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

Monday, April 6, 2026

3:00 PM

Tenth Regular Meeting

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

Manuel Abarca IV, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and 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 Jeanie Lauer, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 23, 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 hoped everyone had a good Easter weekend.

6 PERFECTION 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 - 8th. Perfection)

[6059](#) AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on April 7, 2026, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

- [6067](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.05± acre tract from District B (Two Family) to District LI (Light Industrial).
(WITHDRAWN BY CHARLIE FRANKLIN. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND SEAN E. SMITH.)
- [6071](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring and appropriating \$4,164,475.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Enterprise Fund and awarding a contract for the replacement of the irrigation system at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course and the Frank White, Jr. Sports Complex to Verde Sports Construction, LLC., of Langley, WA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 25-047, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$4,164,475.00.
(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Perfection)
- [6072](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring \$233,100.00 within the 2026 Grant Fund and appropriating \$233,100.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Grant Fund in acceptance of a supplemental grant and authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute an agreement received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for use by the Parks + Rec Department.
(Public Works Committee - 1st. Perfection)

County Executive Phil LeVota stated he would like to see this legislation move forward.
- [6073](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 5055., 5056., and 5057., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to watercraft horsepower, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections relating to the same subject.
(Public Works Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- [6049](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.
(PERFECTED)

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22163](#)

A motion was made to discharge to Legislature As A Whole Resolution #22163, awarding a contract for the furnishing of items for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Dunlop Sports of Dallas, TX, as proprietary purchases. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(APPROVED)

[22163](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22163, awarding a contract for the furnishing of items for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Dunlop Sports of Dallas, TX, as proprietary purchases. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[22170](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to discharge to Legislature As A Whole Resolution #22170, awarding a contract for the purchase of a deep core aerifier for use by the Parks + Rec Department for the Fred Arbanas Golf Course to Redexim North America, Inc. of Valley Park, MO, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-055 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,541.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(APPROVED)

[22170](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22170 awarding a contract for the purchase of a deep core aerifier for use by the Parks + Rec Department for the Fred Arbanas Golf Course to Redexim North America, Inc. of Valley Park, MO, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-055 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,541.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[22175](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22175 awarding a twelve-month contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for training, consulting services, and software maintenance on the Mobile Assessor Software for use by the Assessment Department to Woolpert, Inc. of Dayton, OH, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$114,355.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

County Executive Phil LeVota stated he had discussions with this vendor regarding their change of ownership and the changes made to the contract language to reflect what services are required by Jackson County.

Sean E. Smith assumed the Chair.

[22184](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to discharge to Legislature As A Whole Resolution #22184, awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Collection Department to Aumentum Technologies of Niagara Falls, NY, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$642,563.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(APPROVED)

Manuel Abarca IV resumed the Chair.

[22184](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22184 awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Collection Department to Aumentum Technologies of Niagara Falls, NY, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$642,563.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

County Executive Phil LeVota stated he had discussions with this vendor who assured him they would be more cooperative with sharing information needed to process taxpayer bills and other necessary information.

[22193](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22193 authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a Consulting Agreement with Marcus Winn of Heartland Communications, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, to provide communication and policy services to the Legislature, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

No: 4 - Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22194](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to discharge to Legislature As A Whole Resolution #22194, awarding a contract for the purchase of six (6) pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$209,346.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(APPROVED)

[22194](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22194 awarding a contract for the purchase of six (6) pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$209,346.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[22198](#)

A motion was made to discharge to Legislature As A Whole Resolution #22198, authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled - EITAS to provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division programs. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(APPROVED)

[22198](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22198 authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled - EITAS to provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division programs. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[22207](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$42,857.00 within the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of communication equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office to MRA International, Inc., of Long Branch, NJ under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-057, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$42,857.00.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22211](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of mobile radios for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of MARC/KCRPC Contract No. 113, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$109,568.00.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[22212](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain vehicles assigned to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office as surplus property and authorizing their transfer to the Jackson County Department of Civil Process.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[22213](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$152,400.00.

(Health & Environment Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6074](#) Implementing a 120-day moratorium on the processing of data center land use applications and Battery Energy Storage System land use applications by Jackson County for the purpose of developing a long-term policy and accompanying County Code provisions related to such applications, including the direction of regulatory standards and enhanced public notification requirements.

(Assigned to the Health & Environment Committee.)

[6075](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 126± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22225](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of fifteen (15) new 2026 Dodge Durango vehicles for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to Corwin Motors of Springfield, LLC, of Springfield, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182004, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$645,420.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22226](#) Awarding an eight-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of technology hardware, software, and professional services for use by various County departments to Logicalis, Inc. of Troy, MI, under the terms and conditions set forth in 1GPA National Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 22-02PV-12, a competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

- [22227](#) Declaring certain County-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)
- [22228](#) Awarding a seven month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve month options to extend, for the furnishing of law enforcement public safety gear for use by various County departments to G.T. Distributors, Inc., of Pflugerville, TX under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC250070 (007), an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)
- [22229](#) Authorizing a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of steam HVAC parts for use by the Facilities Management Division of the Public Works Department to Control Products, Inc., of Fenton, MO, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)
- [22230](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22230 honoring the hard work and professional success of Coach Candi Whitaker. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 9 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)
- [22231](#) Authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with the Dysart Taylor Law Firm of Kansas City, MO, for employment investigation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Organizational Chart with names.**

Phil LeVota, County Executive stated he neglected to pass out the chart at the last meeting and will do so today.

Salary grade schedule.

There are no salary upgrades from the County Executive's Office.

Status Update on Interim Directors.

The County Executive's Office is currently trying to fill the Interim Directors positions.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abarca stated he asked Sheriff Forte to come to the legislative meeting to discuss the transfer process to the new jail. He did not respond. The Legislature may need to schedule a closed session regarding this issue.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 13, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.