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*Manuel Abarca IV (1st) Chairman, Sean E. Smith (6th) Vice Chairman,
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)*

Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, February 9, 2026

3:00 PM

Third 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, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent 1 - DaRon McGee

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on February 02, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Manuel Abarca IV said the public hearing for Ordinances #6050 and #6061 will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

For the Jackson County bicentennial fun fact, he said on February 9, 1920, Kansas City leaders approved plans to build the Liberty Memorial, now home to the National WWI Museum and Memorial.

Last week he sent an email to Jackson County employees reflecting on what he has done during his first 100 days in office and his plan for the next 100 days. He appreciates the collaboration of the County Legislature to

accomplish these tasks.

The County Executive said the personal property tax declarations are due. Postcards were sent out to taxpayers. The State Tax Commission asked Jackson County not to send out paper declarations as completing the form online is more effective. If taxpayers prefer a paper form they can contact the Assessment Department and have one mailed to them. He filmed a live video that will be available on the County website tomorrow with instructions.

He gave an update on the Collections and Assessment Departments regarding the new policy of a 15% cap on all commercial property under \$5,000,000.00.

Chairman Abarca asked if the commercial property tax information he just stated was accessible online and the County Executive stated he will make a press release and post it on the County website. Mr. Abarca also shared the praise from a taxpayer on the improvement in the process of tax payment from the previous year.

To view details, use the link below and select the video for the February 9, 2026 legislative meeting at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

6 PERFECTON 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 - 1st. Perfection)

The Legislature As A Whole will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6050 on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6054](#)

AN ORDINANCE requesting a renewal of a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for continuous operation of a horse boarding facility subject to specified conditions, as to a 48.09± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6054 on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 1 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6055](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 19.48± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6055 on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 1 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6056](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 20.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6056 on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 1 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6057](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 70.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6057 on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 1 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6058](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$636,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund for construction services provided by Hartline Construction of North Kansas City, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(Public Works Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[6059](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on April 7, 2026, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[6060](#)

Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[6061](#)

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting all permit and zoning approvals for non-County or municipal government owned detention facilities.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

The Legislature As A Whole will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6061 on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[6062](#)

Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[6049](#)

Consent Agenda.

Legislator Megan L. Smith objected to the Consent Agenda. There was no motion to adopt, therefore, Ordinance #6049 remains **Perfect**.

[6052](#)

Consent Agenda.

[6053](#)

Consent Agenda.

Discussion.

Legislator Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda. There was no motion to adopt, therefore, Ordinance #6053 remains **Perfect**.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

Legislator Sean E. Smith said he supports the amendment to Resolution #22147.

[22147](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Floor Amendment dated February 9, 2026 for Resolution #22147, to delete the word "ARPA" and insert the phrase "federal covid relief funds." in the heading; to insert the first paragraph "WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, enacted by the U.S. Congress, provided financial support to local governments responding to the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,"; to delete the words "American Rescue Plan Act" and insert the phrase "expenditure of federal covid relief" before the word "funds" in the third paragraph, all on page one; to delete the words "ARPA monies" and insert the phrase "federal covid relief funds" before the word "received", to delete the word "present" and insert the year "2025." after the word "to" and to delete the phrase ", amounting to \$136,551,645.00", in the "BE IT RESOLVED" paragraph on page two. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

[22147](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt the Floor Amendment dated February 9, 2026 for Resolution #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 federal covid relief funds. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22152 and #22158 were adopted at this time. See pages 5 and 6 for details.

[22149](#)

A RESOLUTION approving the 2026-2027 Jackson County Assessment and Equalization Maintenance Plan.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

[22150](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-month term and supply contract, with three twenty-four-month options to extend, for the furnishing of information technology products and services for use by various County departments to SHI International Corporation, of Somerset, NJ under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract Number 2024056-02, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[22152](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22152, honoring Dr. Troy Nash and recognizing his appointment as Director of the Lewis White Real Estate Center. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

[22153](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Independence, Missouri, for the use of certain County property for a civic event, at no cost to the County.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)

- [22154](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a one-year agreement with the City of Grain Valley, with one twelve-month option to extend, to engage in anti-crime, anti-violence, and law enforcement school-based initiatives and purposes, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$75,000.00.
(Anti-Crime Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22155](#) A RESOLUTION honoring the Kansas City Public Schools Mentoring Program in recognition of National Mentoring Month.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)
- [22157](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chair of the Jackson County Drug Task Force to execute a Legal Services Agreement with Williams & Campo, P.C., of Lee's Summit, MO, to provide legal services for the Task Force, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,500.00.
(Anti-Crime Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22158](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22158, recognizing Raytown Quality Schools during Mentoring Month. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)
- [22160](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with certain lawyers and law firms at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00.
(Finance & Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22161](#) Health & Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22162](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22163](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of items for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Dunlop Sports of Dallas, TX, as proprietary purchases.
(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22164](#) Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22165](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of independent auditing services for use by the Finance and Purchasing Department to Clifton Larsen Allen, LLP, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-053, at a cost to the County for 2026 not to exceed \$150,000.00.
(Finance & Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

- [22167](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of developer services for a mixed housing program and a 99-year lease to Pate-Campbell Properties, Inc of Olathe, Kansas, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 25-045.
- (WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR DONNA PEYTON. CONCURRED BY SEAN E. SMITH AND CHARLIE FRANKLIN.)
- [22169](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22169, appropriating \$20,683.00 within the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract to LCPTracker of Orange, CA, for an additional single software package for use by the Compliance Review Office for non-profit partnership grants, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$20,683.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
- Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer
- Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee
- (ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [6060](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$264,216.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the 2024 JAG Grant awarded to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
- (PERFECTED)
- [6062](#) AN ORDINANCE waiving the reimbursement of acquisition cost required by section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the transfer of ownership of the Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit dog, Spy, to dog handler and companion Deputy Jessica Davidson.
- (PERFECTED)
- [6052](#) AN ORDINANCE 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.
- (ADOPTED)
- [22161](#) 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, Inc. of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-082.
- (ADOPTED)

[22162](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for annual software subscription 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 \$60,169.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[22164](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of software maintenance for use by the Public Administrator's Office to SEM Applications, Inc., of Oregon, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$60,000.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #6060 and #6062 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinance #6052 and Resolutions #22161, #22162 and #22164 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22170](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of a deep core aerifier for use by the Parks + Rec Department for the Fred Arbanas Golf Course to Redexim North America, Inc. of Valley Park, MO, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-055 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,541.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22171](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of two (2) Ford F-600 trucks with installed snowplow packages for use by the Public Works Department to Viking-Cives Midwest of Morley, MO, under the terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract No. 062222-VCM, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$287,050.00

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22172](#) Recognizing honorarium payments to community volunteers who assisted in the evaluation of non-profit grant applications.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22173](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22173, honoring the retirement of Lorelei L. Smith in her career at the Jackson County Election Board. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

Legislator Donna Peyton asked to be added as a sponsor to Resolution #22173.

[22174](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22174, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, for the purpose of conducting confidential communications under section 610.021(17) 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: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #22173 was adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Since the County Executive declared Monday, February 16, 2026 (Presidents' Day) as a County holiday, Chairman Abarca suggested a motion to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled for that date.

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, February 16, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Chairman Abarca said the Clerk of the County Legislature will be emailing the Ad Hoc Committee list out soon. The Special and Standing Committee

list was emailed last week and they are effective February 11, 2026.

Legislator Donna Peyton said she is hosting a Nonprofits and Property Tax Assessments Informational Forum on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 2 P.M. at Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church located at 4444 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

Phil LeVota explained exemptions for non-profit organizations. He said he will attend the forum on Wednesday.

Chairman Abarca said office furniture for the legislative offices is being installed. He asked that legislative staff contact Cindy Wallace, Senior Assistant Auditor or him for office/cubicle assignments. He introduced Jesse Reyes, Legislative Intern and Jenni Mann, Chief of Staff from his office. He said Monica Bravo is now the Legislative Aide for Venessa Huskey.

He also said he has asked the County Counselors office to contact legislators weekly so they are aware of legislation that they are sponsoring.

The County Legislature recessed to go into closed session per Resolution #22174.

The County Legislature reconvened.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, February 23, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.