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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)*

Monday, March 25, 2019

1:00 PM

Thirteenth Regular Meeting

Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers

Theresa Galvin, Chair, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III and Theresa Galvin

Absent 2 - Scott Burnett and Jeanie Lauer

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 Tony Miller to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 18, 2019. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Jalen Anderson, Chair of the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, introduced the Legislature's Chief Inter-Governmental Relations Consultant Fred Dreiling and Cara Hoover, Assistant Inter-Governmental Relations Consultant.

Mr. Dreiling stated as the County's Inter-Governmental Relations Consultant, it is their purpose to help bring in State funding for County services and the State's per diem reimbursement for State prisoners is a key factor in that funding. Currently the State is \$31 million behind in reimbursements to counties for prisoner per diem, with Jackson County being owed a little over \$2 million. The Governor's recommended budget included funds to bring the counties current on their reimbursement. The Missouri House removed that amount from the budget. The Governor also recommended an increase of \$1.00 per prisoner per diem. The Missouri House moved that recommendation into a discretionary fund, so those

funds are no longer available. Mr. Dreiling said that he is hopeful that when the budget goes to the Missouri Senate, they will be able to have these funds restored to the budget. One thing in the County's favor is that there are three members from Jackson County on the appropriations committee.

Mr. Dreiling reported that Stadium funding from the State is currently at \$3 million. The St. Louis Blues Hockey team is seeking an appropriation from the state. This is an opportunity for Jackson County to capitalize on that request to have our Stadium funding extended to run concurrently with the Stadium leases for another 10 years. Jackson County's successful sports franchises will help in the effort to secure this funding.

Ms. Hoover addressed the overall State budget. The budget will need to be finalized the first full week of May. Ms. Hoover stated that there is current publicity surrounding the so-called "April surprise" – a situation in which the Department of Revenue tax estimates are coming in below projections because of improper tax withholding tables issued by the DOR. This has created concerns of a possible budget shortfall in revenues, but he stated, there is hope that this situation will equalize as tax withholding is adjusted to the proper levels.

Mr. Dreiling addressed the 911 bill, a measure that was spearheaded in the Missouri House in previous years by Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator. He said that State lawmakers expressed concerns about a provision in the 911 statute in which prepaid cell phones would have an automatic surcharge. SB 291 has been introduced to serve as a cleanup to that legislation. As part of the bill, lawmakers have worked on language that would require Jackson County to submit to the voters no later than the general election in 2020, a ballot measure to approve the 911 surcharge on the cell phones.

Mr. Dreiling discussed the "Border War Legislation", SB 182, to try to halt businesses from moving back and forth between Kansas and Missouri. He testified on this bill and is hopeful that with the changes to the governorship in Kansas, this bill may pass.

Mr. Dreiling said that he is optimistic that a prescription drug monitoring bill will pass this year since the major opponent to this legislation is no longer in the Missouri House. Missouri is the only state without a PDMP program.

Mr. Dreiling also stated that current legislation under consideration is a

sales tax cap to be imposed on local jurisdictions. This matter could be a concern for Jackson County because, if passed, Jackson County may not be allowed to collect the COMBAT tax in certain parts of the County.

Mr. Dreiling addressed the Clean Missouri ethics bill approved by voters last year. The amendment bans lobbyist gifts to state officials. Proposed changes to the Clean Missouri amendment will ban lobbyist gifts for local elected officials as well. Another part of Clean Missouri changed the way redistricting is handled in Missouri. There are proposals under consideration to modify Clean Missouri, including additional changes to the redistricting provision of the amendment. Mr. Dreiling said that the subtle changes in language in this amendment could make a big difference in how the law is applied. He said this measure could be controversial and is something the County would like to keep watch on.

The Governor has talked about transportation funding which has been a priority for his office. There has been discussion on bringing back a vote on the gas tax because of the serious need for road and bridge improvements.

There is also consideration of gun legislation to limit the County's ability on how it imposes guns laws and conceal carry requirements.

Mr. Dreiling stated that there are positive accomplishments that the County can focus on, including the Stadium funding issue and having those funds extended out over the life of the lease. He said that St. Louis receives \$12 million a year for a building that sits empty and doesn't generate taxes. Jackson County's sports' teams generate considerable funding for the State and are a valuable asset. The Stadium funding expires after the next fiscal year and Mr. Dreiling hopes their efforts will get that funding extended out for 10 additional years.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said that this funding keeps the County in compliance with our leases and keeps our teams here. He said that we appreciate the value of Mr. Dreiling's efforts on this matter. It is hopeful to get this deal done to extend this funding to 2031.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive was not present and there were no communications.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, asked about Resolution #20123, with regards to storing the seats that have been removed from Arrowhead

Stadium. The Kansas City Chiefs said they would pay Jackson County \$28,000.00 which is what they would receive from recycling the seats. Dan Tarwater III said many of the seats are broken and need to be bolted down since they are not stand alone seats. He said the seats are in the way at the stadium and they asked that Jackson County remove them by February 28th.

Discussion.

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, distributed paperwork including emails to the County Legislature regarding this issue.

Theresa Galvin said Resolution #20123 will be discussed next week.

The County Legislature recessed.

The County Legislature reconvened.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5208](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 525., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County fiscal policy.
(Rules Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[5211](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Dan Tarwater III to perfect Ordinance #5211. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5211](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5211 appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 General Fund in acceptance of insurance proceeds to be used to fund repairs to and the restoration of the downtown Jackson County Courthouse, necessitated by recent water damage. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III and Theresa Galvin

Absent: 2 - Scott Burnett and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5212](#) Rules Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5209](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee made no recommendation on Resolution 20094 as amended.

[20094](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement for Services with the Mid-America Regional Council, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$150,000.00 relating to the Jackson County Charter Review Commission.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[20105](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of financial advisory services for use by the Jackson County Administration to Springsted, Inc., of St. Paul, MN, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 66-18.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[20110](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

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[20112](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20113](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20115](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20116](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

Discussion.

[20117](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5212](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing section 5628., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to fireworks, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

(PERFECTED)

[5209](#) AN ORDINANCE amending sections 5210. and 5233. and enacting sections 5267 and 5268, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the traffic code, with a penalty provision.

(ADOPTED)

- [20110](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute cooperative agreements with certain organizations which provide assistance to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$275,000.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [20111](#) 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 \$91,560.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [20112](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Second Addendum to the Agreement with Ad Hoc Group Against Crime of Kansas City, MO, for the furnishing of victim and witness support services for use by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$150,000.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [20113](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health-related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$3,302,677.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [20115](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute a change order to the contract with Delta Innovative Services of Kansas City, KS, for the replacement of the roof at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$13,769.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [20116](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the leasing of golf carts for use by the Parks + Rec Department, to M & M Golf Cars of Lee's Summit, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,500.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [20117](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month contract for access to real estate market and lease data, for use by the Assessment Department to CoStar Realty Information of Washington, DC, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$11,856.00.
(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5212 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinance #5209 and Resolutions #20110, #20111, #20112, #20113, #20115, #20116 and #20117 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Crystal Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III and Theresa Galvin

Absent: 2 - Scott Burnett and Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20119](#)

Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute an Addendum to the Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc., for use by the Parks + Rec Department at the Ft. Osage Education Center, at an additional cost to the County in the amount of \$5,780.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20120](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements funded by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2019 fiscal year, with certain outside agencies which are engaged in anti-drug and anti-violent crime treatment activities and purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$2,865,314.00.

(Assigned to the Anti-Drug Committee.)

[20121](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain agencies funded by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2019 fiscal year, which are engaged in anti-drug and anti-violent crime prevention activities and purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$1,956,676.00.

(Assigned to the Anti-Drug Committee.)

[20122](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Communications Workers of America, Local 6360, regarding the terms and conditions of the employment of members of its bargaining unit.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[20123](#) Transferring \$42,725.00 within the 2019 General Fund to cover the cost of the moving and storage service for County-owned property located at the Arrowhead Stadium.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20124](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Employment Agreement with Bryan O. Covinsky of Lee Summit, MO, to serve as the County Counselor for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Bryan Covinsky was in the audience.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[19-10](#) I hereby make the following appointments and reappointments to the Board of Domestic Violence Shelters:

Tonya Hampton is appointed to a new term to expire September 30, 2021, occasioned by the resignation of Kelly La Rae Williams. A copy of Ms. Hampton's resume is attached.

Jennifer J. von Fintel is appointed to a new term to expire September 30, 2020, occasioned by the expiration of the term of Lisa Pelofsky. A copy of Ms. Hampton's resume is attached.

Teresa Chu is reappointed for a new term to expire September 30, 2021.

Melba Curls is reappointed for a new term to expire September 30, 2019.

Martha Lofgreen is reappointed for a new term to expire September 30, 2020.

[19-11](#) I hereby appoint Bryan O. Covinsky, as County Counselor for a term to expire on December 31, 2022. A copy of Mr. Covinsky's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 1, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.