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County Legislature

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

Monday, June 30, 2025

3:00 PM

Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, 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 Donna Peyton to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 18, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White Jr., County Executive, was not present.

Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said there was nothing to report.

Questions and discussion between Legislators Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Jeanie Lauer, Sean E. Smith and Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment, Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff and Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer. The topics discussed were: a change to bilingual pay and it no longer being available to non-merit employees, errors with commercial assessments, refund opportunities for taxpayers due to the STC

ruling, the creation of the Senior Tax Commission, changing BOE deadlines and what entity has that authority, and questions about tracking short term rental notices.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

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 - 29th Perfection)

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said Ordinance #5904 fixes previous legislation relating to firearms in light of the recent lawsuit. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, agreed.

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.

(Legislature As A Whole - 10th Perfection)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to perfect Ordinance #5969, The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(PERFECTED)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5969, appropriating \$75,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of creating a new position in the COMBAT Administration Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

AN ORDINANCE enacting subsection 24005.26., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to wedding and events facilities within the unincorporated areas of Jackson County.

(Legislature As A Whole - 7th. Perfection)

5980

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #5980, The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(PERFECTED)

There were questions and discussion from Legislators Sean E. Smith and Manuel Abarca IV with Deloris Wells, Deputy Director of Administration for the Department of Corrections and Diana Knapp, Director of Corrections regarding scores that were incorrectly recorded during the bid process.

5980

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5980, appropriating \$387,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 General Fund and awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of food management services to Aramark Correctional Services of Philadelphia, PA, for use by the Jackson County Detention Center under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-072. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

5982

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5578., Jackson County Code, 1984 related to discrimination in public accommodation.

(Health and Environment Committee - 6th. Perfection)

Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, distributed the Anti-Crime Substitute for Ordinance 5983 and explained the changes.

5983

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to approve the Anti-Crime Committee Substitute dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5983. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

- A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to perfect the Anti-Crime Committee Substitute dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5983. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(PERFECTED)

- A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt the Anti-Crime Committee Substitute dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5983, enacting section 5228., and subsections 5210.24., 5210.25., and 5210.26 of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of off-road vehicles on surface streets and providing penalties for violations. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey to perfect Ordinance #5989. The motion passed by a voice vote.
 - Yes: 6 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
 - No: 3 Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(PERFECTED)

- A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Ordinance #5989, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 6 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
 - No: 3 Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

The Finance and Audit Committee recommended perfection of Ordinance 5990.

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to hold Ordinance 5990. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 2 - Manuel Abarca IV and Sean E. Smith

<u>5990</u> Establishing a commercial property assessment rate cap in Jackson County, Missouri

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Comments made by Bryan Covinsky regarding Ordinance 5991.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Finance and Audit Committee Amendment dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5991, to delete the word "commercial" in the heading, and in paragraphs one, two and four on page one and in SECTION 1 on page 2. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

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

(ADOPTED)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to perfect the Finance and Audit Committee Amendment dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5991, amending the deadline for property assessment appeals in Jackson County, Missouri. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

No: 4 - Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 2 - DaRon McGee and Charlie Franklin

(FAILED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

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 - 49th Meeting)

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 - 35th Meeting)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.

(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 6th. Meeting)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21922, instructing the Legislative Auditor to prepare a Request for Proposal for an advisory consultant to the Board of Equalization. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to implement a temporary moratorium on foreclosure proceedings and tax lien sales against residential property owners affected by the 2023 Jackson County property reassessment cycle.

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Meeting)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21934, awarding a split twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of heavy equipment rental for use by various County departments to Road Builders Machinery and Supply Co., Inc., of Kansas City, KS, and H&E Equipment Services, Inc., of Baton Rouge, LA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-009. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21937, authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a Planned Service Agreement addendum with Johnson Controls, Inc., including two one-year options to extend, for use by the Parks + Rec Department at the Ft. Osage Education Center, at an additional cost to the County in the amount of \$9,560.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

<u>21938</u>	Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>21939</u>	Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
21940	Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of bottled water and dispenser services for use by various County departments to Metro Pure Water, LLC of Smithville, MO and DS Services of America dba Primo Water North America of Mableton, GA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-079.

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-one-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) supplies, equipment, and related products and services for use by various County departments to Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, of Mooresville, NC under the terms and conditions of Lowe's OMNIA Partners Cooperative Program Contract No. R240805, an existing government contract.

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of fuel dispensing equipment services for use by various County departments to Petroleum Equipment, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-078.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions 21938, 21939 and 21940 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Floor Amendment dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5992, to delete the phrase "June 30th of the year following their initial credit year" and insert the date "August 31st." in paragraph "b." on page 2. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

- A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to perfect the Floor Amendment dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5992, repealing subsection 2066.7., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject. The motion carried by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(PERFECTED)

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt the Floor Amendment dated June 30, 2025 for Ordinance #5992, repealing subsection 2066.7., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 9 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(APPROVED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Awarding a thirty-four-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of uniform and facility rental products and other services for use by various County departments to UniFirst (Clean Uniform) of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011124-UFC, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

21946	Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract with two
	twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of portable outdoor toilet
	rentals for use by the various County Departments to ORI Outdoor
	Restrooms of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation
	to Bid No. 25-008.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

Awarding a forty-five-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of body armor with related accessories, equipment, and services for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 091924, an existing competitively bid contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

Awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of public safety uniforms for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011124, an existing competitively bid contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of paint and painting supplies for use by various County departments to PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc. of Columbia, MO and Sherwin Williams of Cleveland, OH, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-003.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Resolution #21950, awarding a contract for the maintenance of software for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Granicus of St. Paul, MN, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$47,983.00 for 2025, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

21951

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21951, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, June 30, 2025, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

Declaring a certain County-owned vehicle as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21953, awarding a contract for the furnishing of appointment management software for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Q-Less Software of Pasadena, CA, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$9,450.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21954, awarding a contract for video closed captioning services for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Granicus of St. Paul, MN, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$27,554.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call

vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

Nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2030.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

21956

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of four new vehicles for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force to Corwin Motors of Springfield, MO and Corwin Ford Lincoln Republic of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138001-011, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$196,634.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

No objection to the consideration of Resolutions 21957 and 21958 - not on printed agenda.

21957

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21957, approving the settlement for the claim of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance v. County of Jackson, Missouri Case No. 25JO-AC00162, for a total payment by the County of \$10,439.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

21958

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21958, approving the settlement for the claim of Brittany Simek v. County of Jackson, Missouri Case No. 4:24-CV-00457-DGK, for a total payment by the County of \$250,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

25-11 I hereby make the following reappointment to the Freedom Wall Commission:

Karen Slaughter is reappointed with a term set to expire September 21, 2027.

Discussion regarding the reappointment to the Freedom Wall Commission.

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith to disapprove County Executive Order 25-11. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

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

County Executive Order 25-11 was disapproved.

<u>25-12</u> I hereby make the following interim appointments:

Gina Campbell is appointed as the Interim Director of Human Resources, to serve until the appointment of a permanent Director.

Karey Shulze is appointed as the Interim Director of Collection until the return of current Director Scott Lakin, who is on leave.

The County Legislature went into closed session at this time. See **New Business** below.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regarding Resolution 21955, Jalen Anderson asked what party affiliation is needed to replace the vacancy on the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

DaRon McGee replied Democrat.

Sean E. Smith said the County Legislature is moving as diligently as possible with regards to the recall election. He asked the Clerk of the County Legislature to read the letter received today from the Kansas City and Jackson County Election Boards. Mary Jo Spino read aloud the certification letter for the recall petitions.

Mr. Smith said there is a 60 day deadline to place this issue on the ballot to ensure the voice of the voters is heard.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution 21951. The closed meeting may be followed by the introduction and adoption of a Resolution in open session to authorize the settlement of a legal action, cause of action, or litigation matter.

The County Legislature went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolutions 21957 and 21958 were introduced and adopted at this time. See page 11 for details.

Unfinished Business was take up at this time. See page 12 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 7, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.