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Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Donna Peyton (2nd AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Venessa Huskey (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd),
DaRon McGee (4th), Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Jackson County Courthouse
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, May 18, 2026

3:00 PM

Sixteenth Regular Meeting

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

Manuel Abarca IV, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Excused 1 - Megan L. 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 May 11, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Presentation by Allison Berey, Board Member of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau | American Jewish Committee (JCRB | AJC), honoring Jewish American Heritage Month

Testimony regarding Resolution #22235 by Major Josh Heiner, Captain Mark Slater and Major James Buck of the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD).

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5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Phil LeVota was present and gave a report on the following topics:

The Jackson County Health Department is closely monitoring the hantavirus.

Status of the expenditure of the remaining ARPA funds.

A history of the original location of University Health Lakewood Medical Center and why funding is necessary for upgrades to their facility in Lee's Summit.

The County Executive requested the Legislature adopt legislation to codify tax credits to taxpayers for the years 2025 - 2027.

Input on what to do with McCune School for Boys as it is a dangerous building. A Town Hall is scheduled to be held on June 2, 2026 from 5:30 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. at the Fire Prairie Upper Elementary School located at 24810 E. US Hwy 24, Independence, MO.

There were additional discussions with Legislators Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith and Deputy County Counselor Whitney Miller.

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6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[6050](#)

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their faces or badges during performance of their official duties and establishing penalties and exemptions.

(Legislature As A Whole - 14th Perfection)

[6074](#)

AN ORDINANCE implementing a 120-day moratorium on the processing of data center land use applications and Battery Energy Storage System land use applications by Jackson County for the purpose of developing a long-term policy and accompanying County Code provisions related to such applications, including the direction of regulatory standards and enhanced public notification requirements.

The Jackson County Legislature will hold a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6074 on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

The Land Use Committee made **no recommendation on Ordinance #6075**. Chairman Abarca asked for public input and heard testimony from Dave Halpin, attorney for the applicants and Randy Diehl, Development Division Administrator for the Jackson County Public Works Department. Additional information presented by Whitney Miller, Deputy County Counselor.

[6075](#)

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #6075 amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 126± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Jalen Anderson

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(PERFECTED)

Vice Chairman Sean E. Smith expressed his concern about only hearing testimony from proponents on this ordinance.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith to hold Ordinance #6075. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee to adopt Ordinance #6075.

Jalen Anderson objected to the adoption of Ordinance #6075.

The motion to adopt Ordinance #6075 passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Jalen Anderson

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Excused: 1 - Megan E. Smith

Under Unfinished Business, DaRon McGee, County Legislator, asked that his vote on Ordinance #6075 be changed from "Yes" to "Abstain".

[6075](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #6075, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 126± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Jalen Anderson

Abstain: 2 - Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(DEFEATED)

Per Rule 18 of the Rules of the County Legislature, "A motion for final passage of a perfected proposal for ordinance is in order at the same meeting wherein it was perfected. However, if any member of the legislature objects to final passage at the same meeting at which an ordinance is perfected, the ordinance may be finally passed at that meeting **only with the affirmative vote of at least six members of the legislature.**"

[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 - 5th. Perfection)

[6081](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6081 on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 2:15 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6082](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to approve the Land Use Committee Amendment dated May 18, 2026 for Ordinance #6082, to add the final paragraph "5511.9 Enforcement. Section 5511 shall only be enforceable and applicable in unincorporated Jackson County." The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[6082](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to perfect the Land Use Committee Amendment dated May 18, 2026 for Ordinance #6082, enacting section 5511., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to prohibiting the open burning of household waste within Jackson County, Missouri, in accordance with state air quality laws, and establishing penalties for violations. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(PERFECTED)

[6082](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Ordinance #6082, enacting section 5511., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to prohibiting the open burning of household waste within Jackson County, Missouri, in accordance with state air quality laws, and establishing penalties for violations. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[6083](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating an additional \$34,970.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Grant Fund, in acceptance of the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[6049](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.

Jeanie Lauer objected to placing Ordinance #6049 on the Consent Agenda for adoption.

Ordinance #6049 remains **Perfect**.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22235](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22235 authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners for anti-drug and anti-crime law enforcement activities and programs at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,657,651.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22252](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve month options to extend, for the furnishing of end user computing, peripherals, device lifecycle management solutions and associated services at discounted rates for use by various County departments to Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, TX under the terms and conditions of Midwestern Higher Education Compact Contract No. MHEC-04152022 an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22259](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Resolution #22259 recognizing personnel that attended Professional Development Training. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin

No: 4 - Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(DEFEATED)

[22260](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22260, regarding Proposed Ordinance 6050, as amended by Proposed Ordinance 6050A, known as the Renee Nicole Macklin Good Transparency and Accountability Ordinance (the "Good Ordinance"). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22265](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of an 8900A Precision Cut Large Reel Mower for use by the Parks + Rec Department to John Deere & Company of Cary, NC under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 112624-DAC, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$100,610.00, and declaring certain existing equipment as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal by way of trade-in.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Venessa Huskey to waive the reading of Resolution #22265. The motion passed by a voice vote. The Resolution will be held in the Land Use Committee.

[22266](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six-month contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of inmate commissary services and kiosks for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Department of Corrections to TurnKey Corrections of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-002.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[22267](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of testing, inspections, and monitoring of the fire detection and notification systems for use by the Public Works Department, to Siemens Industry, Inc. of Alpharetta, GA, under the terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract No. 30910, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[6084](#)

Rescinding Ordinance 6000 dated August 25, 2025, and requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for continuous operation of a short-term rental subject to specified conditions, as to a 9.56± acre tract.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6085](#)

Rescinding Ordinance 6054 dated March 3, 2026, and requesting a renewal of a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for continuous operation of a horse boarding facility subject to specified conditions, as to a 48.09± acre tract.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6086](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to perfect Ordinance #6086 transferring \$2,180,329.00 within the Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and appropriating \$553,987.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute agreements with certain outside agencies which are engaged in anti-crime, anti-violence, drug prevention and treatment activities, and law enforcement school-based initiatives and purposes, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$13,839,340.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(PERFECTED)

The County Legislature will hold a public hearing on Ordinance #6086 on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

No objection to the consideration of Ordinance #6087 - not on printed agenda.

[6087](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing a temporary moratorium on new data center development projects within Jackson County, Missouri, and establishing requirements for future data center project review.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

The County Legislature will hold a public hearing on Ordinance #6087 on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22269](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Participation Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services related to its Summer Food Service program, with costs to be reimbursed to the County.

(Assigned to the Health & Environment Committee.)

[22270](#) Awarding an eleven-month term and supply contract, with four (4) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of prisoner transportation services for use by the Sheriff's Office to Security Transport Services, Inc., of Topeka, KS, under the terms and conditions of Johnson County, Kansas Contract No. 2026-014, an existing, competitively bid government contract.
(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22271](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three (3) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of park site furnishings for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Playscape Recreation, LLC of Yates Center, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-008.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22272](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of three (3) trailers for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Rockland Cargo Equipment of Conyers, GA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-017, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$40,506.00.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22273](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of services to post notice for use by the Jackson County Collection Department to Friend in the Business, LLC of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-014.
(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22274 - not on printed agenda.

[22274](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22274 recognizing Older Americans Month and honoring Randall (Randy) Rhoads. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolutions #22275, #22276 and #22277 - not on printed agenda.

[22275](#)

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22275, authorizing the Department of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the 2026 Celebration at the Station event dated for May 24, 2026, celebrating men and women who have served in the military in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22276](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the purchase of a sponsorship for the 2026 Palestine Senior Citizens Activity Center's Prom hosted by LINC.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

(This legislation was introduced from the floor, is under review and awaiting a fiscal note.)

[22277](#)

A RESOLUTION condemning Congressional redistricting.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[26-19](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to disapprove Executive Order #26-19, I hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the Ethics, Human Relations & Citizen Complaints Commission (EHRCC):

John R. Humphrey is hereby appointed to a new term set to expire 12/31/2030. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Venessa Huskey

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(APPROVED)

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Abarca excused the absence of Legislator Megan L. Smith at this time.

DaRon McGee, County Legislator, asked that his vote on Ordinance #6075 be changed from "Yes" to "Abstain".

14 NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson to have a regular legislative meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

Chairman Manuel Abarca IV introduced from the floor Ordinance #6087 and Resolutions #22276 and #22277.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.