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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Jeanie Lauer (5th) 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), DaRon McGee (4th),  
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
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**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**3:00 PM**

**Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting**

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

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Absent 1 - Jalen Anderson

**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 Donna Peyton to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 08, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Resolutions #21676, #21671, #21672, #21674 and #21675 were adopted at this time see pages 5 and 6 for details.

**4 HEARINGS**

None.

**5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, was not present. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said there was no report.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked if there was more information that came out of the visit last week from the Missouri Governor Mike Parson about retaining the teams in Jackson County. Troy Schulte said the Governor had a genial conversation about the teams. He seemed to be on a fact-finding mission with his visit to the area. He was trying to determine

what steps are available to retain the teams. He seemed supportive of state action, particularly as that relates to the football team. The Governor did not have specific information. The County Executive relayed his desire for equity and a return on investment from any tax measure. Mr. Abarca asked why the County Executive was not present. Sylvia Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said the County Executive was ill yesterday and today. Mr. Abarca asked if the County Executive was traveling with the Monarchs. Ms. Stevenson said, not to her knowledge.

Mr. Abarca asked if the Attorney General lawsuit will have an impact on the reassessment process. Mr. Schulte said they hope to jump start the reassessment process. He said the goal is to get the data earlier from Tyler Technologies and mail notices to taxpayers by February 2025. Property values continue to rise in the area, and they will make sure to have a visual inspection procedure for any properties that have a 15% or greater increase. If a property value comes in at an increase of 16% or 17%, they may decide to roll those values back to 14% to avoid too many appeals and to avoid the physical inspection requirements of state law. The Board of Equalization has four permanent staff members. An ombudsman position may be included in next year's budget request for the department.

Mr. Abarca said at the NACO conference there was discussion regarding election protection operations for the upcoming elections. He asked if Legislators could have a robust conversation with the Administration about election security heading into this fall's elections. Mr. Schulte said the County wants to make sure the election is secure beyond all reasonable doubts. The County is rolling out new equipment during this election cycle. He will invite election officials from the Jackson County Election Board and the Kansas City Election Board to address these issues.

## 6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5860](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide capital improvement sales tax of one-eighth of one percent for a period of twenty-five years for the purpose of retaining the Kansas City Chiefs sports team in Jackson County, Missouri.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)*

[5861](#) AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide capital improvement sales tax of three-eighths of one percent for a period of forty years for the purpose of retaining the Kansas City Chiefs sports team in Jackson County, Missouri.  
*(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*

[5864](#) AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.  
*(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)*

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5862](#) Consent Agenda.

[5863](#) Consent Agenda.

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to waive the reading of Resolutions #21626, #21632, #21633 and #21634. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[21626](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act in Jackson County.  
*(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 7th. Meeting)*

[21632](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of trans gender rights to the Missouri General Assembly.  
*(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 7th. Meeting)*

[21633](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of maintaining a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process.  
*(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 7th. Meeting)*

[21634](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of Blair's Law and greater local gun control for Jackson County.  
*(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 7th. Meeting)*

[21641](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive or the Chairman of the Legislature to sell the County-owned property located at 1300 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 via the competitive bidding process.

*(Land Use Committee - 6th. Meeting)*

[21667](#) A RESOLUTION amending Rules 16 and 19 of the Rules of the Jackson County Legislature relating to the transfer of legislation between committees.

*(Rules Committee - 2nd. Meeting)*

[21668](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the creation of a Jackson County Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

*(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21669](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21670](#) A RESOLUTION nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2029.

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

The deadline to submit the application with a resume is Thursday, July 18, 2024. The application with instructions is available online at [jacksongov.org/clerk](http://jacksongov.org/clerk). The County Legislature will interview applicants on Monday, July 22 during the legislative meeting and vote to send three names to the Governor's office.

## 9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5862](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$89,990.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Violence Against Women Act Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for a program focused on prevention and prosecution of sexual assaults.

(ADOPTED)

[5863](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,532.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 General Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's DWI/Traffic Safety Unit Salary Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.

(ADOPTED)

[21669](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of fleet and heavy vehicle tires, tubes, and related services for use by various County departments to Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, OH, under the terms and conditions of NASPO ValuePoint State of Iowa Contract No. 24155, an existing government contract.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5862, #5863 and Resolution #21669 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and DaRon McGee

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

None.

**11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

[21671](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21671, recognizing Shanelle Smith for her dedication to promoting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and the development of the HBCU Walking Billboard. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[21672](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21672, congratulating Gavriela "Gavi" Geller for her service to the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee (JCRB/AJC). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[21673](#) Transferring \$159,000.00 within the 2024 General Fund to cover the cost of vehicle maintenance and repair for use by the Sheriff's Office.  
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21674](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21674, honoring the life and memory of gospel singer-songwriter Genetter Bradley. The motion passed by a roll call vote:  
Yes: 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith  
Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[21675](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21675, recognizing Layla Solomon for service as an intern to Donna Peyton, 2nd District At-Large County Legislator. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[21676](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21676, honoring the life and mourning the sudden loss of County associate Jayson Isom. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Jalen Anderson and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

## 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV expressed that he thinks it is prudent to move the stadium legislation (Ordinances #5861 and #5864) to the Legislature As A Whole or discuss them in closed session. Jeanie Lauer said she will consider his recommendation.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 22, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.