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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, October 16, 2023

3:00 PM

Thirty-eighth 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 Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on October 09, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

Resolutions #21426 and #21433 were adopted at this time. See pages 4 and 7 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

There was no report from the County Executive's Office. The County Executive was not present.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked the Administration about the appeal process at the Board of Equalization (BOE). Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said they hope to hire 10 additional staff members within the Assessment Department to ease the workload on the BOE. The Administration hopes to be able to handle 300 appeal cases per day. It will take some time and effort to recruit qualified people as seasonal employees within the Assessment Department.

Mr. Abarca asked about the new Administration Building. He asked if it is the intent of the Administration to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for this cost. Mr. Schulte said the new Administration Building was purchased with ARPA dollars and the plan has been to renovate it with ARPA dollars. They could use County Improvement funds, but that is a significant draw on reserves. It is his goal to keep the reserves as high as possible. There were previous discussions about using ARPA funds for the courtroom component of the new Detention Center, which has not yet been funded. That will be about a \$7.5 million component. But if the County does not use ARPA funds for the courtroom, it will have to be funded through the County Improvement Fund. The ability to use County Improvement Funds on multiple projects is limited.

Manual Abarca IV asked about the intent of the County Executive regarding negotiations with the sports teams. Some serious statements were made about the negotiation of the terms that are concerning to Mr. Abarca. He asked if it is the intent of the County Executive to keep both the Royals and the Chiefs in Jackson County. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said the County Executive has been clear that he hopes the County can keep both teams in Jackson County for generations to come. He wants to work with all members of the Legislature to provide the teams with an appropriate offer that is not at a cost to County residents. Mr. Abarca asked about the priority in consideration of a cost to taxpayers and the risk of losing the teams. Mr. Clifford said he believes the elected officials can balance the two interests and the needs of the community. The County is in a strong financial position because of the balancing of those interests.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5789](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$110,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Assessment Fund to cover the cost of salaries and overtime for the remainder of the 2023 Board of Equalization (BOE) appeals docket.

(Budget Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[5797](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[5798](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5799](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5800](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5801](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21402](#) Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee moved to adopt.
Megan L. Marshall objected to the Consent Agenda.

[21402](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21402 authorizing the County Counselor to execute an Addendum to the existing Legal Services Agreement with Husch Blackwell, LLP of Kansas City, MO, for county-wide anti-discrimination and anti-harassment training at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$20,000.00.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

No: 5 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

(DEFEATED)

[21409](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21410](#) 911 Oversight Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21411](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21413](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt.
Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.

[21413](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21413, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Environmental Management Services for use by various County departments to EcoSafe Environmental Services of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-027. 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)

[21419](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21420](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21421](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21426](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21426, congratulating Susan Dunham on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of service to the Grandview School District. 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)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5798](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$16,748.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund in acceptance of funding provided by the Organized Crime Enforcement Task Force for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for "Operation Bad Cookie."

(PERFECTED)

[5799](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring \$242,374.00 within the 2023 Sheriff's Office General Fund and appropriating \$302,374.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 General Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's DWI/Traffic Safety Unit Salary Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.

(PERFECTED)

- [5800](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$34,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's Impaired Driving Enforcement grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds.
(PERFECTED)
- [5801](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$40,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Traffic and Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds.
(PERFECTED)
- [21409](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of annual software maintenance for use by the Sheriff's Office to Omnigo Software of St. Louis, MO, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$89,090.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [21410](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$104,000.00 within the 2023 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$104,000.00 for assisting in the purchase of a Unified Computer Aided Dispatch System for the Lone Jack Police Department.
(ADOPTED)
- [21411](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of dry goods, refrigerated foods, and frozen foods for use by Parks + Rec Department to U.S. Foods of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of the U.S. Communities Contract No. 42356, an existing competitively bid government contract.
(ADOPTED)
- [21419](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to request that the Board of Equalization finalize hearings to determine property assessed value before tax notices are sent out to the citizens of Jackson County.
(ADOPTED)

[21420](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$234,723.00 within the 2023 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover the costs of salaries and overtime pay of officers from other law enforcement agencies working for the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

(ADOPTED)

[21421](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$70,000.00 within the County Improvement Fund to cover the cost of project management services for use by the Collections Department from an existing term and supply vendor.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5798, #5799, #5800, and #5801 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Resolutions #21409, #21410, #21411, #21419, #21420, and #21421 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, 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

[5802](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 9.91± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5803](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 8.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5804](#) 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 LI (Light Industrial).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5805](#) Repealing sections 24004.14, 24004.15 and 24004.16, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Unified Development Code Amendment, FEMA Updates, and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new sections relating to the same subject.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Ordinances #5802 through #5805 at 1:00 PM on October 30, 2023, in the Legislative

Assembly Area, Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, 2nd Floor, Kansas City, Missouri.

[5806](#)

Repealing section 727., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to election of insurance coverage for former employees.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21429](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of pavement condition assessment for use by various County departments to Infrastructure Management Services of Tempe, AZ, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$80,065.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[21430](#)

Awarding a term and supply contract for the furnishing of employee group hospital indemnity, critical illness, short term, and accident insurance for use countywide to AFLAC of Columbus, GA, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

[21431](#)

Authorizing an extension to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's Innovative Prosecution for the Combating Violent Crimes grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[21432](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of professional whole building commissioning and technical services for the new Jackson County Detention Center construction project for use by the Public Works Department to Burns and McDonnell of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 123-22, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$725,213.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21433](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21433, congratulating Chris Hernandez on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of professional service to the Jackson County community. 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)

- [21434](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, MO, for the furnishing of employee group health insurance as an employee benefit for use countywide.
(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)
- [21435](#) Transferring \$24,998.00 within the 2023 Special Road & Bridge Fund and awarding a contract to American Equipment of Kansas City, KS, for dump truck repair for use by the Public Works Department at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$24,998.00, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)
- [21436](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of a 2024 Ford Edge SE AWD SUV for use by the Sheriff's Office to Joe Machens Ford Lincoln of Columbia, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138008, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$40,325.00.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)
- [21437](#) Transferring \$351,820.00 within the 2023 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$351,820.00 for the purpose of upgrading the Communications Center in the City of Grandview.
(Assigned to the 911 Oversight Committee.)
- [21438](#) Awarding a contract for the relocation of deed books for use by the Recorder of Deeds to Superior Moving & Storage of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-063, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$29,526.00.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [21439](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21439, recognizing the National Institute for Construction Excellence on the occasion of its Annual Awards luncheon, celebrating the Kansas City Current and the National Women in Construction of Greater Kansas City, with the theme, KC Soccer Downtown - Build It and They Will Come, to be held at the Kansas City Convention Center, on October 17, 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)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV said a statement was made by the County Executive during the Budget Committee meeting that the allocation of ARPA funds should be discussed with the County Executive in exchange for fulfillment of the four Legislative Compliance staff positions. Mr. Abarca asked the Chairman if he was aware of this comment. DaRon McGee, County Legislator, said he is not aware of that statement. Mr. Abarca asked if there were any additional comments from the Administration. Caleb Clifford said he had no further information. He recommended that a conversation between the Chairman and the County Executive may be the quickest way to get those answers to these questions. Mr. Abarca asked if the County Executive had reached out to the Chairman. Mr. Clifford said it was his understanding that the County Executive had reached out to the Chairman, but, beyond that, he had no additional information.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 23, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.