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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Scott Burnett (1st) Chair, Alfred Jordan (2nd) Vice Chair,  
Garry J. Baker (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),  
Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater III (4th), Greg Grounds (5th),  
Theresa Galvin (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
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**Monday, January 29, 2018**

**2:30 PM**

**Sixth Regular Meeting**

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

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Scott Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent 1 - Theresa Galvin

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Dennis Waits to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 22, 2018. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*None.*

**5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

*None.*

**6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5066](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending subsections 1503.2 and 1503.3, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Employees' Pension Plan.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 6th. Perfection)*

[5070](#)

Health and Environment Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

- [5071](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing section 533., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the County's fiscal policies, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.  
*(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

*None.*

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

*None.*

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

- [5070](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$27,430.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Health Fund to provide funding for a part-time wellness coordinator position within the Human Resources Department.  
(PERFECTED)

*Ordinance #5070 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.*

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent: 1 - Theresa Galvin

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

- [5072](#) Appropriating \$10,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement in acceptance of funding provided by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for "Operation Empty Pockets."  
*(Assigned to the Anti-Drug Committee.)*

*Resolutions #19703 and #19705 were adopted at this time. See page 4 for details.*

[5073](#) Appropriating \$236,488.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Special Road and Bridge Fund to cover the cost of salaries, benefits, wearing apparel, and a vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office in its cooperative law enforcement program with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority.

*(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)*

*Captain Scott Goodman of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office explained that the K9 dog is approximately one-year old and will be used as an explosive and patrol dog.*

[5074](#) A motion was made by Alfred Jordan, seconded by Dennis Waits to perfect Ordinance #5074. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5074](#) A motion was made by Alfred Jordan, seconded by Dennis Waits, to adopt Ordinance #5074, appropriating \$13,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the Federal Forfeiture Fund, for the purchase of one "dual purpose" K-9 from Von Hengers Kennels of Buckner, MO, for use by the Sheriff's Office, at an actual cost of \$13,500.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent: 1 - Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[19698](#) A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19698, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, January 29, 2018, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(1) 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 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent: 1 - Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Steve Nixon, County Counselor, stated that no action would be required after the closed meeting.*

[19699](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of a Toro Turf Mower for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Professional Turf Products of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of the NIPA Contract No. 2017025, an existing government contract, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$29,945.00.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[19700](#) Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a Training Facility Center Usage Agreement with the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District, for use by the Parks + Rec Department, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$300.00.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[19701](#) Authorizing a grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in connection with the National Recreational Trails Program for funds to improve the Little Blue Trace trail.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[19702](#) Authorizing a grant application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in connection with the Land and Water Conservation for funds to improve the Blue River Parkway Recreational Area.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[19703](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19703, recognizing Stand Up KC, an organization founded to support low-wage workers in Kansas City, on the occasion of its fifth anniversary fundraising event to be held February 3, 2018. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent: 1 - Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[19704](#) A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19704, transferring \$41,304.00 within the 2018 General Fund to restore monies for contractual services in the County Counselor's Office that were eliminated in the 2018 Jackson County budget. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent: 1 - Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[19705](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19705, authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom, for sponsorship of its Stand Up KC event, to be held February 3, 2018, in Kansas City, MO. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds

Absent: 1 - Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[19706](#)

Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a Consulting Agreement with Fred Dreiling, LLC, to serve as chief intergovernmental relations consultant, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$107,500.00.

*(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)*

[19707](#)

Transferring \$97,096.00 within the 2018 Special Road and Bridge Reserve Fund to cover salaries for associates transferred from the Parks + Rec Department to the Public Works Department.

*(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)*

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Veto of Ordinance #5069 was received in the County Clerk's Office on January 26, 2018. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, stated that the County Executive's message requested sufficient time for the County Counselor and its recently hired legal advisor, to fully research and draft legal opinions on this Ordinance. Dan Tarwater III stated that he was not opposed to giving the County Counselor the requested time. Dan Tarwater III asked Steve Nixon, County Counselor, if he had a conflict regarding rendering an opinion on this matter. Steve Nixon stated that there was no conflict by his office regarding giving an opinion on a specific ordinance if there is no litigation regarding that ordinance, but if the ordinance is litigated, then he would have a conflict.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, stated that paragraph four of the veto message was confusing and she asked what that paragraph means.

Steve Nixon stated that he will consider the statements in the veto message in forming his legal opinion. Steve Nixon then stated that historically veto overrides have occurred at the next meeting of the legislature and if a vote to override does not occur at this meeting, it may be considered out of time.

Dennis Waits, County Legislator, stated that he recommended that the legislature recess rather than adjourn so that this matter might be taken up at the February 5, 2018 meeting.

Greg Grounds, County Legislator, stated that the lack of clarity in the Charter as to the time limit to override a veto is another reason the Charter needs to be amended.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Closed meeting per Resolution #19698.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Greg Grounds, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to recess the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*The County Legislature recessed until Monday, February 5, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*