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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Scott Burnett (1st) Chair, Alfred Jordan (2nd) Vice Chair,  
Garry J. Baker (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),  
Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater III (4th), Greg Grounds (5th),  
Theresa Galvin (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
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**Monday, May 7, 2018**

**2:30 PM**

**Nineteenth Regular Meeting**

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

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Scott Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

**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 Dennis Waits to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on April 30, 2018. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Colonel Ben Kenney with the Sheriff's Department presented a 10 year service pin to Jennifer Cook, Courthouse Security Officer.*

**4 HEARINGS**

*Public Hearing regarding Ordinance #5093, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the primary election to be held on August 7, 2018, six questions to amend the Jackson County Charter.*

*Scott Burnett opened the public hearing.*

*Greg Grounds, County Legislator, said that he wanted to clear up any misconceptions about this ordinance. He stated that this vote to change the Charter will put this matter on the ballot and let the people make the decision as to changes to the Charter. He said to not vote for this ordinance betrays the public's trust.*

*Jalen Anderson of Blue Springs, Missouri, spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He objected to Charter Amendments without public input. He believes a charter review commission is a more appropriate action to amend the Charter.*

*Greg Grounds stated that the discussions about amending the Charter came out of disputes between the Legislature and the County Executive. He said that through that process it became clear that changes to the Charter to clarify certain sections were needed.*

*Dennis Waits, County Legislator, said that the members of the Legislature collectively have many years of experience that have brought them to these recommendations.*

*Greg Grounds said that the current salaries exclude many people. He said that almost everyone would be able to run for office under the proposed changes. He said that having a low salary means that only wealthy people can run for office.*

*Jalen Anderson concluded his remarks, stating that he overwhelmingly disagrees with this proposal. He thinks that elected officials should raise employee's salaries before ever considering raising their own salaries. He stated that historically term limits have not fixed any problems that they were intended to fix. He said many citizens are unaware of what is going on and he feels this is wrong.*

*Since no one else was present to speak for or against Ordinance #5093, Scott Burnett closed the public hearing.*

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

*None.*

**6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5092](#)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

*Discussion regarding Ordinance #5093.*

*Crystal Williams said that she has concerns about this issue being on the August ballot when, at the same time, we will have the nomination of a new Sheriff on that same ballot.*

*Dennis Waits stated that those candidates running for Sheriff will be able to address the issue of jail management. The candidates will know about this matter up front.*

*Greg Grounds said that he believes it is better to have a person with a law enforcement background managing the jail.*

*Crystal Williams said that she has concerns about the salary increase provisions of this ordinance.*

*Greg Grounds said that part of his motivation for putting forth this measure was because the last time he ran for office, he had no opposition. He believes that incumbents are seen as unbeatable.*

*Scott Burnett stated that he is not in favor of increasing legislator's pay, but agrees that by doing so, more people may be attracted to run for a position on the County Legislature.*

*Alfred Jordan, County Legislator, stated that he was in favor of having a charter review commission to make recommendations for amending the Charter.*

*A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Tony Miller to omit all of the language in Ordinance #5093 changing the salaries of elected officials.*

*Discussion.*

*Crystal Williams withdrew her motion.*

[5093](#)

A motion was made by Greg Grounds, seconded by Dennis Waits to perfect Ordinance #5093. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5093](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Greg Grounds, to adopt Ordinance #5093 submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the primary election to be held on August 7, 2018, six questions to amend the Jackson County Charter. The motion passed by a roll call vote:  
Yes: 6 - Garry Baker, Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin  
No: 3 - Crystal Williams, Tony Miller and Alfred Jordan

(ADOPTED)

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

*None.*

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[19846](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[19847](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[19848](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[19849](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[19850](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5092](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing section 9501., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Freedom Memorial Wall Commission and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

(PERFECTED)

[19846](#) A RESOLUTION partially rescinding Resolution 19786, dated March 26, 2018, and awarding a three-year contract for the maintenance of HVAC equipment to Johnson Controls, Inc., of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions set forth in U.S. General Services Administration Contract No. GS-06F-0060P, an existing government contract, at an actual first-year cost to the County not to exceed \$7,396.00.

(ADOPTED)

[19847](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$4,200.00 within the 2018 General Fund to cover the cost of wellness initiative awards for participating County associates.

(ADOPTED)

[19848](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute cooperative agreements with certain municipalities within Jackson County for the purpose of funding their 2018 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and related programs, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$1,135,463.00.

(ADOPTED)

[19849](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain agencies funded by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2018 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 \$1,402,769.00.

(ADOPTED)

[19850](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$125,000.00 within the 2018 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain agencies funded by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2018 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 \$125,000.00

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5092 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.  
Resolutions #19846, #19847, #19848, #19849 and #19850 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

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

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

## 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5094](#) Repealing Schedule IV to Chapter 2, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the salaries of County associates not within the Merit System, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject.  
*(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)*

[5095](#) A motion was made by Alfred Jordan, seconded by Dan Tarwater III to perfect Ordinance #5095. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5095](#) A motion was made by Alfred Jordan, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5095, appropriating \$1,232.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Special Road and Bridge Fund in acceptance of insurance proceeds for the repair of a damaged sign for use by the Sheriff's Office. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5096](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Alfred Jordan to perfect Ordinance #5096. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5096](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Alfred Jordan, to adopt Ordinance #5096, appropriating \$15,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Grant Fund in acceptance of an additional grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program for use by the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

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

[19852](#)

Transferring \$15,245.00 within the 2018 Park Fund to cover the cost of repair and replacement of fencing at the neighborhood park at 35th and Wabash, Kansas City, MO.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[19853](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19853, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018, 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: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Stephen Nixon, County Counselor, indicated that there would be legislation to act on after the closed meeting.*

[19854](#)

A motion was made by Alfred Jordan, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Resolution #19854, transferring \$194,108.00 within the 2018 General Fund to cover the cost of continuing repairs and maintenance within the Jackson County Detention Center. The motion passed by a roll call vote:  
Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Brian Gaddie, Director of Public Works, explained Resolution #19854.*

[19855](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Dennis Waits, to adopt Resolution #19855, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$7,600.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:  
Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[19856](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Resolution #19856, authorizing the Department of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Kansas City Symphony for the 2018 Celebration at the Station event to be held May 27, 2018. The motion passed by a roll call vote:  
Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*The County Legislature went into closed session.*

*The County Legislature reconvened.*

*No objection to the consideration of Resolution #19857 - not on printed agenda.*

[19857](#)

A motion was made by Garry J. Baker, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19857, authorizing the County Counselor to settle the employment claim of Christine Lynde in the case styled Christine Lynde v. Jackson County, Missouri, No. 1516-CV25920, now pending in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, for a mutual release of claims, at no actual cost to the County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dennis Waits

(ADOPTED)

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Closed meeting per Resolution #19853.

Resolution #19857 was adopted at this time. See above for details.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, May 14, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.*