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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)*

Monday, May 11, 2026

3:00 PM

Fifteenth Regular Meeting

Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers

Sean E. Smith, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on April 29, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

This past weekend began the transition of the detainees to the new detention center. The transition will occur in phases to maintain operational stability. The new detention center is a modern facility that uses the best practices and provides a safer environment. He stated the project was on schedule and within budget. The Sheriff's staff underwent extensive training in preparation to activate the building. He thanked the Sheriff, staff and project team.

Regarding Ordinance #6077 - creating an inmate bill of rights - the Sheriff

would like to review the legislation before the Legislature moves to adopt.

Regarding Ordinance #6076 - to construct and install a drinking fountain in Fleming Park - it was brought to his attention that the company awarded the contract does not have experience working with plumbing, so Legislator Franklin was asked to withdraw the ordinance. New legislation will be introduced.

Legislator Manuel Abarca IV stated he has been asking the Sheriff to come before the Legislature and make a presentation regarding the jail transition for over a month and a half. Hopefully this is an opportunity for him to do so.

To view details from this section of the journal, click on the link below and select the video of the County Legislative meeting dated May 11, 2026.
<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Resolution #22268 was adopted at this time. See page 7 for details.

Phil LeVota stated that he will be approaching the County Legislature in the next few weeks regarding structural repairs needed for the University Health facility in Lee's Summit which is a 1908 building.

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 - 13th Perfection)

Jeanie Lauer assumed the Chair.

6074

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to discharge to Legislature As A Whole, Ordinance #6074 implementing a 120-day moratorium on the processing of data center land use applications and Battery Energy Storage System land use applications by Jackson County for the purpose of developing a long-term policy and accompanying County Code provisions related to such applications, including the direction of regulatory standards and enhanced public notification requirements. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(APPROVED)

[6074](#)

AN ORDINANCE implementing a 120-day moratorium on the processing of data center land use applications and Battery Energy Storage System land use applications by Jackson County for the purpose of developing a long-term policy and accompanying County Code provisions related to such applications, including the direction of regulatory standards and enhanced public notification requirements.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

Sean E. Smith resumed the Chair.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to hold Ordinance #6074 in Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[6075](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 126± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 5th. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6075 on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Legislative Assembly Area.

[6076](#)

Transferring and appropriating \$27,260.00 from the undesignated balance of the 2026 Park Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with She Digs It, LLC of Blue Springs, MO to cover construction and installation of a drinking fountain at Fleming Park at a cost to the County not to exceed \$27,260.00.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR CHARLIE FRANKLIN. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND JEANIE LAUER.)

[6077](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 6004., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to standards for care and treatment in Jackson County residential facilities with a severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 4th. Perfection)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton to hold Ordinance #6077. The motion passed by a voice vote.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- [6049](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.
(PERFECTED)
- [6078](#) Consent Agenda.
- [6079](#) Consent Agenda.
- [6080](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [22213](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to discharge to the Legislature As A Whole Resolution #22213, authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$152,400.00. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(APPROVED)

- [22213](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22213 authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$152,400.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer
Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee
Excused: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

- [22235](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners for anti-drug and anti-crime law enforcement activities and programs at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,657,651.00.
(*Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting*)
Legislator Manuel Abarca IV stated the Kansas City Police Department will give a presentation regarding Resolution #22235 at next week's meeting.

[22252](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve month options to extend, for the furnishing of end user computing, peripherals, device lifecycle management solutions and associated services at discounted rates for use by various County departments to Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, TX under the terms and conditions of Midwestern Higher Education Compact Contract No. MHEC-04152022 an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22256](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22259](#) A RESOLUTION recognizing personnel that attended Professional Development Training.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

[22260](#) A RESOLUTION regarding Proposed Ordinance 6050, as amended by Proposed Ordinance 6050A, known as the Renee Nicole Macklin Good Transparency and Accountability Ordinance (the "Good Ordinance").

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[6078](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring and appropriating \$378,162.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with Tarkett Sports Construction-Central, LLC, of Lee's Summit, MO to cover construction and planning of pickleball courts at Fleming Park at a cost to the County not to exceed \$378,162.00.

(ADOPTED)

[6079](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,250.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Grant Fund in acceptance of the OSCA Domestic Relations Resolution Fund Mediation grant received from the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator.

(ADOPTED)

[6080](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$60,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of a new fire notification and alarm system for use by the Public Works Department for the Historic Truman Courthouse to Johnson Controls Inc., of Lenexa, KS, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$60,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22256](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the surplus parcels.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #6078, #6079, #6080 and Resolution #22256 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6081](#)

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 RE (Residential Estates).

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6082](#)

Enacting section 5511., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to prohibiting the open burning of household waste within Jackson County, Missouri, in accordance with state air quality laws, and establishing penalties for violations.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6083](#)

Appropriating an additional \$34,970.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Grant Fund, in acceptance of the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22264](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22264 honoring the life of Virginia Anne Robbins (nee Porter), an esteemed resident of Grain Valley, Missouri who dedicated her life to community service. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

[22265](#)

Awarding a contract for the purchase of an 8900A Precision Cut Large Reel Mower for use by the Parks + Rec Department to John Deere & Company of Cary, NC under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 112624-DAC, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$100,610.00, and declaring certain existing equipment as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal by way of trade-in.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[22266](#)

Awarding a thirty-six-month contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of inmate commissary services and kiosks for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Department of Corrections to TurnKey Corrections of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-002.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22267](#)

Awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of testing, inspections, and monitoring of the fire detection and notification systems for use by the Public Works Department, to Siemens Industry, Inc. of Alpharetta, GA, under the terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract No. 30910, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

[22268](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22268 recognizing National Nurses Week 2026 and honoring the service of nurses at University Health-Kansas City and other area hospitals. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Legislator Abarca asked if there can be an update from the Health Department regarding the Hantavirus. Chairman Sean E. Smith asked Phil LeVota if he can assist with getting the update and the County Executive agreed to do so.

Legislator Donna Peyton thanked everyone for the support given to her during the loss of her brother.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, May 18, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.