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Monday, February 24, 2025

3:00 PM

Fourth Regular Meeting

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on February 19, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

HEARINGS 4

Presentation by Sean Putney, CEO/Executive Director - Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium. Cora Storbeck, Director of Development and Government Affairs was also present. For a copy of the Kansas City Zoo and Aquarium presentation, see attachments under Meeting details for the February 24. 2025 legislative meeting at https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

The following applicants were interviewed by the County Legislature for the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority:

Resolution #21867 - Phil LeVota, Kenneth McClain, Lisa Pelofsky, Emmet Pierson Jr. and John Fierro

Resolution #21868 - Matthew Haase, Rob Binney, Matthew Tye Grant, Carson Ross and Joe Hudson

DaRon McGee opened the floor for nominations for Resolution #21868.

Megan L. Marshall nominated Carson Ross, Matt Haase and Rob Binney.

Manuel Abarca IV nominated Joe Hudson.

DaRon McGee closed nominations.

DaRon McGee explained that Carson Ross was included in the Resolution since he was chosen from the previous panel sent to Governor Parsons.

The Clerk of the County Legislature read the votes aloud. The votes were as follows:

Matt Haase - 9

Rob Binney - 4

Joe Hudson - 5

The names of Matt Haase and Joe Hudson will be inserted to Resolution #21868.

DaRon McGee opened the floor for nominations for Resolution #21867.

Megan L. Marshall nominated Emmet Pierson, Kenneth McClain and John Fierro.

Donna Peyton nominated Lisa Pelofsky.

Jalen Anderson nominated Phil LeVota.

DaRon McGee closed nominations.

DaRon McGee explained that Emmet Pierson was included in the Resolution since he was chosen from the previous panel sent to Governor Parsons.

The Clerk of the County Legislature read the votes aloud. The votes were as follows:

Kenneth McClain - 5

John Fierro - 6

Lisa Pelofsky - 4

Phil LeVota - 2

The names of John Fierro and Kenneth McClain will be inserted to Resolution #21867.

Resolutions #21867, #21868 and #21865 were adopted at this time. See page 10 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White Jr., was not present and when asked for a report by the Chairman, no one was present to do so.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, requested to make a statement/ask a question even though there was no one present to respond. He hoped that the County Executive was watching and would provide an answer at a later date. His question was regarding the County Executive's Office intention to offer a contract to Troy Shulte, former County Administrator. He asked the amount of the contract and what budget line it would be paid from. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, answered that he believed it would be a professional services contract in the amount of \$5,000.00. Legislator Abarca asked to see a copy of the contract to understand the need.

During this exchange, Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, returned to the chambers and stated there was no report from the County Executive's Office. Legislator Abarca asked Mr. Clifford to comment on the Troy Shulte contract. Mr. Clifford stated that the terms of the contract had not been finalized. It would be a limited contractual agreement for three months at \$5,000.00 per month to consult and assist the next County Administrator with a focus on the annual budget process and the assessment process. Legislator Abarca next asked if the three month agreement would be three separate contracts or one \$15,000.00 contract that would make it subject to legislative approval. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, stated he believed the County Executive could authorize up to \$25,000.00 without legislative approval but he would have to check to be sure. Troy Thomas, County Auditor, disagreed with that statement and stated the County Executive could only authorize up to \$5,000.00 and anything over that was subject to legislative approval.

Next, Legislator Abarca asked about the jail project and there being outstanding compliance violations with JE Dunn for several months. Caleb Clifford said he is unaware of the details about that inquiry but will facilitate JE Dunn coming before the legislature to answer questions directly. Legislator Abarca also made an observation that in the updated/revised budget of the County Executive, there was no money/line item to continue compliance oversight from the County Auditor's Office. Mr. Clifford stated that the initial budget contained a set amount of funds agreed to by both the County Executive and the Legislature. If additional funds are needed, the Legislative Auditor should submit a request with details to the County Executive's Office for consideration.

Troy Thomas, Legislative Auditor, wanted to offer clarity to the earlier

discussion regarding contracts entered into by the County Executive's Office. He read Article III, Section 6, paragraph 2 of the Constitutional Home Rule Charter for Jackson County, Missouri which states: "The County Executive, in addition to other powers and duties provided in this charter, shall have the power to: 2. Employ experts and consultants in connection with any of the functions of the county, and ensure that all professional services contracts over \$5,000, except in emergency situations, follow a competitive process to determine award of the contract."

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

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 - 14th Perfection)

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 - 5th. Perfection)

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsection 5560.3., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to recklessly failing to care for or control child, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject.

(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 5th. Perfection)

AN ORDINANCE 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.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 4th. Perfection)

A motion was made by Manual Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to hold Ordinance #5960. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee

No: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Discussion.

A motion was made by Manual Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to table Ordinance #5960. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

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

Under UNFINISHED BUSINESS on page 13, Donna Peyton changed her vote on the motion to table Ordinance #5960.

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5960. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Ordinance #5960, appropriating \$255,130.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of grant funds and authorizing the County Executive to execute Addendum #2 to the Community Assistance Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for use by the Parks + Rec Department. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 2 - DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 2 - Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

5961 Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

Megan L. Marshall objected to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5961. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5961, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

<u>5962</u>	Land Use Committee moved to perfect.
	Megan L. Marshall objected to the Consent Agenda.
<u>5962</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5962. The motion passed by a voice vote.
	(PERFECTED)
<u>5962</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5962, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 6.29± acre tract from District RR (Residential Ranchette) to District RE (Residential Estates). 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer
	(ADOPTED)
<u>5963</u>	Land Use Committee moved to perfect.
	Megan L. Marshall objected to the Consent Agenda.
<u>5963</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5963. The motion passed by a voice vote.
	(PERFECTED)
<u>5963</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5963, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer
	(ADOPTED)
<u>5964</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5964. The motion passed by a voice vote.
	(PERFECTED)

5964

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5964, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to hold Ordinance #5959. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

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

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 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 - 33rd Meeting)

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 - 20th Meeting)

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.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 4th. Meeting)

A RESOLUTION authorizing a twelve-month extension to the term and supply contract for the furnishing of automotive parts for use countywide to AutoZone of Memphis, TN, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. R211201, an existing competitively-bid government

(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)

contract.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to waive the reading of Resolutions #21850, #21851, #21852, #21853, #21854, #21855, #21856, #21857. The motion passed by a roll call vote: Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee

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

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

21851 A RESOLUTION transferring \$25,500.00 within the 2025 Park Fund for offsite server hosting services provided by Vermont Systems Inc. for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of professional mortuary services for use by the Public Administrator to Charter Funerals of Missouri, LLC of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-085.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC filters for use by various County departments, as a split award to Kansas City Air Filter of Kansas City, MO and Inspection Experts, Inc., of Columbia, Maryland, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-081.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of office furniture for use by various County departments, as a split award to Encompas Corporation, Kansas City Office Design, LLC, K&M Office Products dba Office Products Alliance, Color Art Integrated Interiors of Kansas City, LLC, dba Scott Rice Office Works, all of Kansas City, MO and Rangle Distributing of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-091.

	(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
<u>21855</u>	A RESOLUTION transferring \$36,300.00 within the 2025 Park Fund to purchase supplies at Lowe's Home Improvement for use by the Parks + Rec Department.
	(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
<u>21856</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a five-year contract for the furnishing of ortho and oblique aerial imagery for use by various County departments to Nearmap U.S., Inc., of Lehi, Utah, at an actual cost to the County of \$100,000.00, as a sole source purchase. (Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
	(Finance and Addit Committee - Srd. Meeting)
<u>21857</u>	A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of miscellaneous pipes and plumbing supplies for use by various County departments to Reeves-Wiedeman Company of Kansas City, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-088.
	(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
<u>21859</u>	Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>21860</u>	A RESOLUTION declaring certain real property as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the surplus parcels. (Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)
<u>21863</u>	Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
<u>21864</u>	Land Use Committee moved to adopt.
	Sean E. Smith objected to the Consent Agenda.
	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #21864.
	Discussion.
	A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to hold Resolution #21864. The motion passed by a voice vote: Yes: 5 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer
	Discussion.
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21865

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21865, recognizing the National Black United Front - Kansas City Chapter on its 43 years of service to the Jackson County community. 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

21867

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21867, nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2028. 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

Resolution #21867 was adopted with the names John Fierro and Kenneth McClain inserted. Emmet Pierson was included in the original Resolution.

21868

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21868, nominating candidate for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2029. 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

Resolution #21868 was adopted with the names Matt Haase and Joe Hudson inserted. Carson Ross was included in the original Resolution.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

<u>21859</u>

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.

(ADOPTED)

21863

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Programmatic Agreement with the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office related to the disposition of certain properties located at Longview Lake.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #21859 and #21863 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to approve the Consent Agenda. 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, Sean E. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- 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 Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)
- 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 Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

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.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

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.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

<u>21873</u>	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.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

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.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

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.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

<u>25-03</u> I hereby make the following appointments to the COMBAT Commission:

Theresa Grado is appointed to fill a vacant District 1 seat occasioned by the term expiration of Mark Bryant, for a new term set to expire December 31, 2028. A copy of Ms. Grado's resume is attached.

John Sharp is appointed to fill a vacant District 4 seat occasioned by the term expiration of Elizabeth Williams, for a new term set to expire December 31, 2028. A copy of Mr. Sharp's resume is attached.

Katherine Baker is appointed to fill a vacant At-Large Legal Professional seat occasioned by the term expiration of Alfred Jordan, with a new term set to expire December 31, 2027. A copy of Ms. Baker's resume is attached.

Dr. Susan M. Wilson is appointed to a vacant At-Large seat occasioned by the term expiration of Dr. Joseph Spalitto, with a new term set to expire December 31, 2028. A copy of Dr. Wilson's resume is attached.

25-04 I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Board of Equalization:

Jacqueline Sommer is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the term expiration of Forestine Beasley, with a new term set to expire December 31, 2027. A copy of Ms. Sommer's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, requested the Clerk of the County Legislature to change her vote on Ordinance #5960 from yes to no. The motion to table Ordinance #5960 now failed with the following roll call vote: Yes: 4 - Manual Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee

No: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Ordinance #5960 was perfected and adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

Discussion.

14 NEW BUSINESS

DaRon McGee asked for a motion to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on March 3, 2025 since they will lack a quorum and reschedule it on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025 at 3 P.M. and reschedule it for Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 10 A.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area. The motion passed by a roll call vote: Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee

Manuel Abarca IV asked for a status report on the updated budget. Caleb Clifford responded that the data is available but they are working to make it accessible in Workday. He said it should be available electronically by the end of the week and the Finance department will send it out when it is ready. He said if it is needed in paper form, there will be an additional charge. He said they are getting the numbers from the old system for 2023 and 2024.

Manuel Abarca IV said to be clear the reports needed are: actuals from 2024, closeouts from 2024, 2025 recommended budget and 2025 requests from departments.

Mr. Clifford responded that the 2025 recommended budget from the County Executive has been provided electronically and in paper form. They are working on preparing easy to read reports for the 2024 adopted budget and the 2024 actuals to be used for comparison and the same for 2023.

Mr. Abarca said the lack of actual numbers when creating a budget is an

atrocity as it pertains to budgeting.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked Charlie Franklin, Budget Chairman, if conversations have been fruitful regarding the 2025 budget. Mr. Franklin replied progress is being made but there may be some pitfalls.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, said he objects to the previous appointment of Terrell Walls to the Board of Equalization due to the fact that he did not pay his taxes from 2016-2020 and again from 2022-2024. He was appointed on February 10, 2025 and became current on his taxes on February 14, 2025. He said this raises concerns.

Caleb Clifford said the Administration provides courtesy time for appointees to pay delinquent taxes. Mr. Walls is in compliance now.

Terrell Walls was in the audience and said his taxes are paid in full. Sean E. Smith said serving on the Board of Equalization, Mr. Walls plays a key role in determining what taxpayers will pay in taxes and it raises concerns since he has failed to pay his taxes timely.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey to object to the appointment of Terrell Walls to the Board of Equalization (Executive Order 25-02). The motion failed by a roll call vote: Yes: 3 - Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith No: 6 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and DaRon McGee

Discussion.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.