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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

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### County Legislature

*DaRon McGee (4th) 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),  
Jeanie Lauer (5th), Sean E. Smith (6th)*

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**Monday, April 3, 2023**

**3:00 PM**

**Thirteenth Regular Meeting**

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

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DaRon McGee, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

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

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

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

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Sean E. Smith to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 27, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Resolution #21214, #21222 and #21223 were adopted at this time. See pages 4 and 7 for details.*

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

*Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, thanked the Finance and Audit Committee for its recommendation to perfect the Our Healthy Jackson County program. He said it is fitting to have the students from Ruskin High School present on a day when Jackson County is considering a proposal to deal with health disparity and health issues in which sixteen out of every thousand children are dying in many of our communities. The County is moving forward on essential funding that is making a difference. On behalf of the County Executive and on behalf of the members of the community who came to testify today, the Administration is grateful for the Legislature's consideration. These community members have, at every stage of this program, over delivered and done so under budget. The*

*Administration is confident that the continuation of this program will make a difference in the lives of our community. There is no need to delay any longer. This must be done for the children of Jackson County.*

*Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked for an update on the situation in Independence. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said they will likely have a request for legislative action ready for next week to deal with the repairs and clean up costs. The Independence offices continue to remain open without working restrooms and with port-a-potties in place. In an effort to deal with the property tax declaration deadline, the Assessment Department will have Saturday hours available during the third and fourth Saturdays in April. They will not have extended hours this Saturday due to the Easter holiday. Last Saturday, only 44 people took advantage of the expanded hours.*

*Mr. Abarca said his office has received a number of complaints about the Assessment Department. Mr. Schulte said the department continues to struggle with full staffing as well as the ability to handle high traffic at the Historic Truman Courthouse. The facility is not designed to handle the high number of people wanting to do business in Independence. The Downtown Courthouse is better able to handle more customers. Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, asked if it is possible, through the queueing software system to let customers know that the wait time may be long in Independence, but will be much shorter in Kansas City. Mr. Schulte agreed that such a system might be a worthwhile solution. Mr. Schulte said they are encouraging people to go online. Mr. Smith said he would like to have a follow up conversation with Mr. Schulte about some specific complaints regarding Tyler Technology. Mr. Schulte said he is open to that meeting.*

## **6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5718](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to Perfect. Consent Agenda.

*Megan L. Marshall objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5718](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Ordinance #5718.

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, requested a conversation about the reasoning for the motion to hold. Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, said she wants the Legislature to be able to have a discussion with representatives from the public hearing. Sean E. Smith said he does have questions, so if it is put on hold does that mean they cannot ask questions. DaRon McGee, County Legislator, said they will hold it for the next meeting.*

Jeanie Lauer said she is confused. Her understanding from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting was that members of the Legislature will be given the opportunity to ask questions during the full meeting. DaRon McGee said the matter will be up for next week. Megan L. Marshall said if questions are acceptable now, she is fine with that. The purpose of the hold is to have the appropriate amount of time to answer those questions. DaRon McGee said the ordinance will be held this week and give members additional time to ask their questions next week. Jeanie Lauer asked if the Legislature would have that discussion as a hearing. Mr. McGee responded yes. Jeanie Lauer said, so the representatives will be invited back next week under Item 4. Hearings? Mr. McGee said that is correct. Caleb Clifford said the representatives have taken off work this week and it may not be feasible to have everyone back next week to fully respond to questions. Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, asked Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, what is needed to have the discussion now. Mr. Haden said a vote on the motion to hold is required. The motion passed by a roll call vote: Yes: 5 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey  
No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith  
(APPROVED)

[5718](#)

Appropriating \$5,000,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the American Rescue Plan Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC) for the purpose of continuing the Our Healthy KC Eastside program for COVID-19 vaccination and minority health outreach for the calendar year 2023, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.  
*(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)*

[5726](#)

Enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision.  
*(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR JALEN ANDERSON. CONCURRED BY MANUEL ABARCA IV AND DONNA PEYTON.)*

*A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to waive the reading of Ordinance #5727. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

[5727](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the New Detention Center Capital Project Fund as a dedicated special revenue fund within the County's financial system, appropriating \$99,017,979.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the 2023 New Detention Center Capital Project Fund, authorizing the County Executive to execute three contract amendments to the contract with J.E. Dunn-Axiom of Kansas City, MO, for the construction of the new Jackson County Detention Center to cover the guaranteed

maximum price, Component 2 (Site Demolition, Site Development, and Earthwork), and Component 2a (Engineering, Detailing, Mockups, and Early Procurement) at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$99,017,979.00, and declaring the intent of the County to reimburse itself for this expense from future bond proceeds.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)*

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5728](#)

Enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision and an effective date.

*(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MANUEL ABARCA IV. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND DONNA PEYTON.)*

*Ordinance #5731 and Resolution #21227 were adopted at this time. See pages 6 and 8 for details.*

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21209](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21210](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21211](#)

Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21212](#)

Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21214](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21214, congratulating the Ruskin Eagles High School boys basketball team on winning the Greater Kansas City Suburban District Championship. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21215](#) A RESOLUTION congratulating Melodie Chrisman on the occasion of her retirement after more than fifteen years of service to the Community Services League.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)*

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[21209](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of annual software maintenance for use by the Finance and Purchasing Department to Mitchell Humphrey of St. Louis, MO, as a sole-source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$87,310.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21210](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Independence, MO, for the use of certain County property for a civic event, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[21211](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of a backhoe for use by the Public Works Department to CSTK of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Sourcewell Contract No. 040319-JCB, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount \$130,194.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21212](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract on Bid 23-011 for the 2023 Pavement Maintenance Program (Surface Treatments), Project No. 3273, to Vance Brothers, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$470,400.00.

(ADOPTED)

*Resolutions #21209, #21210, #21211, and #21212 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

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

[5729](#) Accepting \$430,593.00 as a reimbursement from the State of Missouri for certain costs of the 2022 general election and appropriating \$50,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 General Fund to be used for salary increases for the staff of the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[5730](#) Appropriating \$280,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 American Rescue Plan Fund to acquire building cleaning supplies, disposable kitchen and dining supplies, and COVID-19 test kits for use by the Department of Corrections in the continued safe operation of the Jackson County Detention Center.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[5731](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #5731. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5731](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5731, enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

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

[21216](#) Transferring \$150,000.00 within the 2023 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to cover funding for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office's 2023 Law Enforcement School-Based Initiative.

*(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)*

[21217](#) Congratulating Dr. Jennifer Collier on her appointment as Superintendent of the Kansas City Public School District.

*(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)*

[21218](#) Transferring \$16,545.00 within the 2023 Sheriff's Revolving Fund for the purchase and installation of emergency equipment on a DWI Traffic Unit vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office, through an existing County term and supply vendor.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21219](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of ten full-size SUVs for use by the Sheriff's Office to Landmark Dodge of Independence, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC222374008, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$396,280.00.

*(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)*

[21220](#) Transferring \$24,864.00 within the 2023 Sheriff's Revolving Fund for the purchase of safety equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21221](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21221, appointing DaRon McGee as a member and Megan L. Marshall as an alternate member to the Mid-America Regional Council Board of Directors. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21222](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21222, recognizing the 2023 inductees to the Starr Women's Hall of Fame. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21223](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #21223, recognizing the first Wednesday of each April as the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault's "Start by Believing Day" in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21224](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21224, recognizing Deborah Mann and her life-long contributions to the Southeast Kansas City community and dedication to meeting the needs of children and families. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21225](#)

Recognizing the risk and negative impacts of overreliance on property taxes to fund critical governmental functions.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[21226](#)

Expressing support for equitable property taxes.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[21227](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21227, transferring \$4,000.00 within the 2023 General Fund and requesting the Director of Communications to contract for the publication of notice of the adoption of the County's ban on conversion therapy. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Jeanie Lauer said Wednesday evening, April 5, 2023, is the last Assessment Department community meeting. It is at the Mid-Continent Public Library on 23rd Street in Independence at 5:30 p.m. She reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day. Every election day is an important day. There are many council races and other measures on the ballot in each jurisdiction throughout the County.



Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, expressed his most sincere thanks to the legislative body for passing the conversion therapy ban ordinance. He appreciates all of the work that was done. He sent out a press release and email apologizing for his actions on March 20th. He wants to publicly acknowledge that the Legislature has shown great strength. They have saved many children through this action. The Legislature may have public disagreements, but their aides get great credit for their hard work behind the scenes, especially by the Legislative Aides for his office, Manuel Abarca's office, and Donna Peyton's office.

## 15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*The next legislative meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*