

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

None.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to have a special meeting of the County Legislature on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

**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, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.