



Jackson County Missouri JOURNAL

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County Legislature

*DaRon McGee (4th) Chairman,
Donna Peyton (2nd AL) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),
Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer (5th)
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, August 18, 2025

3:00 PM

Thirty-third 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, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, 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 Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on August 04, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolution #21974 adopted on July 28, 2025 was presented at this time to Fr. Turner.

Resolutions #21998, #22002, #22006, #22011, and #21986 were adopted at this time. See pages 6 and 10-12 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White Jr., County Executive, was not present.

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said there were no reports.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, stated he was made aware of another flooding occurrence over the past weekend at the building located at 1300 Washington Avenue. Prior to that, a more significant flooding event happened that was also over a weekend. He asked if there was any

monitoring that happens to stop problems before they become catastrophic.

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, answered by first stating there are significant differences between the flooding that occurred at the downtown courthouse and the 1300 Washington building. He stated there are moisture recognition applications/programs that have bluetooth devices. He is unaware as to the placement of the devices, but can have Brian Gaddie, Director of Public Works, talk to the Legislature about the steps taken to mitigate flooding issues. There was testimony in an earlier committee meeting that covered the issue including speaking to consultants hired by the County to mitigate and monitor the situation. Legislator Abarca said consultants were hired to figure out the problem at a cost of \$38,000.00. Mr. Clifford replied the money was not used to identify the problem. He said funds are budgeted and used piecemeal to address ongoing issues that develop at the 1300 Washington building while the Administration tries to build support to update the building. Legislator Abarca asked how much of the \$38,000.00 was approved by the Legislature. Mr. Clifford said it was all approved in the budget as well as the term and supply contracts. When asked if the statement was true, Whitney Miller, Deputy County Counselor, stated if work needed to be done term and supply contracts can be utilized, it does not need to come before the Legislature for approval regardless of the amount. Legislator Abarca asked the Administration for a report with the line items that are associated with the repairs.

Legislator Abarca asked if members of the County Executive's staff had received raises. Caleb Clifford answered no. Legislator Abarca asked if anyone received any type of pay increase or out of class pay. Mr. Clifford said he could not speak to anything in regard to specific associates and was not aware of any associates receiving out of class pay.

Legislator Abarca asked where the County Executive was since he was not present. Mr. Clifford said he had no knowledge of the County Executive's schedule.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

5904

Repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, Sections 5577. and 5578., relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR MEGAN L. SMITH. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND JEANIE LAUER.)

Megan L. Smith, County Legislator, explained her reasoning for withdrawing Ordinance #5904.

5967 AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.
(Legislature As A Whole - 16th Perfection)

5990 AN ORDINANCE establishing a commercial property assessment rate cap in Jackson County, Missouri
(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Perfection)

5996 AN ORDINANCE enacting sections of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the establishment of fair property tax payment practices and protections during appeals, providing for payment programs, appeal-based payment extensions, and time limits on appeals resolution.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)

5997 AN ORDINANCE establishing financial accountability for elected officials who reject or obstruct certified recall petitions, requiring reimbursement of special election costs if a court determines improper denial of voter certified recall efforts.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 4th. Perfection)

5998 Land Use Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

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Sean E. Smith objected to the Consent Agenda. Discussion.

5999 A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5999, 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). The motion passed by a voice vote.
Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer
No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(PERFECTED)

6000 A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Floor Amendment dated August 18, 2025 for Ordinance #6000, to delete the word "renewing" and insert the word "requesting" in the heading and to delete the word "renewed" and insert the word "requested" in Section 1. on page one. The motion passed by a voice vote.
Consent Agenda.

(ADOPTED)

6001 AN ORDINANCE enacting sections 7800., 7801., 7802., 7803., 7804., and 7805., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the establishment of the Senior Citizens' Services Fund, with an effective date.
(*Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Perfection*)

6002 Legislature As A Whole moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

6004 AN ORDINANCE awarding a contract for construction service to connect the Rock Island Trail and Little Blue Trace Trail under Federal Project No. TAP 3453(404) to MegaKC Corporation Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-098 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$2,870,540.00.

(*Public Works Committee - 1st. Perfection*)

6005 A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey to perfect Ordinance #6005. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

(PERFECTED)

6005 A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Ordinance #6005, repealing subsection 2066.7., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

6006 AN ORDINANCE enacting section 1598., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, related to revoking pension and benefit eligibility for any recalled County elected official and their direct non-merit reports, and for other purposes.

(*Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection*)

6007 AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5542., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of unlicensed gambling devices with severability clause.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

6008 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #6008, authorizing the Jackson County Counselor's Office to pursue litigation or other legal strategies on behalf of the Jackson County Legislature to oppose the proposed redistricting of the 5th Congressional District.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 4 - DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey
No: 3 - Megan L. Smith, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Abstain: 2 - Donna Peyton and Charlie Franklin
(FAILED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

21964 Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

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21967 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

21978 A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21978, awarding a fifteen month contract with four twelve month options to extend for the leasing of golf carts, beverage cars, a six passenger car, and a range picker for use by the Parks + Rec Department to M&M Golf Cars LLC of Lee's Summit, MO at a cost not to exceed \$32,756.00, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. EV2671.1, an existing government contract. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV
(ADOPTED)

21982 A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of calcium chloride pellets and rock salt supplies for use by various County departments, to Nu-Life Labs, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri and Humana Chemicals, Inc. of Potomac, Maryland, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-087.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

21983 A RESOLUTION declaring certain real property as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the surplus parcels.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

21984 Transferring \$36,300.00 within the 2025 Park Fund to purchase supplies at Lowe's Home Improvement for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(WITHDRAWN BY MEGAN L. SMITH. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND JEANIE LAUER.)

21985 Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

21986 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to hold Resolution #21986. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

No: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

(FAILED)

21986 A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21986, expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the selection of Murray Woodard II, as the new Director of COMBAT. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

Discussion.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

5998 AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.94± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(PERFECTED)

6000 AN ORDINANCE requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for continuous operation of a short-term rental subject to specified conditions, as to a 9.56± acre tract.
(PERFECTED)

6002 AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.
(PERFECTED)

21964 A RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to implement a temporary moratorium on foreclosure proceedings and tax lien sales against residential property owners affected by the 2019-2022 Jackson County property reassessment cycle.
(ADOPTED)

21966 A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for conservation planning and natural area restoration in the Jackson County Parks system with Bridging the Gap, a non-profit organization, to participate in its Kansas City Wildlands program, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$25,000.00.
(ADOPTED)

21967 A RESOLUTION authorizing Jackson County's participation in and adoption of the Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented by the Mid-America Regional Council, in partnership with the local governments of Cass, Clay, Platte and Ray Counties, to fulfill eligibility requirements for the federal hazard mitigation grant program.
(ADOPTED)

21985

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of an ADA inmate transport van, a transport van and two SUV's, for use by the Sheriff's Office to Gary Crossley Ford of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182001, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$216,293.00.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5998, #6000 and #6002 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Resolutions #21964, #21966, #21967 and #21985 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE6009

Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 117.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RU (Residential Urban).

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

6010

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri and MoDOT, for replacement of Rock Island Bridge at 350 highway, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

21987 A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21987, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to execute a limited Legal Services Agreement addendum with Patrick McInerney of the Spencer Fane Law Firm of Kansas City, MO, for representation related to case number 2516-CV21560 and 2516-CV21738 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$80,000.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

21988 Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC filters for use by various County departments, as a split award to Kansas City Air Filter of Kansas City, MO and Inspection Experts, Inc., of Columbia, Maryland, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-081.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

21989 Declaring certain County real property surplus and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for the selling of the surplus parcels.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

21990 Authorizing a twelve-month extension to the term and supply contract for the furnishing of automotive parts for use countywide to AutoZone of Memphis, TN, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. R211201, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

21991 Awarding a nine-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of maintenance and repair for fire suppression systems for use by the Facilities Management Division of the Public Works Department, to Johnson Controls of Staples, MN, under the terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract No. 030421-JHN, an existing competitively bid contract.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

21992 Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of broker and consulting services for the County's employee group health, life, and dental insurances for use countywide to CBIZ Benefits & Insurance, Inc. of Kansas City, MO, under terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-019, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

21993 Awarding a contract for the purchase of a vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office to Corwin Motors of Springfield, LLC, of Springfield, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182004, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$61,623.00.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

21994 Declaring certain County-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

21995 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a Consulting Agreement with Heartland Communications, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, to provide communication and policy services to the Legislature, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

21996 Awarding a contract for the purchase of six pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$208,356.00.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

21997 Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of automotive parts and repair services for use by various County departments to Factory Motor Parts of Las Vegas, NV, and Safety Kleen Systems of Norwell, MA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-004.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

21998 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21998, celebrating, honoring, and remembering the life and legacy of Diego Segui. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

21999 Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of vehicle cleaning and detailing services for use by various County departments to Rynse Inc. of Los Angeles, CA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-022.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

22000 Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Participation Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services related to its summer food service program, with costs to be reimbursed to the County.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

22001 Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for childcare sanitation inspections, with reimbursed costs to be paid to the County.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

22002 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22002, celebrating the life and legacy of Shaun Brady. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

22003 Declaring certain County-owned boats as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

22004 Awarding a contract for the purchase of a Bobcat UW56 Toolcat Utility Work Machine for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Berry Companies, dba K.C. Bobcat, of Blue Springs, MO under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 020223-CEC, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$71,665.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

22005

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Megan L. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22005, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, 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 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

22006

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22006, honoring the retirement of Barbara Casamento after 41 years of dedicated service to Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

22007

Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$2,976,000.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

22008

Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$2,535,000.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

22009

Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$350,000.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

22010 Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with a certain outside agency that provides public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$115,000.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

22011 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22011, saluting the Zodiac Motorcycle Club Founders and members for its many charitable contributions to the community and celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of the Club. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22012 - not on printed agenda.

22012 A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22012, approving the settlement for a claim to Ozondu Ugbaja represented by The Meyers Law Firm of Kansas City, MO, for a total payment by the County of \$25,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, 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

Closed meeting per Resolution #22005. The closed meeting may be followed by the introduction and adoption of a Resolution in open session to authorize the settlement of a legal action, cause of action, or litigation matter.

The County Legislature recessed for closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #22012 was adopted at this time. See page 12 for details.

Legislator Jalen Anderson announced his Legislative Aide became a grandmother and members of the Legislature wished Legislator Donna Peyton a happy birthday.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 25, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.