



# COUNTY LEGISLATURE JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

MARY JO SPINO

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CLERK OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
415 East 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

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Independence, MO 64050

## December 15, 2023 – December 21, 2023

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|----------------------|------------|--|
| 12-15-2023 Friday    | 12:00 P.M. | Merit System Commission Hearing –<br>Jackson County Courthouse, 415 East 12 <sup>th</sup> Street,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area  |
| 12-18-2023 Monday    |            | NO ANTI-CRIME, BUDGET, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, &<br>INCLUSION, EMERGING ISSUES, FINANCE & AUDIT,<br>HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS,<br>INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, JUSTICE & LAW<br>ENFORCEMENT, LAND USE, PUBLIC WORKS, RULES,<br>STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS, VETERANS, OR 911 OVERSIGHT<br>COMMITTEE MEETINGS |
|                      | 10:00 A.M. | <b>LEGISLATIVE MEETING –</b><br><b>Jackson County Courthouse, 415 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street,</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area</b>   |
|                      |            | <b>Closed Meeting per Resolution #21505</b>  |
| 12-19-2023 Tuesday   |            | NO MEETINGS –  |
| 12-20-2023 Wednesday |            | NO MEETINGS –  |
| 12-21-2023 Thursday  | 8:30 A.M.  | Plan Commission Meeting –<br>Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 W. Lexington Ave,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Independence, MO. Large Meeting Room  |
|                      | 5:15 P.M.  | Ethics, Human Relations & Citizen Complaints<br>Commission Meeting –Meeting will be held via Zoom.<br>For more information contact, Anita Mackrel at<br><a href="mailto:amackrel@jacksongov.org">amackrel@jacksongov.org</a>   |

Persons with disabilities wishing to participate in the above meetings and who require reasonable accommodation may call the County Clerk’s Office at 881-3242 or 1-800-735-2466 (Missouri Relay). Forty-eight (48) hours’ notice is required. To put information on the Activity Calendar, please contact the County Clerk’s Office by NOON Wednesday of each week.

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

**AN ORDINANCE** submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 2, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three-eighths of one percent for a period of forty years, for the purpose of constructing stadium park improvements to retain the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs sports teams in Jackson County, Missouri.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5822**, December 18, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** DaRon McGee, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Royals Baseball Corporation and the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club are County and area-wide assets that have made and will continue to make significant contributions to the economic well-being and quality of life in Jackson County and the Kansas City metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, these major league teams have been tenants at Kauffman and Arrowhead Stadiums in the County's Harry S. Truman Sports Complex since the early 1970's; and,

WHEREAS, improvements and modernization of the existing facilities, and development of a new facility, are necessary to ensure that the stadiums remain nationally competitive in the marketplace of professional sports for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the teams, the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, and the County have been working diligently to develop a plan for funding these needed improvements and additions, while at the same time benefitting residents of Jackson County and guaranteeing the teams' continued presence in Jackson County for the long term; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of these discussions, Jackson County, Missouri is working with the Chiefs to prepare a new lease and development agreement reflecting the terms pursuant to which the Chiefs will develop, furnish, equip, repair, maintain, operate and occupy Arrowhead Stadium, and is working with the Royals to prepare a new lease and development agreement reflecting the terms pursuant to which the Kansas City Royals Baseball Corporation will develop, furnish, equip, repair, maintain, operate and occupy a new Royals Stadium; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County, Missouri has determined the foregoing stadium park improvements can best be funded utilizing a countywide sales tax at the rate of three-eighths of one percent ( $3/8\%$ ) for a period of forty years, from the date first imposed; and,

WHEREAS, bond counsel has advised that the current sales tax cannot be extended under the existing statutory authority to develop the stadium parks because this proposed effort would include more than one project, and has recommended an alternate statutory authority to implement the public purposes achieved by developing the stadium parks and retaining the Chiefs and the Royals in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, this tax is in the best interests of the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. Subject to approval by the voters of the County, the levy of a sales tax in the amount of three-eighths ( $3/8$ ) of one cent (.375%), is hereby authorized for and within Jackson County, Missouri.

Section 2. The current tax levy as approved by voters on April 4, 2006 will expire on September 30, 2031. Subject to approval of the voters of the County, the new levy will begin on October 1, 2031 and continue for a term of forty years, the duration of the proposed leases with the Chiefs and the Royals.

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 644.032, RSMo, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 2, 2024, a question authorizing the imposition of a retail sales tax of three eighths of one percent ( $3/8\%$ ), for the purpose of providing funding for park improvements consisting of Arrowhead Stadium and its surrounds, and a new Kauffman Stadium.

Section 4. The qualified voters at said election shall vote by ballot and the ballots to be used at said election shall contain the following language:

**JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
**QUESTION # 1**  
**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**APRIL 2, 2024**  
**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Shall the County of Jackson impose a new countywide parks sales tax of three-eighths (3/8) of one percent, for a period of 40 years from the date first imposed, to provide funding for park improvements, consisting of (1) developing, furnishing, equipping, repairing, maintaining, and operating Arrowhead Stadium and its surrounds, to retain the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club in Jackson County, Missouri, and (2) developing, furnishing, equipping, repairing, maintaining, and operating a new stadium in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, to retain the Kansas City Royals Baseball team in Jackson County, Missouri?

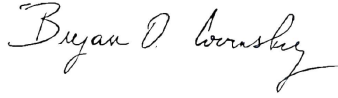
Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 6. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners and the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than December 28, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. and to include in said notification all the terms and provisions required by Section 115.125, RSMo 2016.

Section 7. The County is hereby authorized to be reimbursed its costs incurred in connection with the April 2, 2024, election out of the proceeds of the tax once authorized.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5822 introduced on December 18, 2023, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5822.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank White, Jr., County Executive

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

**AN ORDINANCE** repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5823**, December 18, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** Sean E. Smith, County Legislator

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri as follows:

Section A. Enacting Clause. Sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, are hereby repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 9103. and 9104., to read as follows:

9103. Salary

Those permanent members of the Board of Equalization who are appointed by the County Executive [by reason of Subsection 1 of Section 1 of Article XI] under Article XI, Section 1, Subsection 1 of the Jackson County Charter shall each receive a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month that the Board of Equalization is in session less than an average of three days per week, except that they shall receive compensation of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per month that the Board of Equalization is in session for an average of more than 3 days per week [for the months of July and August and except that such members shall receive four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per month for the months of September, October, November and December, 2019]. No compensation shall be payable to any member for any month in which that member does not personally attend a meeting of the Board.

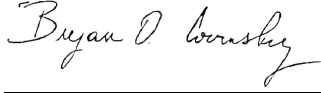
9104. Compensation

Those members of the Board of Equalization appointed under [Subsections 2 and 3 of Section 1 of] Article XI, Section 1, Subsections 2 and 3 of the Jackson County Charter, who are eligible to receive compensation from Jackson County, shall each receive compensation of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per meeting that they attend and cast a vote in[, except that such members shall receive compensation of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per meeting for meetings held in calendar year 2019 after the effective date of Ordinance 5249].



Effective Date: This ordinance upon final adoption shall be effective Sept 1, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5823 introduced on December 18, 2023, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5823.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank White, Jr., County Executive

# Request for Legislative Action

Ord. #5823

Sponsor: Sean E. Smith

Date: December 18, 2023

## Completed by County Counselor's Office

Action Requested:	Ordinance	Res.Ord No.:	5823
Sponsor(s):	Sean E. Smith	Legislature Meeting Date:	12/18/2023

## Introduction

**Action Items:** ['Amend']

**Project/Title:**

Ordinance to amend County Code 9103. and 9104. to reflect current payments

## Request Summary

This is a request to amend the Jackson County Code 9103. and 9104. to reflect the current rates for Board of Equalization permanent and temporary members.

This will also remove confusing language regarding the 2019 rates so as to clarify and standardize the rates under the code.

## Contact Information

<b>Department:</b>	County Counselor	<b>Submitted Date:</b>	12/13/2023
<b>Name:</b>	Theresa E. Bullington	<b>Email:</b>	tbullington@jacksongov.org
<b>Title:</b>	Sr. Assistant County Counselor	<b>Phone:</b>	816-881-3213

## Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$ 0		
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$ 0		
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$		
Is it transferring fund?	No		
<b>Single Source Funding:</b>			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
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## Prior Legislation

### Prior Ordinances

Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5249	August 13, 2019

5797

October 2, 2023

December 14, 2023

eRLA #1,079

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## Request for Legislative Action

Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: not spending money	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.</li> </ul>

## Request for Legislative Action

### History

Submitted by County Counselor requestor: Theresa E. Bullington on 9/14/2023. Comments:

Approved by Department Approver Whitney S. Miller on 9/19/2023 11:02:32 AM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Craig A. Reich on 9/20/2023 8:50:08 AM. Comments:

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 9/20/2023 9:25:08 AM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver David B. Moyer on 9/20/2023 9:38:39 AM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvya Stevenson on 9/20/2023 10:03:32 AM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Jamesia Manning on 9/28/2023 12:05:04 PM.

Comments: Dropped from Agenda (Ordinance 5797)- Reintroduced on December 13, 2023.

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

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, for the purpose of conducting confidential communications under section 610.021(17) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21505**, December 18, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** DaRon McGee, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Legislature desires to hold a closed meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, public notice of such closed meeting has been given by inclusion of this Resolution on the published agenda for said meeting; and,

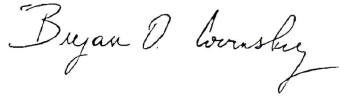
WHEREAS, the purpose of such closed meeting is to conduct and/or review confidential or privileged communications regarding auditor work product; and,

WHEREAS, such closed meeting is allowable under section 610.021(17) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature be and hereby is authorized to hold a closed meeting during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislature on Monday, December 18, 2023, pursuant to section 610.021(17), RSMo, and closing all records prepared in connection therewith.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21505 of December 18, 2023, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

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

**A RESOLUTION** awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of on-line legal publications and legal research services for use by various County departments to Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Corporation of Eagan, MN, as a sole source purchase.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21506**, December 18, 2020

**INTRODUCED BY** Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 1030.1, Jackson County Code, 1984, eliminates the requirement for competitive bidding when items to be purchased can be obtained from only one source; and,

WHEREAS, section 1030.1 also requires notification of and approval by the Legislature on such sole source purchases exceeding \$48,800.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance and Purchasing recommends a thirty-six-month term and supply contract with Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Corporation of Eagan, MN, for the furnishing of on-line legal publications and legal research services for use by various County departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance and Purchasing further recommends that he not take competitive bids with regard to said contract for the reason that Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Corporation is the only supplier of its proprietary on-line legal publications and legal research services which best meet the needs of the user agencies; and,



WHEREAS, a thirty-six month contract is recommended to secure the best pricing; and,

WHEREAS, this award is made on an as needed basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any amount, with the availability of funds for specific purchases remaining subject to annual appropriation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that award be made as recommended by the Director of Finance and Purchasing, and that the Director be, and is hereby, authorized to execute for the County any documents necessary to the accomplishment of the award; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to make all payments, including final payment on the contract, to the extent that sufficient appropriations to the using spending agencies are contained in the then current Jackson County budget.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Bryan D. Worsley*

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21506 introduced on December 18, 2023, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases is subject to annual appropriation.

12/04/2023

*Sylvia Stevenson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sylvia Stevenson (Dec 4, 2023 13:50 CST)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer

# Request for Legislative Action

Res. #21506

Sponsor: Megan L. Marshall

Date: December 18, 2023

## Completed by County Counselor's Office

Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	21506
Sponsor(s):	Megan L. Marshall	Legislature Meeting Date:	12/18/2023

## Introduction

**Action Items:** ['Authorize']

**Project/Title:**

Authorizing the award of a 36 month Term and Supply contract for the furnishing of Legal Research services to Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Corporation of Eagan, Minnesota for the use by the County Counselors office, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Department of Corrections as a Sole Source purchase in the estimated annual amount of \$48,800

## Request Summary

The County Counselors Office, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Department of Corrections all require a Term and Supply contract for Legal Research Services. Research by all departments has determined there is no other vendor currently providing these specific services that meet all of the departments criteria.

Pursuant to Section 1030.1 of the Jackson County Code, the Purchasing Department recommends the award of a 36 Month Term and Supply contract for the furnishing of Legal Research services to Thomson Reuters/ West Publishing Corporation of Eagan, Minnesota for the use by the County Counselors Office, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Department of Corrections as a Sole Source Purchase.

## Contact Information

<b>Department:</b>	Finance	<b>Submitted Date:</b>	12/4/2023
<b>Name:</b>	Craig A. Reich	<b>Email:</b>	CReich@jacksongov.org
<b>Title:</b>	Senior Buyer	<b>Phone:</b>	816-881-3265

## Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$ 0		
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$ 0		
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$		
Is it transferring fund?	No		
<b>Single Source Funding:</b>			
<b>Fund:</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Line Item Account:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
			<b>!Unexpected End of Formula</b>

## Request for Legislative Action

Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:
20469	August 3, 2020
20148	April 22, 2019

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	Yes
Chapter 10 Justification:	Sole Source
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	Yes
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	Yes
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	Yes

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
In Compliance	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Sole Source	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.</li> </ul>	

## Request for Legislative Action

### History

Submitted by Finance requestor: Craig A. Reich on 12/4/2023. Comments:

Returned for more information by Department Approver Lisa Honn on 12/4/2023 10:58:15 AM.  
Comments: Returned for Bob per Craig. Lisa Honn

Submitted by Requestor Craig A. Reich on 12/4/2023 11:02:12 AM. Comments: resubmitted with correct dollar amount in introduction

Approved by Department Approver Carl A. Harmon on 12/4/2023 1:27:25 PM. Comments: Approved on behalf of Bob Crutsinger by Carl Harmon.

Approved by Purchasing Office Approver Lisa Honn on 12/4/2023 2:37:43 PM. Comments: Approving for Barbara due to technical issue.

Returned for more information by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 12/4/2023 3:07:37 PM.  
Comments: Vendor not in compliance. Instructions for vendor will be emailed to department

Submitted by Requestor Craig A. Reich on 12/12/2023 1:49:50 PM. Comments: Vendor has completed compliance paperwork/portal

Approved by Department Approver Lisa Honn on 12/12/2023 1:54:38 PM. Comments: Approved on behalf of B Crutsinger due to technical issue. L Honn

Approved by Purchasing Office Approver Lisa Honn on 12/12/2023 1:59:40 PM. Comments: Approved on behalf of B Casamento due to technical issue. L Honn

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 12/12/2023 2:37:42 PM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver David B. Moyer on 12/12/2023 2:43:48 PM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvya Stevenson on 12/12/2023 3:10:11 PM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Jamesia Manning on 12/14/2023 10:05:46 AM. Comments:

MEMORANDUM

September 28, 2023

To: Barbara Casamento

Re: Westlaw Subscription Agreements

I am requesting your approval for a Sole Source contract of a 50 attorney and 50 non-attorney licensing subscription with Westlaw. This subscription will provide the County Counselor's, Prosecuting Attorney's, Executive's, Collector's, and Assessor's Offices with research tools necessary to their operation.

Westlaw is considered a Sole Source vendor for these legal research subscriptions. It is the only company that has the ability to provide unique research sources contained in the proposed subscription agreement, including: multiple databases not available through any other vendor, a litigation library database of all state and federal briefs, trial court filings, trial court orders, jury verdicts and settlements, mediation materials and expert witness materials. Westlaw also offers an expansive selection of Missouri practice materials and guides for both criminal and civil law.

Additionally, Westlaw allows attorneys to upload their legal writing to ensure that the law relied on is accurate and suggests other relevant legal authority to use. Westlaw exclusively provides access to the Missouri Approved Instructions for civil cases and non-attorney licenses. The non-attorney licensed will be provided to paralegals and secretaries in the above listed offices to assist in legal research.

No other company to our knowledge and the Purchasing Department's research, has the ability to provide these commodities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan O. Covinsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bryan O. Covinsky  
County Counselor



**FRANK WHITE, JR.**  
Jackson County Executive

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #23-20**

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE  
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**

**FROM: FRANK WHITE, JR.  
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**DATE: December 13, 2023**

**RE: APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF COLLECTIONS**

RECEIVED

DEC 14 2023

TRK  
10:30am

MARY JO SPINO  
COUNTY CLERK

I hereby appoint Mari Ruck as Director of Collections, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Whitney S. Miller.

Ms. Ruck's resume is attached.

  
Frank White, Jr.,  
Jackson County Executive

Date: 12/13/23



# Mari Ruck

E 62<sup>nd</sup> Terrace  
Kansas City MO 64113

[Ruc!:-head8@gmail.com](mailto:Ruc!:-head8@gmail.com)

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A highly motivated and results driven financial professional with management, accounting, tax administration, and process improvement experience. A proven record of successfully leading government, non-profit and private organizations. I am a change management leader who effectively implements short- and long-term goals to improve the efficiency of organizations. Nationally recognized leader in municipal tax administration.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Problem Solving	Accounting & Tax Administration	Lifelong Learner
Change Management	Leadership	Community Outreach
Project Management	Budgeting	Public Policy
Strategic Planning	Mentoring	Public Speaking

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE**

Oversees the tax administration of over \$1.04 billion in City Taxes used to fund City services including setting the annual tax levy for the City of Kansas City Missouri.

Establishes and ensures that strategic plan is implemented and updated every five years.

Successfully implemented \$15 million tax software to administer the City's fifteen taxes taking the city from a paper driven tax agency to an online agency.

Improved productivity and collections by reorganizing the agency staff to increase efficiencies and fully utilize the new software functionality.

Introduced innovative technology to meet changing tax administration needs including:

- Data matching with IRS records to generate new city revenues of millions in unreported taxes.
- Implemented a data warehouse to improve audit selection.
- Implemented Modernized Electronic Filing of City Earnings Tax.

Routinely updates City Ordinances and Regulations to provide improvements in tax administration and user experiences.

Implemented Plain Language approach to all taxpayer communications (which became adopted as a Citywide program).

- Implemented successful Behavioral Insights random control trials to ensure that taxpayer correspondence is eliciting the desired actions.

Manages staff of 50 FTEs.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, KANSAS CITY MO - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**



Interim CFO ensuring the first successful completion of external financial audit.

**BOSQUE COMPANYY, SHAWNEE KS - OWNER**

Owned and operated a small family specialty food business.

Implemented computerized accounting system.

Designed inventory control system.

Managed all aspects of financial management, risk management, and tax preparation.

**ERNST AND YOUNG, CHICAGO IL - AUDITOR AND SENIOR HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENT CONSULTANT**

Optimized Medicare and Medicaid reporting for large Chicago area hospitals.

Senior auditor on field audits of manufacturing, service, hospitals, and non-profit agencies.

Conducted comprehensive financial audits and internal control evaluations for small to medium size companies.

Prepared federal and state tax returns for audit clients.

**EDUCATION**

**HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL**

Comparative Tax Policy and Administration Certificate

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY**

Master of Public Administration

**JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Associates of Art Degree in Hospitality Management

**OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bachelor of Science Business Administration-  
Concentration in Accounting

**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

2020 Public Employee Recognition Award for Excellence in Public Service (Team Award)

2020 Association of Government Accountants Platinum Chapter Recognition Award

2019 Excellence in Partnership for the IRS Cities Meeting.

2018 Kansas City Industrial Council Sustainability Award (Silver)

2018 & 2016 City of Kansas City Missouri Environmental Achievement Award.

2017 Missouri Municipal League Innovation Award.

**LEADERSHIP**

Current: Kansas City Missouri Homestead Authority Board Member  
University of Missouri Kansas City Public Affairs Advisory Chair  
University of Missouri Kansas City Bloch Advisory Council Board Member  
Association of Government Accountants President  
Midwestern States Association of Tax Administrators Committee Member

Past:

Shawnee Kansas Rotary Club – Board Member

Shawnee Bicycle Advisory Board Member

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