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County Legislature

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

Monday, April 7, 2025

3:00 PM

Tenth 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 9 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, 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 Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 31, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, was not present.

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, reported the County Executive emailed a letter to the Legislature approximately one hour prior to the start of the legislative meeting, regarding an update on the State Tax Commission Order and Assessment Litigation and asked that the letter be submitted as his report.

Discussion regarding the whereabouts of the County Executive, inquiries on aspects of the State Tax Commission Order and the intentions of the County Executive's Office to address it, a timeline for Impact Notices from the Assessment Department to taxpayers, where the County stands on negotiations regarding the sports teams, statements made by the Chief of

Staff to city officials regarding the Legislature or Legislator Manuel Abarca IV failing to approve members of boards and commissions, Senior Tax Levy Commission appointments by the County Executive's Office, and the low staffing levels in the County Executive's Office. In addition to Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff and Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, legislators participating in this discussion were DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Sean E. Smith.

DaRon McGee asked the Chief of Staff to make sure he included the Clerk of the Legislature on all correspondence sent to the County Legislature. The Chief of Staff was also asked to provide to the County Legislature as soon as possible, a timeline of notices/correspondence to be sent to taxpayers by the Assessor, County Executive or Board of Equalization.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5904](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, Sections 5577. and 5578., relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.

(Legislature As A Whole - 20th Perfection)

Resolution #21902 was adopted at this time. See page 10 for details.

[5909](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the primary election to be held on August 5, 2025, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

(Legislature As A Whole - 11th Perfection)

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, stated that Ordinance #5958 had been held pending the outcome of the lawsuit filed by the State Tax Commission against Jackson County, Missouri. The ruling stated the State Tax Commission was within its authority to order a rollback of certain property tax increases in the 2023 assessment process in Jackson County. With that, there was discussion covering the following topics: the need to pass the ordinance today and what that means for the taxpayers to have an accurate 2025 assessment, the need for the legislative body to work together to revise or amend the ordinance, as well as the powers of the Legislature vs. the County Executive to affect the assessment process and evaluations. Other legislators participating in the discussion were Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, and County Counselor Bryan Covinsky.

[5958](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Floor Amendment dated April 7, 2025 for Ordinance #5958, to insert paragraph 5, "WHEREAS, in Missouri Case No. 2416-CV25478 a judge issued a ruling confirming that the STC order was lawful and valid; and," and to insert the phrase, "and that the Jackson County Administration must fully implement the Missouri State Tax Commission's order." after the word "improvements" in the BE IT ORDAINED paragraph, all on page 2. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5958](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #5958 as amended. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

(PERFECTED)

[5958](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Ordinance #5958, requiring the Jackson County Assessor to provide an Assessment Roll that complies with the Missouri State Tax Commission's Order and rolls back the 2023 value of any parcel that exceeded a 15% increase in 2023 to be changed and to be valued at no more than 15% more than the 2022 property value. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5965](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 2066.6., 2066.7., and 2066.8., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new subsections relating to the same subject.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[5966](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,688,456.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund, \$293,956.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the Health Fund, \$708,172.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, and making the necessary transfers within the General Fund, Health Fund, Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, and the County Improvement Fund to provide the Circuit Court, Family Court, and Family Court Facilities with their portion of the 2025 Recommended Budget.

(Budget Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[5967](#)

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 - 1st. Perfection)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to waive the reading of Ordinances #5968, #5969, #5970, #5971 and #5972. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

[5968](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey to perfect Ordinance #5968. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

(PERFECTED)

Discussion. Chairman McGee stated that Scott Lakin, Director of Collections, will make a presentation to the County Legislature regarding the senior tax credit.

[5968](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5968, repealing subsections 2066.6., 2066.7., and 2066.8., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, five new subsections relating to the same subject. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

The Finance and Audit Committee made no recommendation on Ordinance #5969.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Ordinance #5969. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

[5969](#)

Appropriating \$75,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of creating a new position in the COMBAT Administration Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5970](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of acquiring a financial management system for grant reporting for the COMBAT Administration Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5971](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$25,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Delinquent Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Michael Mansur, of Kansas City, MO, for the Stand Against Violence KC Project at a cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5972](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting sections 5293., 5294., 5295., 5296., and 5297., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the subject of wreckers and tow services.

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

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5959](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$71,751.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 General Fund in acceptance of the Missouri Western Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

(PERFECTED)

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to waive the reading on Resolutions #21641, #21766, #21843, #21860, #21864, #21869, #21871, #21872, #21873, #21874, #21875, #21876, #21877, #21879, #21880, #21881, #21882, #21883 and #21897. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

[21641](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive or the Chairman of the Legislature to sell the County-owned property located at 1300 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 via the competitive bidding process.

(Legislature As A Whole - 39th Meeting)

[21766](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$49,500.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing a contract to cover the cost of consultation and proposal services to Colette Holt & Associates Law Firm of San Antonio, TX, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$49,500.00.

(Legislature As A Whole - 26th Meeting)

[21843](#)

A RESOLUTION requiring the Jackson County property cards provided by the Assessment Department to include photographs of the property inspection and related property comparable sales that were used to determine the Fair Market Value (FMV) and property classification.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

[21860](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain real property as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the surplus parcels.

(Budget Committee - 8th. Meeting)

[21864](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled to provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division programs.

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Meeting)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #21869.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Resolution #21869. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

[21869](#)

Authorizing the Jackson County Sheriff to execute a contract for services with the Family Court Division of the 16th Circuit Court of Missouri to provide deputies to assist with the Family Court's Connections supervised visitation program.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #21870.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Resolution #21870. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

[21870](#)

Awarding a month-to-month contract extension for the furnishing of food service at the Jackson County Detention Center to Trinity Services Group of Oldsmar, Florida, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 27-21.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[21871](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of calcium chloride pellets and rock salt supplies for use by various County departments, to Nu-Life Labs, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri and Humana Chemicals, Inc. of Potomac, Maryland, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-087.

(Budget Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[21872](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of electrical supplies for use by various County departments to Graybar Electric Company of St. Louis, MO, under the terms and conditions of the City of Kansas City, Missouri contract No. EV2370, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Budget Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[21873](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of softball umpire services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Eastern Jackson County USSSA Umpire Association of Independence, MO, as a sole source purchase.

(Land Use Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[21874](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of trash removal service for use by various County departments to Waste Management of Kansas, Inc., under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 24-096.

(Public Works Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[21875](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of body transportation services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to First Call of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-082.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 6th. Meeting)

[21876](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District to provide access to the regional household hazardous waste centers for the residents of the unincorporated areas of Jackson County, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,761.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Meeting)

[21877](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of paint and painting supplies for use by various County departments to PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc. of Columbia, MO and Sherwin Williams of Cleveland, OH, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-003.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Meeting)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #21878.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Resolution #21878. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

[21878](#) Awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Sheriff's Office and Department of Corrections to Lexipol, LLC, of Frisco, TX, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$57,992.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[21879](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of bottled water and dispenser services for use by various County departments to Metro Pure Water, LLC of Smithville, MO and DS Services of America dba Primo Water North America of Mableton, GA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-079.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[21880](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-one-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) supplies, equipment, and related products and services for use by various County departments to Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, of Mooresville, NC under the terms and conditions of Lowe's OMNIA Partners Cooperative Program Contract No. R240805, an existing government contract.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[21881](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of fuel dispensing equipment services for use by various County departments to Petroleum Equipment, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-078.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[21882](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of public safety uniforms for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011124, an existing competitively bid contract.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[21883](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a forty-five-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of body armor with related accessories, equipment, and services for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 091924, an existing competitively bid contract.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

- [21897](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of portable outdoor toilet rentals for use by the various County Departments to ORI Outdoor Restrooms of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-008.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [5973](#) Appropriating \$69,345.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 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.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [21901](#) Nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2028.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

DaRon McGee said the County Legislature would adopt Resolution #21901 at the next legislative meeting. He said there is a total of three applicants: Senator Curls, Phil LeVota and Chris Hernandez.

Discussion.

- [21902](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21902, recognizing the Housing and Community Development Department of Kansas City regarding their contributions to safe and stable housing in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[25-06](#)

I hereby make the following appointments and reappointments to the EITAS Board of Jackson County:

Nick Pevato is appointed to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jillian Raining Bird, for a term set to expire Dec 31, 2026. A copy of Mr. Pevato's resume is attached.

Deborah Prior is appointed to fill a vacancy occasioned by the term expiration of Tammy Kemp, for a term set to expire Dec 31, 2026. A copy of Ms. Prior's resume is attached.

Susan Borgmeyer is reappointed for a term set to expire Dec. 31, 2027.

Edward Van Haele is reappointed for a term set to expire Dec. 31, 2027.

Ben Kisner is reappointed for a term set to expire Dec. 31, 2027.

DaRon McGee reminded the Administration of the County Legislature's previous request to include resumes for reappointments. He requested the additional resumes for reappointments mentioned in Executive Order 25-06. Caleb Clifford said his office would send the resumes by the end of day if they have them, otherwise, they will be sent as soon as possible.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following items were requested by the County Legislature and are awaiting response from the Administration:

Opinion requested from County Counselor regarding investigation.

Update on NDA.

Update on Troy Schulte contract.

14 NEW BUSINESS

DaRon McGee said he would like to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, April 14, 2025.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to cancel the legislative meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until **Monday, April 21, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.** in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area, 415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor, Kansas City, Missouri.