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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)*

Monday, July 13, 2026

3:00 PM

Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting

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

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

Absent 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 Donna Peyton to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 06, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolutions #22339, #22340, #22341 and #22342 were adopted at this time. See pages 11 and 12 for details.

Chairman Abarca opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance #6092, appropriating \$15,415,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of various funds and authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements to fund infrastructure projects with certain municipalities within Jackson County in an amount not to exceed \$15,415,000.00.

Phil LeVota, County Executive, testified on behalf of Jackson County regarding Ordinance #6092, ARPA funds designated for infrastructure. He indicated that he reached out to municipalities within Jackson County for their needs and distributed the letters from the municipalities again. He asked the County Legislature to focus on the ordinance in front of

them which deals with repairing the front steps at the downtown Kansas City courthouse as well as ADA compliance. It also addresses relocating the jury room and Human Resources Department to the first floor. He said the Parks Department needs restriping and resurfacing in several parking lots. The money is also earmarked for elevator repair, as well as heating and cooling in an aging building. He said this first round of money in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 is for the infrastructure of county facilities and for municipalities. He said he does not want to amend this legislation.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said she agrees with taking care of Jackson County first. She understands that the County Legislature would distribute \$35,000,000.00 and the additional \$35,000,000.00 would be distributed in cooperation with the County Executive. Ordinance #6092 is what the County Executive wants, and he has left the door open for additional conversations.

Liz Kieffer with Harvesters and Courtney Thomas with Newhouse spoke in favor of opening this funding to outside agencies and encouraged legislators to think of infrastructure as programs and not just brick-and-mortar.

Since there was no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive explained Executive Order 26-31 that he issued today under the authority granted to him by the Jackson County Charter. The executive order cancels Jackson County's 2026 delinquent land tax sale.

The delinquent land tax sale is one of the most significant collection actions by Jackson County. It is the point in the collection process where the County has the authority to sell private property because of delinquent taxes. With that authority comes an equally important responsibility - to ensure tax records and tax bill calculations are as accurate as possible before taking that step.

Mr. LeVota said since taking office more than eight months ago, addressing Jackson County's property tax issues has been one of his highest priorities. Every day, the Collection Department works to review tax records, correct tax bill calculations and serve taxpayers while

continuing to carry out its normal responsibilities. He said they have made tremendous progress. However, the collection process has many layers and the delinquent land tax sale is one of the final steps in the process. He believes if there is even one taxpayer whose property could be sold based on an inaccurate tax record or tax bill calculation, there is an obligation to pause, verify the records and make sure it is done right. Executive Order 26-21 accomplishes this step.

The County Executive clarified that this Executive Order does not forgive delinquent property taxes. It does not eliminate taxes that are lawfully owed. Property owners remain responsible for paying any taxes they legally owe.

Executive Order 26-31 ensures that before Jackson County exercises one of the most significant collection authorities, every reasonable step has been taken to verify that the records supporting that action are accurate.

The County Executive realizes taxpayers have been frustrated by the property tax issue our community has experienced. He understands their frustration. He said his Administration has worked tirelessly over the past eight months to restore confidence in the County's property tax process and he believes this Executive Order is another step toward rebuilding that trust. Mr. LeVota said this decision comes down to one simple principle: When someone's property rights are involved, accuracy must come before speed.

Manuel Abarca IV thanked Mr. LeVota for his leadership on this issue.

Lauren McPhail with Peregrine gave a presentation regarding their data software platform tool for law enforcement. A copy of the presentation is available under Meeting Details for the July 13, 2026 legislative meeting at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

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 - 24th Perfection)

[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 - 15th Perfection)

[6091](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to discharge Ordinance #6091 from the Regional Transit Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. 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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(APPROVED)

[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.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[6092](#)

Appropriating \$15,415,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of various funds and authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements to fund infrastructure projects with certain municipalities within Jackson County in an amount not to exceed \$15,415,000.00.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

The County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee made no recommendation on this ordinance.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by DaRon McGee to hold Ordinance #6092 in Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[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 - 7th. Perfection)

[6099](#)

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 RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 5th. Perfection)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to waive the reading of Ordinances #6099 through #6102. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Ordinances #6099, #6100, #6101 and #6102 on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 2 P.M. in

the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6100](#) AN ORDINANCE requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) of AG (Agricultural) zoning district for continuous operation of an agritourism operation associated with the management of an alpaca farm.
(Land Use Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[6101](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.05± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Land Use Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[6102](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 25.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Land Use Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[6104](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to discharge Ordinance #6104 from the Finance and Audit Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[6104](#) Appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to create the Public Safety Education Cost Center Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a consulting agreement with TJP Strategies, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Donna Peyton to hold Ordinance #6104. The motion passed by a voice vote.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22281](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to discharge Resolution #22281 from the Justice and Law Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Discussion with Deloris Wells, Director of Corrections, regarding this resolution.

[22281](#)

Awarding a thirty-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of automation control products and services for use by the Jackson County Detention Center to Control Service Company of Lee's Summit, Missouri under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Cooperative Contract #159051, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22281](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22281, awarding a thirty-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of automation control products and services for use by the Jackson County Detention Center to Control Service Company of Lee's Summit, Missouri under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Cooperative Contract #159051, an existing competitively bid government contract. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

Major Ward Smith with the Sheriff's Department commented and said Sheriff Forte is open to conversations with legislators.

[22304](#)

A RESOLUTION establishing the Unincorporated Jackson County Fund and directing the County Executive and County Administration to develop policies and procedures for the administration of said fund.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Meeting)

[22312](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$239,121.00 for the purchase of equipment for the City of Buckner.

(Public Works Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[22313](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22313, authorizing the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Mattie Rhodes Center to fund the creation of a youth employment and community arts pilot program. 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: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

John Fierro, President/CEO of the Mattie Rhodes Center was present to answer any questions regarding this resolution.

[22315](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to discharge Resolution #22315 from the Budget Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[22315](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of Workday professional services for use by the Information Technology Department to Remy Corporation of Denver, CO, under the terms and conditions of State of Oklahoma contract No. SW1025, as an acquisition from another governmental entity.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22315](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22315, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of Workday professional services for use by the Information Technology Department to Remy Corporation of Denver, CO, under the terms and conditions of State of Oklahoma contract No. SW1025, as an acquisition from another governmental entity. 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: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

Comments from Phil Levota regarding this resolution. Discussion.

[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.

(Public Works Committee - 5th. Meeting)

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, is working on a substitute for this resolution. Discussion.

[22324](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to discharge Resolution #22324 from the Justice and Law Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(APPROVED)

[22324](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22324, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of electronic monitoring services for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Community Supervision Office, to BI Incorporated of Boulder, CO, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2022118, an existing competitively bid government contract. 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: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

Deloris Wells, Director of Corrections, responded to questions regarding this Resolution. Discussion.

[22333](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to discharge Resolution #22333 from the Public Works Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Comments by the County Executive.

[22333](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Longview Lake Lease No. DACW41-1-87-34 with the United States Secretary of the Army to allow for expansion and remodeling of the concession area within the Longview Club House at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22333](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22333, authorizing the County Executive to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Longview Lake Lease No. DACW41-1-87-34 with the United States Secretary of the Army to allow for expansion and remodeling of the concession area within the Longview Club House at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course. 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: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

Discussion.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about strategic planning for the Parks + Rec Department. Phil LeVota said he forwarded the list from the town hall to the Parks department for their review and feedback.

[22334](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to discharge Resolution #22334 from the Public Works Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[22334](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of certified lawn mower tractor maintenance and repair services for John Deere equipment for use by the various County departments to Deere & Company of Cary, NC, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22334](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22334, awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of certified lawn mower tractor maintenance and repair services for John Deere equipment for use by the various County departments to Deere & Company of Cary, NC, as a sole source purchase. 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: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6105](#)

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.

(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22335](#)

Awarding a contract for the purchase of new rifles and declaring as surplus, existing rifles to use as trade-in for the Sheriff's Office to Precision Arms of Indiana, LLC, dba PAI Defense of Columbia City, IN, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-035 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,356.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22336](#)

Awarding a contract for the purchase of one (1) Ford Transit van for use by the Sheriff's Office to CFLR Auto, LLC, of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$47,470.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22337](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a renewal of a five-year Lease Agreement for office space for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force with EL, LLC, of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 60-21, at a cost to the County for 2027 in the amount of \$78,000.00, and a total five-year cost of \$401,832.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22338](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Office to CFLR Auto, LLC, of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$146,967.00.

(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

[22339](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22339, to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research. 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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22340](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22340, to recognize Millie and Stephen Nottingham as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. 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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22341](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22341, to recognize Diane Euston for being named 2026 Kansas City Regional Teacher of the Year. 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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22342](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22342, to recognize and celebrate reStart's 45th Anniversary. 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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22343](#) Transferring \$933,880.00 within the 2026 General Fund, and \$74,880.00 within the County Improvement Fund to hire additional staff and provide such staff with necessary equipment and vehicles for security for the Public Safety Campus courtrooms use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

(Assigned to the County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc).)

[22344](#) Declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling one (1) surplus parcel.

(Assigned to the County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc).)

[22345](#) Declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling one (1) surplus parcel.

(Assigned to the Health & Environment Committee.)

[22346](#) Declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling five (5) surplus parcels.

(Assigned to the Health & Environment Committee.)

[22347](#) Declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling two (2) surplus parcels.

(Assigned to the County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc).)

[22348](#) Declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling five (5) surplus parcels.

(Assigned to the County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc).)

[22349](#) Declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and

authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling one (1) surplus parcel.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22350](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22350, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under sections 610.021(1) and 610.021(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 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22351](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22351, transferring \$25,000.00 within the 2026 General Fund and authorizing the settlement of the claims of plaintiffs in the case styled Joyce Griffith, et al. v. U.S. Engineering, et al., now pending in Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, for a total payment by the County of \$25,000.00. 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: 2 - Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22351 - not on printed agenda.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[26-31](#)

WHEREAS, the County Executive finds that conducting a delinquent tax sale is necessary to protect the integrity of the tax collection process, promote fairness to taxpayers, and ensure that all tax bills accurately reflect amounts lawfully due before enforcement actions are taken;

WHEREAS, the tax collection process includes multiple statutory steps, with the delinquent land tax sale representing one of the final actions available to collect unpaid taxes. Before reaching that stage, the County Executive believes it is essential that every eligible property owner receives the benefit of any corrected tax bill and currently there may still exist errors;

WHEREAS, the current land sale consists of taxpayers delinquent in 2022, 2023, and 2024;

WHEREAS, the County Executive is not one hundred percent (100%) confident of all the data regarding 2022 assessments and taxes owed;

WHEREAS, if there is even a possibility that one property owner's tax bill could change because of corrected calculations, Jackson County owes it to them to make sure those corrections are reflected first.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the County Executive under the laws of the State of Missouri, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Section 1. Cancellation of Tax Sale

The delinquent land sale tax sale scheduled for August 2026 is hereby canceled. No parcel shall be offered for sale. There will be no delinquent tax sale in 2026.

Section 2. Suspension of Collection Enforcement

Until the recalculation process has been completed, no property shall be sold for delinquent taxes that may be affected by the 2022 assessment.

Section 3. Completion of Review

Upon completion of the recalculation process next year, the County shall certify that all affected tax bills have been corrected as required by law. Only after such certification may a new delinquent land sale be scheduled in accordance with applicable statutes for next year 2027.

Section 4. Preservation of Tax Obligations

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to forgive, discharge, or permanently waive any lawfully imposed property tax. This Order is intended to solely ensure that all tax liabilities are accurately calculated before any tax sale proceedings occur. Any taxpayers still owing will be required to pay their taxes.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Order shall take effect immediately upon execution and shall remain in effect.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, inquired about Resolutions #22351 and #22352 which are to be discussed during closed session.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abarca had his staff distribute copies of two add-on Ordinances. The Clerk of the County Legislature assigned temporary numbers as #6106 (Assigned to the Budget Committee) and #6107 (Assigned to New Neighbors Alliance Committee), pending Requests for Legislative Action (RLA). These two pieces of legislation were presented as paper copies and will be introduced on a legislative agenda at a later date.

Closed meeting per Resolution #22350. 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.

Resolution #22351 was adopted at this time. See page 13 for details.

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson to have a legislative meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 3 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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 Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.