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*DaRon McGee (4th) Chairman,
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, August 14, 2023

3:00 PM

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

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 August 07, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

Resolutions #21367 and #21370 were adopted at this time. See pages 8 and 9 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive was not present.

Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said there was no report.

Manual Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked for an update on the Board of Equalization process. Mr. Schulte said the BOE is meeting Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., mostly handling approval of stipulations and waivers of appearance. The hearing officers are handling about 150 cases a day. The process is working. They have resolved 31.5% of cases.

The process is likely to slow down once they begin hearing cases that have not had a stipulation. The Assessment Department continues to work with Tyler Technologies and are offering stipulations for some applicants with agricultural properties in the far eastern portion of Jackson County. They will continue to try to resolve these cases as quickly as possible. He will pull some data for Mr. Abarca regarding the stipulations and percentage of value changes. Mr. Abarca asked for data on properties with over 15% difference.

Mr. Abarca asked if there was any response to the State Auditor's request. Mr. Schulte said they will put the information together and send it off to the auditor. DaRon McGee, County Legislator, asked for the Legislature to be copied on that response.

Mr. Abarca asked the County Executive's opinion on American Rescue Plan Act Fund processes. Mr. Schulte said he believes there have been conversations between the Administration and Legislative staff on priorities for the ARPA funds. Mr. Abarca said it seems the County Executive is prioritizing buildings. Additionally, the County Executive spoke at a meeting and offered \$5 million from ARPA for small businesses. Mr. Schulte said he would seek more information from the Administration.

Mr. Abarca asked about the County Executive's position on SB190. Mr. Schulte said the County Administration perspective is that there is uncertainty regarding the intent of this legislation. They hope to develop a framework that will allow them to work toward implementing the legislation, freezing those eligible seniors (62 and older) at the 2023 levels and start an application process that would run until September 2024.

Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said his office is part of a working group with the Missouri Association of Counties. There is no county in Missouri that has enacted the law for this year because of the uncertainty with the law. They hope to find a way to get it properly done with a consistent process. There are many holes with the law that need to be clarified. Mr. Abarca said he believes Jackson County is unique in the number of appeals. Mr. Covinsky said St. Louis County consistently has more than 30,000 BOE appeals. Mr. Abarca asked if there are any other counties in Missouri with over 50,000 appeals. He asked Mr. Covinsky to have an answer to that question by the next legislative meeting.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, said he had sent a list of questions regarding the appeal process. He said some taxpayers have received a

stipulation in the mail that disagreed with the one they received in the appeal process. His understanding is the lowest stipulation number is what will be applied. He asked about the County Counselor's Office signing off on stipulations. Mr. Covinsky said his office is part of the process and there is an attorney at all BOE hearings to sign the stipulations. The County Counselor's Office represents the Assessment Department. Mr. Smith asked when taxpayers will see the county's website reflect the stipulated value. Mr. Schulte said it normally takes 7 to 10 days to update the online system. The numbers are uploaded weekly.

Mr. Smith asked about the process for anyone, with a good reason, asking for a late appeal. Mr. Schulte said the taxpayer should send a letter to the BOE email address: boardofequalization@jacksongov.org stating their reason for needing a late appeal. The Board of Equalization will have to decide to accept each individual late appeal, depending on the reason for lateness, such as hospitalization or deployed military personnel. Informal appeals are set to end tomorrow, but the BOE hearing officers will continue to handle appeals until all appeals have been heard. The BOE is not currently having in-person hearings. Right now, that process is through Zoom or phone only. Mr. Abarca said he still hopes to have a hearing on the equity of having Zoom-only hearings.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the holdup within the Administration and Human Resources Department on the approval of staff positions for the Legislative Auditor and Compliance staff. Troy Schulte said the positions have been approved and paperwork is on the County Executive's desk for approval. The County Executive has requested a meeting with the Chair of the Legislature to discuss the situation further.

Mr. Abarca asked about a term sheet with the Royals. Mr. Covinsky said his office wrote and distributed a request for qualifications for outside counsel on this issue. There is privileged and confidential information on the term sheet. Mr. Abarca suggested scheduling a closed meeting so the County Legislature can be informed. Mr. Covinsky said he will schedule a closed meeting as soon as the RFQ closes on August 15, 2023.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5767](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 ARPA Fund for the purpose of construction improvements and furnishings of the 1300 Washington Administration Building at a cost of \$17,000,000.00, and for improvements to the second floor of the Downtown Courthouse at a cost of \$4,000,000.00 and the Historic Truman Courthouse at a cost of \$2,000,000.00.

(Budget Committee - 4th. Perfection)

Mr. Abarca said the committee is awaiting testimony from the County Executive.

[5770](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$200,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 American Rescue Plan Fund and awarding a twelve-month contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of community surveys and engagement software to Zencity of Harris County, Texas under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners contract no. 191902, an existing government contract.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

The committee requested more information.

[5774](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 2057., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a property tax credit to eligible taxpayers within Jackson County, Missouri, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Missouri §137.1050 (SB190), with an effective date.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The committee is holding this ordinance, pending a public hearing.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5772](#)

Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21346](#)

A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to recommend amending Missouri state statute to allow for a mid-year tax collection date as opposed to the current collection date of December 31st.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21349](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21350](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21352](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21352, honoring Jessica McCallop-McClellan, for her commitment to community service and advocacy for underserved communities in Jackson County, MO and around the world. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21356](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$500,000.00 within the 2023 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the furnishing of outpatient substance abuse treatment for use by the 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County.

(Anti-Crime Committee - 1st. Meeting)

The committee requested more information.

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to waive the reading of Resolution #21357. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[21357](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21359](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21360](#) Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21362](#) Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to adopt.

Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.

[21362](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21362, expressing the intent of the Legislature to enact a property tax credit under Senate Bill 190 to provide property tax relief to County senior citizens.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 6 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

(DEFEATED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5772](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$18,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund in acceptance of grant funds awarded to the Family Court Division by the Family Court Committee of the Supreme Court of Missouri for the Juvenile Justice Program Assistance Grant.

(ADOPTED)

[21349](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of petroleum products for use by various County Departments to Heathwood Oil of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-035.

(ADOPTED)

[21350](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of trailer maintenance and repair for use by various County Departments to Reign Enterprises, LLC of Raymore, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-043.

(ADOPTED)

[21357](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twenty-four month term and supply contracts, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of auto, truck, and motorcycle maintenance and repair services for use by various County departments to Naura, Inc., dba AAMCO Blue Springs of Blue Springs, MO, Bird Automotive of Blue Springs, MO, Glenn's Tire and Automotive, Inc. of Independence, MO, KC Wholesale of Oak Grove, MO, Metro Ford, Inc., of Independence, MO, Midway Ford Truck Center Inc. of Kansas City, MO, and Worth East, LLC, dba Outlaw Harley-Davidson of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-034.

(ADOPTED)

[21359](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$125,000.00 within the 2023 General Fund to cover office supplies, interpreter services, inmate food services, and hazardous waste disposal for use by the Jackson County Detention Center.

(ADOPTED)

[21360](#) A RESOLUTION requesting, on behalf of all Jackson County residential property taxpayers, that the Board of Equalization review the assessment process for legal defects and deficiencies and equalize property valuations subsequent to such an inquiry.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5772 and Resolutions #21349, #21350, #21357, #21359, and #21360 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5775](#) 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 RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5776](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 6.75± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates) and rezoning a certain 12.07± acre tract from District RE (Residential Estates) to District AG (Agricultural).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5777](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 7.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5778](#) Renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for a period of fifty years to operate a 190-foot communication tower and facility, as to a 106.00± acre tract.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5779](#) 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).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5780](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5781](#) 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).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Ordinances #5775 through #5781 on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 10:15 A.M. in the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, 2nd Floor, Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

[5782](#) Setting forth guidelines for citizen initiative, referendum, and recall petitions as referenced under Article XIV of the Jackson County Charter.
(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21364](#) Awarding twenty-four-month term and supply contracts with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of turf chemicals for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Diest Supply Company of Webster City, Iowa, Advanced Turf Solutions of Fishers, Indiana, and SiteOne Landscape Supply of Cleveland, Ohio, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-047.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[21365](#) Awarding a contract to Shawnee F LLC d/b/a Shawnee Mission Ford, of Shawnee, KS for the furnishing of two 2024 Ford Transit T-350 cargo vans, for use by the Detention Center, under the terms and conditions for State of Missouri Contract No. CC231422005, an existing competitively bid government contract at a total cost to the County in the amount of \$111,544.00.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21366](#) Transferring \$1,522,693.97 within the 2023 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$1,522,694.00 for the replacement of the KCPD Unified Computing System to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.
(Assigned to the 911 Oversight Committee.)

[21367](#) A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21367, recognizing University Academy student Pearl Ralls, who recently completed an internship in the office of County Legislator Donna Peyton. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21368](#) Awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Environmental Management Services for use by various County departments to New Horizons of Kansas City, MO, and EcoSafe Environmental Services of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No.23-027.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MEGAN MARSHALL. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND DONNA PEYTON.)

[21369](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21369, appointing Jon H. Otto to the Central City Economic Development Sales Tax District Board, to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Melissa Patterson-Hazley, for a term to expire November 14, 2023. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21370](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21370, recognizing Westside Housing Organization, Inc., on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21371](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21371, recognizing Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Independence, Missouri on the occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary celebration to be held August 15, 2023. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21372](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21372, congratulating Raoul C. Stitt on the occasion of his retirement after 32 years of service to the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 21, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.