

Jackson County Missouri JOURNAL

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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, October 20, 2025

3:00 PM

Forty-first Regular Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Jalen Anderson

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on October 13, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive, was present and passed out cookies to legislators and others in attendance. He expressed his excitement as he begins his first full week as County Executive. He mentioned the collaborative nature that has begun between the legislature, himself and his new staff.

He introduced his staff: Theresa Garza is his Chief of Staff, Steve Arbo is his County Manager and Lauren Powell is his Executive Assistant. Ms. Garza and Mr. Arbo made brief introductory statements.

County Executive LeVota gave an update regarding the employee health insurance rates. There was a 6% increase and the decision was made

that the County absorb those costs with no increase to employees.

Mr. LeVota gave a report about property assessment relief. Partnering with the Legislature, he stated it was decided there will be a 15% cap on commercial property assessments to provide stability and fairness for businesses. Under the authority of the Home Rule Charter (Article III, Section 6, paragraph 9) the County Executive can correct errors in assessment and tax records. He briefly described the process that will be used to address the issues.

His final report was that Dogtober Fest was a success. The event was sponsored by Jackson County Parks + Rec. The goal for dog food collection was 5 tons, but a total of 6.2 tons of dog food was collected and donated to the Lee's Summit and Blue Springs animal shelters. There were 5,200 people in attendance.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5.,
Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for
complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the
discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof,
three new subsections relating to the same subject.

(Legislature As A Whole - 24th Perfection)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5542., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of unlicensed gambling devices with severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 9th Perfection)

A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to perfect Ordinance #6009, The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - DaRon McGee, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 3 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(PERFECTED)

Following the meeting, Sean E. Smith asked the Deputy County Clerk to change his vote on the perfection of Ordinance #6009 from abstain to yes.

<u>6011</u>	AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.
	(Budget Committee - 7th. Perfection)
<u>6016</u>	Legislature As A Whole moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.
<u>6026</u>	AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 17.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). (Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)
<u>6027</u>	AN ORDINANCE vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved right of way within Breezy Meadows, a subdivision in Jackson County. (Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)
6028	AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.13± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). (Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)
<u>6029</u>	A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to perfect Ordinance #6029. The motion passed by voice vote. (PERFECTED)
6029	Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>6030</u>	A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to perfect Ordinance #6030. The motion passed by voice vote. (PERFECTED)
<u>6030</u>	Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>6031</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$566,113.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the OSCA Juvenile Justice Program Assistance Grant received from the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator.
	(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 3rd. Perfection)
<u>6032</u>	A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to perfect Ordinance #6032. The motion passed by voice vote. (PERFECTED)
<u>6032</u>	Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

6018 Consent Agenda.

6019 Consent Agenda.

6020 Consent Agenda.

6025 Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with

two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of broker and consulting services for the County's employee group health, life, and dental insurances for use countywide to CBIZ Benefits & Insurance, Inc. of Kansas City, MO, under terms and conditions of Request for Proposals

No. 25-019, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Meeting)

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.

(Budget Committee - 7th. Meeting)

The Budget Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #22014. Legislator Manuel Abarca IV objected, therefore it will be **held in Legislature As A Whole**.

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A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22035 authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Kansas City Building and Trades Council, for the period effective immediately up until 2 years

from now. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

<u>22038</u>	Proposing a 30-day joint study between Jackson County and the City of Kansas City, Missouri to explore the feasibility of utilizing the existing Jackson County Detention Center as a temporary jail facility for the City following the County's transition to its new detention center in January 2026, under a cooperative agreement at no cost to the City provided it assumes maintenance and operating costs, and directing that such study proceed concurrently with the City's solicitation of bids for a temporary jail.
	(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR SEAN E. SMITH. CONCURRED BY DONNA PEYTON AND MANUEL ABARCA IV)
<u>22049</u>	Setting the parameters for which the Legislature will select an interim County Executive when the duly elected Executive is recalled.
	(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MANUEL ABARCA IV. CONCURRED BY DONNA PEYTON AND SEAN E. SMITH)
<u>22051</u>	Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22053</u>	Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22054</u>	A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$46,705.00.
	(Health and Environment Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
	Legislator Manuel Abarca IV asked to be added as a sponsor to Resolution #22054.
<u>22055</u>	Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22056</u>	Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22057</u>	Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22058</u>	Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22059</u>	Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>22061</u>	A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22061 honoring Anna Munguia an emerging leader. The motion passed by a roll call vote: Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E.
	Smith

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22062

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22062 honoring Anthony "AO" Oropeza, an artist and designer. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22063

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22063 honoring Deputy Chief Luis Ortiz and his work at the Kansas City Police Department. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22064

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22064 honoring Joe Arce, a journalist and community leader. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22065

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22065 honoring Laedan Galicia the artist. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

<u>22066</u>	A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to
	adopt Resolution #22066 honoring Vania Soto the artist. The motion
	passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22067 honoring Xavier Loya a firefighter and advocate. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 8 DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

- <u>22068</u> Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>22069</u> Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>22070</u> Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>22073</u> To utilize Mid-America Regional Council to establish a transparent process for selecting an interim Jackson County Executive.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MEGAN L. SMITH. CONCURRED BY SEAN E. SMITH AND DONNA PEYTON)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting County employees from knowingly making false material statements to the County Legislature by amending Chapter 74 and incorporating such prohibition into the Jackson County Code of Conduct.

(PERFECTED)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$33,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.

<u>6019</u>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$473,774.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 General Fund and transferring \$364,690.00 from the Sheriff's Office 2025 General Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's DWI/Traffic Safety Unit Salary Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.
	(ADOPTED)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$18,200.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract for the acceptance and expenditure of such grant funds.

(ADOPTED)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Kansas City Southern Railroad for removal of a Rock Island bridge that crosses a section of the Kansas City Southern Railroad, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$69,345.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a three-month extension of the VOCA Grant awarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

(ADOPTED)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$69,345.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a three-month extension of the VOCA Grant awarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

(ADOPTED)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the OSCA Domestic Relations Resolution Fund Mediation grant received from the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator.

<u>22051</u>	A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute an addendum to a Legal Services Agreement with Cheri Simpkins of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 24-060, at a cost to the County of \$600.00 per day not to exceed \$40,000.00.
	(ADOPTED)
<u>22053</u>	A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with Anne Baggott of Denton's Law Firm at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00, for services to be performed in 2025.
	(ADOPTED)
<u>22055</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of the National Automobile Dealers' Association price guide for use by the Assessment Department to J.D. Power of Troy, Michigan, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$170,365.00.
	(ADOPTED)
<u>22056</u>	A RESOLUTION transferring \$38,496.00 within the 2025 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of handheld narcotics analyzers to Thermo Fisher Scientific of Tewksbury, MA under the terms and conditions of GSA Contract No. GS-07F-6099R, an existing competitively bid government contract for use by the Sheriff's Office.
	(ADOPTED)
<u>22057</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month contract for annual software maintenance and support services for use by the COMBAT Administrative Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$13,741.00.
	(ADOPTED)
<u>22058</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a nineteen-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of ice machine rental services for use by various County Departments to Easy Ice, of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions set forth in 16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri Contract No. 10002261, an existing

(ADOPTED)

competitively bid government contract.

<u>22059</u>

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the terms and conditions of employment with West Central Missouri Regional Lodge #50 of the Fraternal Order of Police.

(ADOPTED)

22068

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of pistol sights for use by the Sheriff's Office to GT Distributors, Inc., of Pflugerville, TX, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC250070007, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$40,316.00.

(ADOPTED)

22069

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a sixty-month extension to the lease with BRE Space Kansas City, LLC, of Independence, MO, for records storage space for use by the Recorder of Deeds Department and the 16th Judicial Circuit Court of Jackson County, at an initial annual cost to the County in the amount of \$280,000.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

22070

A RESOLUTION transferring \$30,000.00 within the 2025 General Fund and awarding a ten-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of print and mail services for use by the Collection Department to Lineage Mailing Services, LLC of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$170,000.00 under the terms and conditions of Clay County, Missouri Contract No. 2025-209, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #6016 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinances #6018, #6019, #6020, #6025, #6029, #6030, #6032 and Resolutions #22051, #22053, #22055, #22056, #22057, #22058, #22059, #22068, #22069 and #22070 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Appropriating \$371,200.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Family Court Division's Juvenile Court Diversion Program grant received from the State of Missouri, Division of Youth Services.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of a DRACO gas delivery system for use by the Sheriff's Office to J&N Tactical, LLC of South Haven, MN at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,225.00 as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

Awarding a twelve-month contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of third-party administrator services for the worker's compensation program for use by the Human Resources Department to Cowell Insurance Services of Overland Park, KS, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 23-069.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

Awarding a sixty-month term and supply contract, for the furnishing of video product solutions for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of the Sourcewell Contract No. 101223-MOT, an existing, competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22077 transferring \$1,922,790.00 within the 2025 General Fund to cover costs to be incurred in connection with the Special Election to be held November 4, 2025. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

22078

Awarding a fourteen-month contract with four twelve-month options to extend for the leasing of golf carts, beverage cars, a six passenger car, and a range picker for use by the Parks + Rec Department to M&M Golf Cars LLC of Lee's Summit, MO at a cost not to exceed \$21,838.00, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. EV2671.1, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

<u>22079</u>

Awarding a contract for the purchase of mobile radios for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of MARC/KCRPC Contract No. 113, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$92,157.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

22080

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22080 encouraging the County Executive to utilize his authority under Jackson County Charter to review, and correct if necessary, commercial real property assessments with value increases in excess of fifteen percent. The motion carried by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22081

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22081 recognizing National Health Care Safety and Security Week 2025 and honoring the service of security and safety employees at University Health and University Health Lakewood Medical Center. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22082

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, MO, for the furnishing of employee group health insurance as an employee benefit for use countywide.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

Following the meeting, the Chairman assigned Resolution #22082 to the Budget Committee.

22083

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22083 honoring the Life and Legacy of Jess "Chuck" Barbosa. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

22084

Transferring funds and approving Professional Consulting Contract Amendments for service provided in conjunction with the delivery of the New Jackson County Detention Center.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV introduced Resolution #22084. See above for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 27, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.