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*Dan Tarwater III (4th) Chairman,
Ronald E. Finley (2nd) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Charlie Franklin (3rd),
Jeanie Lauer (5th), Theresa Cass Galvin (6th)*

Monday, November 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Fortieth Regular Meeting

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

Dan Tarwater, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent 1 - Tony Miller

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Ronald E. Finley to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on October 25, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, invited Jean Peters Baker, Prosecuting Attorney, to address the Legislature. Jean Peters Baker said her office lost Lois Purvis, Senior Legal Assistant for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office since 1995. Ms. Purvis passed away from complications due to COVID-19. Ms. Purvis was incredibly dedicated to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Ms. Purvis had served as Jean Peters Baker's assistant on the Warrant Desk and in many other capacities within the office. Her co-workers, family, and friends will miss her steadfast and loyal devotion to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Mr. White asked everyone to keep Lois Purvis's family and friends in their prayers.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, thanked the County Executive's associates for their work on the design-build resolution for the detention center.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

Resolution #20801 was adopted at this time. See page 4 for details.

Resolution #20798 was adopted at this time. See below for details.

[20794](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20795](#)

Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20798](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #20798 ending the County's current mask mandate order effective upon adoption of this Resolution. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

No: 5 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett and Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Tony Miller

(DEFEATED)

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said she is not anti-mask or pro-mask. She is in favor of self-responsibility. She said this issue needs to be back in the hands of businesses and let them decide if they want to require masks. The schools have complete autonomy. The children are not the issue for this vote.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said as long as there are deaths, we need to have this in place to protect people.

9 CONSENT AGENDA[20794](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of t-shirts and wearing apparel for use by various County departments to Exhibit Arts of Wichita, KS, Product Masters of Newberry, MI, and Sew What of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 55-21.

(ADOPTED)

[20795](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, MO, to provide for participation in the Kansas City Community Safety Partnership Initiative, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$78,269.00.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #20794 and #20795 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Tony Miller

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Resolution #20805 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

[5559](#)

Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$13,300,000 principal amount of special obligation refunding bonds (Truman Medical Center d/b/a University Health Project), series 2021B, of Jackson County, Missouri, and authorizing certain other documents and actions by the County.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Dan Tarwater III asked when the County will have legislation related to the stadium bonds. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said he will check on the status and report back to the Legislature.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20800](#)

Awarding a contract for flotation and dock replacement at the Jacomo, Blue Springs, and Longview Marinas for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Ozark Barge and Dock Service of Gravois Mills, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 44-21, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$1,627,595.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20801](#)

A motion was made by Ronald E. Finley, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #20801, recognizing The Call newspaper on the 102nd anniversary of its founding. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Tony Miller

(ADOPTED)

Ronald E. Finley presented Resolution #20801 to Eric L. Wesson, Sr., Managing Editor of The Call newspaper. Mr. Finley said The Call newspaper, under Mr. Wesson's leadership, is a newspaper for all people not just a paper for black people. Mr. Finley said The Call covers social issues relevant to the community as well as several pages of obituaries. He encouraged everyone to purchase a subscription to The Call newspaper. Mr. Wesson explained that when The Call was founded 102 years ago, the Kansas City Star newspaper would not publish obituaries for black people. Chester Franklin started the newspaper to fill this need in the community. The newspaper was delivered to locations throughout the south which encouraged many black citizens to relocate to Kansas City. Frank White, Jr. said his parents read The Call and he and his brother had a paper route delivering the paper.

[20802](#)

Expressing the desire of the Legislature that Jackson County select and procure a Design-Builder for the construction of a new Jackson County Detention Center utilizing the statutory procedure set out in section 67.5060, RSMo.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[20803](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of fishing supplies for resale by the Parks + Rec Department at County-owned marinas to Robinson Wholesale of Genoa, WI, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 50-21.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20804](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute agreements with certain organizations to provide services in connection with the 2021 Christmas in the Park event, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$42,000.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20805](#) A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Resolution #20805, transferring \$62,000.00 within the 2021 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, to cover unanticipated budgetary shortfalls within the Jackson County Drug Task Force. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Tony Miller

(ADOPTED)

[20806](#) A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20806, extending the County's current mask mandate order for the health and safety of its citizens until November 22, 2021. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett and Charlie Franklin

No: 2 - Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Tony Miller and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he continues to be in favor of the mask mandate because of the many people who may contract and possibly die from the virus. Mr. Anderson said the County has come close to controlling the danger. The vaccine has helped to keep the COVID numbers lower than last year. He said the County has no control over the stadiums or the City of Independence. Independence has had more COVID cases than the County and he believes this is because of the County's mask mandate. Vaccine numbers are still behind where they need to be.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said the vaccine for children five and above will be approved soon. Many parents have been waiting for their children to be eligible to be vaccinated. This will help with the COVID cases in Jackson County. The County has made good progress, but is still not quite out of the woods.

Dan Tarwater III said he hopes the Legislators will get to the point they feel comfortable allowing people to decide for themselves whether to wear a mask. The COVID numbers are below the CDC guideline levels to require masks.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, November 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.