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

Monday, October 2, 2023

3:00 PM

Thirty-sixth 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 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

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 Sean E. Smith to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on September 25, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

There were no hearings. Resolutions #21412, #21414, #21415, and #21416 were adopted at this time. See pages 5 and 6 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said he knows sometimes decisions are very difficult to make. But making certain decisions that involve public safety and issues that are helpful to County associates, mean that sometimes we have to look for reasons to pass certain things, versus look for reasons to not pass certain things. When looking at issues that are valuable to the County and the needs of the community, this is why the County was able to purchase, for example, the new County Health Department building, and purchase the Administration Building. These are things that have moved the County forward. He encourages the Legislature, especially on issues involving public safety, to find a way to move things along versus hold things up. This was a valuable lesson he learned when he came on the Legislature with Dan Tarwater, and he believes this could carry forward with the

Legislature and the decisions they make in the best interests of Jackson County.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, said he hears that sentiment and agrees. In that light, he asked for an update on the Legislature's new Compliance positions. Mr. White said that is a conversation he and the Chair will have and will reach a conclusion on those positions. Mr. Abarca asked if he anticipated reaching a decision on those positions before the end of the year. Mr. White said he doesn't anticipate anything. He is just waiting for the conversation.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee made no recommendation on Ordinance #5783.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said she saw a visitor park on 12th Street in a handicap space. He was unable to access the building to the front and had to walk up the ramp on the side. She has concerns about the accessibility of the building. She also had concerns about the fairness of the bid process.

[5783](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to perfect Ordinance #5783, appropriating \$5,597,855.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract for construction services for exterior improvements to the Jackson County Courthouse to Gunter Construction Co., of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-037. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 4 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(FAILED)

[5789](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$110,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Assessment Fund to cover the cost of salaries and overtime for the remainder of the 2023 Board of Equalization (BOE) appeals docket.

(Budget Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5791](#) Consent Agenda.

[5792](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee made no recommendation on Resolution #21399.

Manuel Abarca IV said he believes the arts are critically important to our area. But he has concerns about the process used to award this no bid contract.

[21399](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21399, authorizing the County Executive to execute an Extension to the Cooperative Agreement with ArtsKC for the development of an arts strategic plan for Jackson County, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 5 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(DEFEATED)

[21401](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21402](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute an Addendum to the existing Legal Services Agreement with Husch Blackwell, LLP of Kansas City, MO, for county-wide anti-discrimination and anti-harassment training at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$20,000.00.

(Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5791](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$19,372.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for reimbursement of overtime expenses.

(ADOPTED)

[5792](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$19,840.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for reimbursement of overtime expenses.

(ADOPTED)

[21401](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$21,000.00 within the 2023 Park Enterprise Fund for food and beverage items for resale at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5791, 5792 and Resolution #21401 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5797](#) 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.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[5798](#) Appropriating \$16,748.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund in acceptance of funding provided by the Organized Crime Enforcement Task Force for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for "Operation Bad Cookie."

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[5799](#) Transferring \$242,374.00 within the 2023 Sheriff's Office General Fund and appropriating \$302,374.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 General Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's DWI/Traffic Safety Unit Salary Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[5800](#) Appropriating \$34,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 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 with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[5801](#) Appropriating \$40,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's 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 with the Missouri Traffic and Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21409](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of annual software maintenance for use by the Sheriff's Office to Omnigo Software of St. Louis, MO, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$89,090.00.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21410](#) Transferring \$104,000.00 within the 2023 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$104,000.00 for assisting in the purchase of a Unified Computer Aided Dispatch System for the Lone Jack Police Department.
(Assigned to the 911 Oversight Committee.)

[21411](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of dry goods, refrigerated foods, and frozen foods for use by Parks + Rec Department to U.S. Foods of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of the U.S. Communities Contract No. 42356, an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21412](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21412, honoring the life and achievements of Mary Margaret Tarwater. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21413](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Environmental Management Services for use by various County departments to EcoSafe Environmental Services of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-027.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21414](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21414, celebrating the contributions of Hispanic small businesses to Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21415](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21415, recognizing the valuable contributions of Hispanic first responders. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21416](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21416, celebrating the work of the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund to advance the Latino community for nearly four decades. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21417](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21417, appointing Melinda Bolling to the position of Chief Compliance Review Officer pursuant to section 629.1 of the Jackson County Code. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 9, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.