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*Dan Tarwater III (4th) Chairman,
Ronald E. Finley (2nd) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Charlie Franklin (3rd),
Jeanie Lauer (5th), Theresa Cass Galvin (6th)*

Monday, October 4, 2021

10:00 AM

Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting

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

Ronald E. Finley, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent 1 - Dan Tarwater III

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on September 27, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said over the last month and a half there have been many different opinions regarding the mask mandate. This week there are 472 new COVID cases and 11 deaths. When the County Executive's mask mandate originally went into effect there were over 1,500 people a week testing positive for COVID. The death rate was tripling the rate it is today. This shows that the masks are effective. The number of cases is going down. Misinformation has been distributed by the Heartlander News, which compared case rates in Jackson County and Johnson County, Kansas. The Jackson County Health Department only covers those areas outside of Kansas City and Independence, which have their own health departments. Additionally, Johnson County has 67.8% of its residents vaccinated compared with 45.2% of Jackson County residents. The largest group of new cases is among people under the age of 18. The fact is that the mask mandate is working to slow the spread of

COVID. This is not about receiving federal funds. Jackson County has more cases and therefore, has received more funding.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, said he has no interest in interfering with anyone's livelihood, but he is interested in keeping children in schools. School is where children are educated, where they get nutrition, and where abuse is reported. If people cannot go to work because their children are in quarantine, the local economy will suffer. Wearing a mask is a short-term response to keeping our children in school. If two children are near each other and one tests positive and both are wearing masks, then only the child that tests positive must quarantine. Mr. Miller invited Dr. David Buck, Superintendent of the Lee's Summit School District, to address how this issue impacts the school district. Dr. Buck said last November the school district had over 1,000 people in quarantine. They were unable to find substitute teachers. It was a dire situation. The number of quarantines is reduced this year under the current mask orders. The district identified that positive cases stem from two situations: the lunchroom and recess where masks are not worn. Most cases this year are students since about 90% of the adults are vaccinated. In-person learning matters as well as the safety net issues of abuse reporting and providing nutrition services.

Bridgette Shaffer, Director of the Jackson County Health Department, presented an update on the current COVID trends in Jackson County. A copy of her presentation is available at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=896974&GUID=55B11DA8-28F4-4239-8442-A8B44C53C570&Options>.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said she is concerned about partnering with area school districts to help keep children from getting sick. Children's Mercy Hospital has had issues with COVID cases among children in its ICU and regular wards. COVID is extremely dangerous for children as well as adults.

Resolution #20781 was adopted at this time. See page 7 for details.

Josh Garry, Garry and Associates, presented an update regarding the renewal of the County's group benefits plans. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the Administration is asking for these plans to be approved today to have information available in time for open enrollment. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said in the future she is requesting these matters be available earlier to allow the Legislature to fully vet the proposals.

Mr. Garry said all benefits have remained the same. They have added two coverages for fertility treatments and gender dysphoria. They are at a 6% renewal for 2022 and a guarantee of no more than 6% renewal for 2023. For dental is at 8% renewal with no guarantee in the second year. Michelle Chrisman said there are 300 participants in the HMO plan, 226 participants in the PPO plan, 187 participants in the high deductible HSA plan, 261 participants in the EPO plan with Blue Select Network and no SpiraCare, 82 participants in the EPO plan with Blue Select Network and SpiraCare, 205 participants in the high deductible HSA with SpiraCare, and 10 participants in the St. Luke's EPO high performance plan. Ms. Chrisman said there is a new Medicare Advantage plan offered for retirees with Medicare Part A and Part B.

Tony Miller asked about the ability for employees to go to University Health (formerly Truman Medical Centers) at a lower rate. Josh Garry said employees can go to University Health including satellite locations at certain HyVee stores. Ms. Chrisman said this plan is still available under the Truman Advantage Plan.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5545](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.

Charlie Frankliin objected to the Consent Agenda.

[5545](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Scott Burnett to perfect Ordinance #5545. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5545](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Ordinance #5545, appropriating \$5,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to support the Jackson County Health Department, allow the continued employment of contact tracers, increase vaccination efforts and availability, and pay other costs necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic through the end of 2021. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[5548](#) Budget Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20760](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$28,000.00 within the 2021 Sheriff's Revolving Fund to provide for necessary security enhancements and upgraded windows at the Sheriff's Office's General Headquarters building from an existing County term and supply vendor.
(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[20768](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20769](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20770](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt.

Ronald E. Finley objected to the Consent Agenda.

[20770](#) A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Resolution #20770, authorizing the County Administrator to execute ten-year Master Equity Lease and Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., of Merriam, KS, for fleet management and rental services under State of Missouri Contract No. CC192595001, at no cost to the County for 2021, and a cost to the County for 2022 not to exceed \$1,622,422.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

No: 1 - Ronald E. Finley

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[20772](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5548](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$240,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Health Fund, to cover unanticipated budgetary shortfalls within the Medical Examiner's Office.

(PERFECTED)

[20768](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing a twelve-month extension and Addendum to the term and supply contract for the furnishing of inmate pay telephone services for use by the Department of Corrections with Securus Technologies of Dallas, TX, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 71-16.

(ADOPTED)

[20769](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$44,000.00 within the 2021 General Fund for a reallocation of budgeted funds within the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court's budget.

(ADOPTED)

[20772](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Environmental Covenant for the Rock Island Rail Corridor, and authorizing a one-time payment to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for long-term stewardship of the Rock Island Corridor, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$15,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5548 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Resolutions #20768, #20769 and #20772 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Scott Burnett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5549](#) Appropriating \$72,171.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to fund the acquisition of video conferencing equipment, software, and maintenance for use by the Sheriff's Office and Department of Corrections, to provide for greater social distancing for inmates during professional visits and court appearances, in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[5550](#) Appropriating \$12,082.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 General Fund representing a payment from the United States Marshals Service for overtime salaries and office supplies.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

The Chairman reassigned Ordinances #5551 and #5552 from the Budget Committee to the Finance and Audit Committee after the legislative meeting adjourned.

[5551](#) Appropriating \$46,429.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the State of Missouri Drug Courts Coordinating Commission Family Drug Court Program Grant for use by the Family Court Division.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[5552](#) Appropriating \$80,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund, in acceptance of additional grant funds received by the Family Court Division from the State of Missouri Division of Youth Services.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[5553](#) Appropriating \$98,100.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund and awarding a contract for the design and construction of a new bridge in connection with Federal Project No. BRO-B048(59), Stoenner Road Bridge, County Project No. 3247, to Anderson Engineering, of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$98,100.00.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20773](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #20773, authorizing a twelve-month extension to the term and supply contract with FCL Dental of Sugarland, TX, for associate group dental insurance under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 27-19. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[20774](#)

Awarding a twelve-month contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of restorative justice program services for use by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to the Center for Conflict Resolution of Kansas City, Missouri, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$25,000.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[20775](#)

Transferring \$27,000.00 within the 2021 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, to cover unanticipated budgetary shortfalls within the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20776](#)

Designating the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Kansas City, d/b/a Visit KC as the official Jackson County, Missouri, Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the Missouri Division of Tourism's Cooperative Marketing Program, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[20777](#)

Transferring \$16,571.00 within the 2021 Assessment Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a twelve-month Office Services Agreement with two twelve-month options to extend for the lease of office space for use by the Assessment Department with 1301 Oak Level Office, LLC, dba Expansive, formerly Novel Coworking of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 43-21.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20778](#)

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #20778, congratulating the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law on the 125th Anniversary of its founding. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[20779](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #20779, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of employee group dental insurance coverage as an employee benefit for use Countywide to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, MO, pursuant to the recommendation of the County's benefits broker, Garry and Associates. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[20780](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #20780, awarding a twelve-month extension to the term and supply contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, MO, for employee group health insurance under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-19. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[20781](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Resolution #20781, extending the County's current mask mandate order for the health and safety of its citizens until November 7, 2021. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett and Charlie Franklin

No: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

[20782](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Resolution #20782, transferring \$139,700.00 within the 2021 County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract for the furnishing of law enforcement night vision equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office to Steele Industries, Inc., of Sarasota, FL, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 38-21, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$139,700.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Dan Tarwater III

(ADOPTED)

Tony Miller said this resolution is for the safety of the residents of the County and law enforcement personnel. Sgt. Doug Blodgett, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, said as part of the emergency response team he realized the shortage of equipment, particularly regarding executing measures in the night, which presents safety concerns and the ability to recognize people in low light situations. Night vision optics allows law enforcement to recognize everything within their field of vision whether it is a weapon or a cell phone.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, thanked Angie Jeffries, Director of the Communications Department, for her work with the Walktober event held on Sundays during October.

Jeanie Lauer reported that the statewide gas tax went in effect on October 1, 2021. Refunds of this 2.5 cent per gallon gas tax may be filed by keeping gasoline receipts and reporting the expense to the State of Missouri. Ronald E. Finley asked the Administration to include links for the gas tax reimbursement on the Jackson County website.

Tony Miller said the Sheriff's Office is assisting a local jurisdiction which had

communications issues by donating equipment to facilitate improved emergency communications.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Tony Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.