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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

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

Jackson County Courthouse  
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor  
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**Monday, January 9, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**First Regular Meeting**

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

Charlie Franklin, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Charlie Franklin, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, DaRon McGee, Jeanie Lauer and Sean 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 Jalen Anderson to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on December 27, 2022. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

None.

**\*\*\* Nomination/Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Jackson County Legislature for 2023.**

*Charlie Franklin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Jackson County Legislature for 2023.*

*Donna Peyton nominated DaRon McGee.  
Jeanie Lauer nominated Jalen Anderson.  
Sean E. Smith nominated Jeanie Lauer.*

*The votes for Chairman were as follows:*

*DaRon McGee: 5 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, and DaRon McGee.  
Jalen Anderson: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer.  
Jeanie Lauer: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith.*

*DaRon McGee opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman.*

*Manuel Abarca IV nominated Megan L. Marshall.*

*Jeanie Lauer nominated Sean E. Smith.*

*The votes for Vice Chairman were as follows:*

*Megan L. Marshall: 5 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, and DaRon McGee.*

*Sean E. Smith: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith*

*Abstain: 1 - Charlie Franklin*

## **5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

*Frank White, Jr., County Executive, welcomed everyone to the first Legislative meeting for 2023. He congratulated the new Chairman and Vice Chairman. He said his door is always open to share their concerns, thoughts, and ideas. He said this is an historic occasion with the election of the most diverse Legislature ever and he is proud to be part of this moment. Such progress and representation extends beyond this body. The Honorable Jalilah Otto will serve as the presiding judge for the next two years. She brings extensive knowledge and character to the Circuit Court. Mr. White invited Judge Otto to speak to the Legislature.*

*Judge Otto thank Frank White, Jr., for inviting her to speak. She understands this historic moment, but for her it is just doing her job. She has been a public servant since graduating from law school. In December 2021, past Presiding Judge Dale Youngs had the confidence to nominate her as presiding judge and her colleagues voted her into that role. She has been learning from Judge Youngs ever since. She quoted Reverend Martin Luther King, in his letter from the Birmingham, Alabama jail, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere...Whatever affects one affects all indirectly." What they do within the courts affects everyone directly and indirectly. They are committed to following the rule of law, upholding the constitution, making sure the courts are accessible to all, fairness, and timeliness of decisions. The circuit court has a new Court Administrator, Beverly A. Newman, who will be meeting the Legislators in a few weeks.*

**6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**[5667](#)

Authorizing the issuance of special obligation bonds (Justice with Dignity Project) Series 2022A of Jackson County, Missouri, and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

*(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR LAUER. CONCURRED BY ANDERSON AND HUSKEY.)*

*Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said this matter will be reintroduced at a later date.*

[5701](#)

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Perfection)*

[5702](#)

AN ORDINANCE setting the 2023 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Perfection)*

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**[5703](#)

Consent Agenda.

*Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said this item was inadvertently held in 2022. Because it has an appropriation designated for the 2022 budget, he is requesting the Legislature move to adopt Ordinance #5703 so the Parks Department can execute the necessary contracts. The funds that need to be appropriated can either be appropriated in a budget amendment or by a separate action.*

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**[21125](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Floor Substitute dated December 12, 2022, for Resolution #21125 authorizing the County Executive to execute cooperative agreements with certain organizations which provide assistance to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$307,000.00. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[21125](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

*Bishop James D. Tindall, Director of the Housing Resources Commission, said these funds will be used for fifteen agencies to address homelessness in the community through bed nights or utility assistance. He requested the resolution be adopted.*

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5703](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,400.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund and authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute a Cost-Share Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for land management and invasive species removal services on County parkland.

(ADOPTED)

[21125](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute cooperative agreements with certain organizations which provide assistance to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$307,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5703 and Resolution #21125 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, DaRon McGee, Jeanie Lauer and Sean Smith

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

[5708](#) Amending subsections 1503.2 and 1503.3, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Employees' Pension Plan.  
*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[5709](#) Submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 4, 2023, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use, non-medicinal marijuana.  
*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

**11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

- [21138](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of pipe and plumbing supplies for use by various County departments to Reeves-Wiedeman Company of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 105-22.  
*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*
- [21139](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of calcium chloride pellets and rock salt for use by various County departments to Nu-Life Labs, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 106-22.  
*(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)*
- [21140](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for a tracking program for statistical reporting of opioid and violent deaths, for a fee payable to the County.  
*(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)*
- [21141](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Conservation relating to the maintenance of certain areas within the County's park system, at no cost to the County.  
*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*
- [21142](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of information technology project management services in support of the Workday implementation project for use by various County departments and the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, to Remy Corporation of Denver, CO, under the terms and conditions of State of Oklahoma Contract No. SW1025, an existing, competitively-bid government contract.  
*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

- [23-01](#) I hereby appoint Jeanie Lauer to the Little Blue Valley Sewer District Board of Trustees, for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to hold the 2023 Legislative Meetings in Kansas City. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith

Angie Jeffries, Director of Communications, said before meetings can resume in the Independence Legislative Area the County will need to procure upgraded audio visual equipment. This expense was not included in the 2023 budget and will require a competitive bid process. She estimates this process will take about eight to nine months.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, recognized Crissy Wooderson, Legislative Auditor, for her 18 years of service to Jackson County. Ms. Lauer said this will be Crissy's final week with Jackson County. She said Crissy's knowledge and expertise will be missed.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Sean Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*