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*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)*

Monday, July 17, 2023

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, 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 Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 10, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolutions #21343, #21344, and #21345 were adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, requested information from the Administration regarding the step-by-step process of conducting the reassessment, including how the staff and contractors visited all 300,000 parcels in the County. Additionally, he requested information on what the Administration thinks could have been done differently to make the process better. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said they would put something together.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, requested information from Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, regarding the status of reviewing SB190. Bryan Covinsky said staff is still reviewing the bill. They have conferred

with other Missouri counties. Most are hoping the Missouri General Assembly will clean up the bill next year. Many people believe enacting the bill will result in heated lawsuits and litigation by school districts and other jurisdictions.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the process for taxpayers to make a Sunshine request of the Assessment Department regarding how the department determined their value. Bryan Covinsky said the Assessment Department responds to its own Sunshine requests. Theresa Bullington, Assistant County Counselor, said she handles the GovQA software system the County uses for Sunshine requests. The law states there must be a response within three days, but when a request will take longer than three days, the law allows the County to provide an estimate of how long the request will take. Assessment Department staff have notified those requests that it will take 30 days to respond. The system has had 487 requests in the last three days. A total of 1,900 requests have been submitted through the system.

Sean Smith, County Legislator, asked if a taxpayer waives their right to an appeal, do they still receive notice of the hearing date. Theresa Bullington said they do. Mr. Smith said he does not think it is fair for appellants to not receive information and comps used to determine their value prior to the hearing. Mr. Covinsky said the appellants have the opportunity to present their evidence at the hearing. Both sides are given consideration by the Board of Equalization in its decision process. Troy Schulte said appellants can ask for a continuance and that will normally be granted.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about issues with the phone. Mr. Schulte said there have been ongoing issues with the phone system, setting extended hours and other customer service problems. Tyler Technologies stopped handling customer service on July 10, so now the County has a better opportunity to control the customer service aspects. Venessa Huskey, County Legislator, asked about assistance for senior citizens. Mr. Schulte said the County will do whatever is needed to assist senior citizens who have issues with technology or attending a hearing.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, asked if fees were being assessed against people making Sunshine requests through GovQA. Theresa Bullington responded that the Assessment Department has not assessed any fees for its requests.

Manuel Abarca IV asked the Administration what its standard for excellence is. Mr. Schulte said they continue to get things corrected as fast as possible. They experienced a compression issue when the value data was late coming from the contractor. They had hoped to have a four to five month process to review values. That timeframe was compressed.

Mr. Abarca asked about the options to hold back payment on the contract with Tyler Technologies. Mr. Schulte said he would review the contract and explore their options.

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, asked about the staff vacancies in Assessment and the Board of Equalization. Mr. Schulte said the Assessment department needs 30 to 40 more staff, including commercial appraisers, which is a highly specialized field. Right now, the County only has two commercial appraisers, including Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5765](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 5400. and 5410., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the building code, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.
(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5766](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5767](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 ARPA Fund for the purpose of construction improvements and furnishings of the 1300 Washington Administration Building at a cost of \$17,000,000.00, and for improvements to the second floor of the Downtown Courthouse at a cost of \$4,000,000.00 and the Historic Truman Courthouse at a cost of \$2,000,000.00.
(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5749](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21323](#) A RESOLUTION expressing support of the Legislature for Missouri State Bill 190 for potential real property tax relief and overall support for equitable property taxes.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21325](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21326](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21327](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

- [21328](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21329](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21330](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Rules Committee Amendment dated July 17, 2023 for Resolution #21330, to delete the phrase "so long as, at the time of the request, no current sponsor or co-sponsor objects", after the word "co-sponsor" in Rule Sixteen, paragraph A on page 2 and in Rule Nineteen, paragraph A on page 3. The motion passed by voice vote.
- [21330](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt the Rules Committee Amendment dated July 17, 2023 for Resolution #21330, amending Rules of the Jackson County Legislature 16, 19, and 22 relating to sponsorship. 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
- No: 1 - Sean E. Smith
- (ADOPTED)
- [21331](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21332](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21333](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21334](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to request that the Board of Equalization extend the appeals deadline for real property valuation to allow taxpayers adequate time to file their appeals and to allow time for the taxing jurisdictions to consider rolling back their respective levies.
- (Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)*
- [21335](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21337](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21338](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [5766](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring to and appropriating from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of

overtime expenses associated with a joint drug investigation "Operation Twisted Tiger."

(PERFECTED)

[5749](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$400,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 County Improvement Fund for the purpose of providing additional project management services for the ongoing Workday implementation project.

(ADOPTED)

[21325](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of ten Stalker DSR 2- Antenna dash mount radar units for use by the Sheriff's Office to Applied Concepts, Inc. of Richardson, TX, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC191825006, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$29,950.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21326](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council of Kansas City, MO, for the purpose of conducting a County 911 System Needs Assessment, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$200,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21327](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$20,754.00 within the 2023 Parks Enterprise Fund and awarding a contract to purchase an aerator to John Deere & Company of Cary, NC under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract 031121-DAC, an existing competitively bid government contract for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(ADOPTED)

[21328](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC services for use by various County departments to U.S. Engineering Service, LLC of Kansas City, MO and Emcor Services Fagan of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-015.

(ADOPTED)

[21329](#) A RESOLUTION 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.
(ADOPTED)

[21331](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of batteries for boats, turf equipment, auto, and heavy equipment for use by various County departments to Factory Motor Parts of Kansas City, MO, DSR Partners dba Batteries Plus Bulbs of Independence, MO and RKJ Batteries, Inc. of Agency, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-040.
(ADOPTED)

[21332](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of thirty-eight boats and two boat trailers for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$1,270,618.00.
(ADOPTED)

[21333](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of software maintenance services for the COMBAT website to CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$10,554.00, as a sole source purchase.
(ADOPTED)

[21335](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$11,357.00 within the 2023 Inmate Security Fund and awarding a contract to Precision Dynamics Corp, DBA PDC IDenticard of Valencia, CA, for the clincher identification wristbands and supportive equipment for use by the Detention Center, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$11,357.00, as a sole source purchase.
(ADOPTED)

[21337](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of car wash and detailing services for use by various County departments to Cable Dahmer Automotive of Lee's Summit, MO, Rynse Inc. of Santa Monica, CA, and Tidal Wave Auto Spa of Thomaston, GA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-001.
(ADOPTED)

[21338](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Declaration of Restrictive Covenant with University Health relating to the construction of a new exterior canopy, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5766 was sent to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinance #5749, Resolution #21325, #21326, #21327, #21328, #21329, #21331, #21332, #21333, #21335, #21337, and #21338 were sent to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5768](#) Appropriating \$25,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[5769](#) Appropriating \$3,000,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the 2023 Health Fund in acceptance of funds from the opioid class action legal settlement and authorizing the County Executive to enter into an agreement with University Health for the purpose of constructing a new opioid treatment center.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21340](#) Transferring \$117,460.00 within the 2023 General Fund to cover a one-time cost to implement C1CX a contact infrastructure for the Jackson County Circuit Court.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[21341](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Jackson County Historical Society for record archiving services, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$36,000.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21342](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey,

to adopt Resolution #21342, authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute the First Amendment to the Training Program Agreement with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) of Kansas City, MO, to conduct a training workshop for the County Legislature and legislative staff, at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$4,000.00. 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)

[21343](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21343, honoring Dr. Crystal E. Kelley, for her military service in the U.S. Marine Corps and her tireless advocacy for veterans victimized by the water contamination crisis at MCB Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. 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)

No objection to the consideration of Resolutions #21344 and #21345 - not on printed agenda.

[21344](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21344, recognizing Dawn Hickman and Rebeca Amezcua-Hogan for their service as mentors and leaders for the ProX Legislative Internship Program. 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)

[21345](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21345, congratulating Mary M. Williams on the occasion of her 95th birthday celebration. 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)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV asked the County Counselor's office to draft a resolution with regard to Tyler Technologies as was discussed in the meeting.

DaRon McGee said several legislators will be attending the National Association of Counties Conference on Monday, July 24, 2023 so he suggested canceling the legislative meeting.

A motion was made by Megan Marshall, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, July 24, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Jeanie Lauer asked if the Legislative workshops scheduled for July 27 and July 28 will be considered Legislative meetings. DaRon McGee said they will. After the meeting it was clarified that the workshops will be noticed up as meetings in compliance with Missouri Sunshine Law, but there will be no business conducted at the workshops and this event will not count toward the required 48 regular meetings of the Legislature.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 31, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.