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County Legislature

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

Monday, January 12, 2026

3:00 PM

First Regular Meeting

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

DaRon McGee, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. 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 Sean E. Smith to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on December 31, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Nomination/Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Legislature for 2026.

DaRon McGee, Chairman, opened nominations for Chairman for 2026.

Jeanie Lauer nominated Charlie Franklin.
Venessa Huskey nominated Manuel Abarca IV.
Ballots were distributed by the Deputy County Clerk.

Manuel Abarca IV was elected Chairman of the County Legislature for 2026 and the votes were as follows:

Manuel Abarca: 5 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Sean E. Smith, and DaRon McGee

Charlie Franklin: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Jeanie Lauer, and Charlie Franklin

DaRon McGee, Chairman, opened nominations for Vice Chairman for 2026.

Jeanie Lauer nominated Sean E. Smith.

Megan L. Smith nominated Jalen Anderson.

Ballots were distributed by the Deputy County Clerk.

Sean E. Smith was elected Vice Chairman of the County Legislature for 2026 and the votes were as follows:

Sean E. Smith: 5 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Sean E. Smith, and DaRon McGee

Jalen Anderson: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Jeanie Lauer, and Charlie Franklin

Manuel Abarca IV assumed the Chair.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

He congratulated the new Chair, Legislator Manuel Abarca IV and Vice Chair, Legislator Sean E. Smith. He also thanked the outgoing Chair, Legislator DaRon McGee for his leadership and professionalism.

The tax bill deadline has been extended until January 31st. Taxpayers can pay, without penalties or late fees, in person, online or by mail with a postmark of January 31. For taxpayers concerned that payments have not yet cleared their accounts, efforts are underway to process payments and there will be no late fees or penalties.

On Monday, January 19th the County offices will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Personal property declarations are due March 1st and you can file online at jacksongov.org

Mr. LeVota has streamlined the process to issue contracts regarding ARPA so that funds are distributed as soon as possible.

Discussion with Legislator Sean E. Smith regarding account updates for taxpayers. Legislator Megan L. Smith, asked for an update on a meeting with the school districts about the State Tax Commission (STC) ruling and possible amendments. The County Executive said he is not pursuing an amendment with the STC. He said the Administration will meet with the other taxing jurisdictions (excluding schools) on January 29th.

To view details, use the link below and select the video for the January 12, 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.
(*Anti-Crime Committee - 2nd. Perfection*)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Without objection, Ordinance #6049 will be placed on the Consent Agenda for adoption.

Megan L. Smith objected to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to hold Ordinance #6049. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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.
(**PERFECTED**)

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

22014 A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of disaster recovery services for use countywide to 21st Enterprise, LLC aka ServPro of Lee's Summit, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) Contract No. 19-7242-C3R2.

(*Legislature As A Whole - 9th Meeting*)

22120 Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

22120 A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of tree removal services for use by various County departments to Looks Great Services of Columbia, MS under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-044.

(**ADOPTED**)

Resolution #22120 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

6052 Repealing subsection 5293.2, of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the subject of wreckers and tow services and enacting in lieu thereof one new subsection relating to the same subject.
(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

6053 Repealing sections and subsections 9103., 9104., 9113., 9121., 9120.2., 9125.4., and 9125.5., of Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections and three new subsections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.
(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

22147 Requesting the Missouri State Auditor to conduct a full comprehensive performance audit to examine and evaluate the management of Jackson County's fiscal, budgetary, and procurement policies and procedures of the expenditure of ARPA funds.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

22148 Authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility easement in favor of Missouri Alliance, LLC, dba Bluebird Fiber across a portion of Fleming Park, for a fee payable to the County.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

25-41 I hereby make the following appointment to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority Commission:

Chris Whiting, to replace Bryon Craddolph, for a term to expire 12/31/2029.

A copy of his resume is attached.

25-42 I hereby make the following reappointment to the Pension Plan Board of Trustees:

Patrick A. Dujakovich is hereby reappointed to a new term set to expire 12/31/2028.

25-43 I hereby make the following appointment to the Plan Commission:

Bo Moreno, to replace Justice T. Horn, for a term to expire 12/31/2029. A copy of his resume is attached.

25-44 I hereby order that the following holiday schedule for Jackson County, Missouri employees for the 2026 calendar year.

2026 JACKSON COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1st
Day after New Year's Day	Friday, January 2nd
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 19th
Truman's Birthday	Friday, May 8th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25th
Juneteenth	Friday, June 19th
Independence Day	Friday, July 3rd
Labor Day	Monday, September 7th
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26th
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25th

The third Monday of February or the day before/after Thanksgiving is to be determined by the County Executive annually (not both) and coordinated with Memorandums of Understanding with Bargaining Units.

FLOATING HOLIDAY

Personnel Rule 9.2 after six months of employment, full-time associates are eligible for a floating holiday which must be used by December 31 each year.

The County Executive reserves the right to order additional holidays or time off for employees as he sees fit.

26-01 I hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the COMBAT Commission:

Theresa Grado is hereby reappointed to finish her current term as the District 1 Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2028. Ms. Grado's resume is attached.

Katherine Baker is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 2 Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2027. The seat was previously held by Arimeta R. Dupree. Ms. Baker's resume is attached.

Tim Dollar is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 3 Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2028. The seat was previously vacant. Mr. Dollar's resume is attached.

John Sharp is hereby reappointed to finish his current term as the District 4 Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2028. Mr. Sharp's resume is attached.

Dale Carter is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 5 Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2027. The seat was previously held by Lanna Ultican. Mr. Carter's resume is attached.

Larry Beaty is hereby reappointed to a successive term as the District 6 Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2029. Mr. Beaty's resume is attached.

Dana Altieri is hereby appointed to finish the current term as the At-large Legal Professional Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2028. Ms. Altieri's resume is attached.

Dr. Susan Wilson is hereby reappointed to finish her current term as the At-large Substance Abuse Professional Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2028. Dr. Wilson's resume is attached.

Ebony Patterson is hereby appointed to a new term as the At-large Public Health/Healthcare Professional Commissioner set to expire 12/31/2027. The seat was previously vacant. Ms. Patterson's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Ron Hunt and David Patterson addressed the non-profit partnership grant process on behalf of the Raytown Baseball/Softball Association. The agency requested \$21,500.00 to cover part of the registration fee for underserved youth.

15 ADJOURNMENT

The County Legislature will not meet on January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The next legislative meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.