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County Legislature

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

Monday, August 10, 2026

3:00 PM

Thirtieth Regular Meeting

**Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative
Chambers**

Donna Peyton, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith,
Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to
approve the journal of the previous meeting held on August 03, 2026. The
motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Public hearing regarding Resolution #22367, authorizing the County
Executive to take necessary preliminary steps to facilitate the issuance of
Special Obligation Bonds for improvements to University Health facilities
and services.

Charlie Shields, CEO of University Health, testified in favor of the resolution.

Resolution #22367 was adopted at this time. See page 6 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive, was present and made the following report:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Audit is completed. Next Monday,
there will be a presentation to the Legislature of the findings.

Currently, there is Opioid Settlement money that has not been used or distributed. Also, there is currently no accounting for yearly projections of the fund which is an issue found in the audit.

Chairman Peyton asked for an update regarding the Senior Tax Levy Board. The County Executive said the Board has been appointed and he should be meeting with them in a few weeks. Legislator Sean E. Smith asked for the Board to meet with the Legislative Auditor to advise on their spending plan. Mr. LeVota agreed.

To view details from this section of the journal, click on the link below and select the video of the County Legislative meeting dated Monday, August 10, 2026.

<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

6050

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect Ordinance #6050 prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their faces or badges during performance of their official duties and establishing penalties and exemptions.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 1 - Jalen Anderson

No: 3 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith and Megan L. Smith

Abstain: 2 - Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin

Absent: 2 - Manuel Abarca IV and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(FAILED)

Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, reiterated the previous opinion issued by his office regarding Ordinance #6050. If adopted, it could possibly subject Jackson County to ongoing litigation. Also, given the current precedents established in courts nationwide, it would also negatively impact the County financially.

6077

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 6004., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to standards for care and treatment in Jackson County residential facilities with a severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 19th Perfection)

[6091](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #6091 submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a general election to be held on November 3, 2026, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of one half of one percent for public transportation purposes.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 0

No: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(FAILED)

[6097](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the position of Legislative Intern within the Office of the Jackson County Legislature and setting forth provisions governing the appointment, supervision, and employment of Legislative Interns.

(Legislature As A Whole - 11th Perfection)

[6105](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 1030. and 1040. of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to competitive bidding, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6109](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect Ordinance #6109. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6109](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #6109 appropriating \$32,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with a certain outside agency which is engaged in anti-crime, anti-violence, drug prevention and treatment activities, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$32,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[6110](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect Ordinance #6110. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6110](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Ordinance #6110 transferring and appropriating \$18,758.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund, to properly account for the receipt of insurance proceeds relating to damage of a Parks + Rec Department flatbed truck. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[6111](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to perfect Ordinance #6111. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6111](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Ordinance #6111 appropriating \$82,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 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 for funding of undercover duties, purchases, and vehicles. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22323](#) A RESOLUTION directing the County Executive, the Department of Public Works, and all appropriate County departments and agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive framework governing the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of artificial intelligence and high-capacity data center facilities within Jackson County, Missouri, and establishing conditions necessary to protect public infrastructure, utility systems, environmental resources, public safety, and neighboring communities.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

[22355](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22355 authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department related to the maintenance of the parks facilities within the County's Park System.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 0

No: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(DEFEATED)

[22357](#) A RESOLUTION establishing the Jackson County Housing Trust Fund to support the development, preservation, rehabilitation, and accessibility of affordable housing throughout Jackson County, Missouri, and requesting the County Administration to develop policies governing the use of the Fund.

(Budget Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22364](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22365](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22367](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22367 authorizing the County Executive to take necessary preliminary steps to facilitate the issuance of Special Obligation Bonds for improvements to University Health facilities and services. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[22364](#)

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

(ADOPTED)

[22365](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of roofing services for use by various County departments to Delta Innovative Services of Kansas City, KS and Blue Chip Roofing and Waterproofing of Lee's Summit, MO under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-037.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22364 and #22365 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22368](#)

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

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22369](#) Awarding a six-month extension to a term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of personal computers, miscellaneous computer hardware, software, maintenance, and professional services for use by various County departments to ConvergeOne of Bloomington, MN, under the terms and conditions set forth in Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City Contract No. CO62518, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22370](#) Awarding a split twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC services for use by various County departments to EMCOR Services-Fagan of Kansas City, KS and Lippert Mechanical Service of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-038.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22371](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22371 authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under sections 610.021(1) and (3) 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: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #22371. 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 recessed to go into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 17, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.