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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

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### County Legislature

*Dan Tarwater III (4th) Chairman,  
Ronald E. Finley (2nd) Vice Chairman,  
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),  
Scott Burnett (1st), Charlie Franklin (3rd),  
Jeanie Lauer (5th), Theresa Cass Galvin (6th)*

**Monday, August 2, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting**

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

Dan Tarwater III, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Charlie Franklin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 26, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, announced the passing of Mike Curry, retired Director of Emergency Management. Mr. Tarwater expressed the condolences of the Legislature.*

*Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said Taylor Fields, an attorney representing public entities passed away last week. He will be missed by his family and members of the bar association.*

*Additionally, Mrs. Danise Hartsfield wife of Reverend Wallace Hartsfield, Sr., passed away last week and he expresses the condolences of the Legislature.*

*Brian Gaddie, Director of Public Works, gave an update on the fleet management program. He did not have a great deal to update. The services being contemplated by the County are similar to those presented*

*a few weeks ago in connection with the program described by Enterprise Leasing. A final proposal will be introduced soon. The Sheriff's Office, Parks + Rec Department and Public Works are finalizing the 2021 procurement plans and will have a proposal soon that will best meet the needs of the County. This will include heavy machinery and immediate needs. The majority of the recommendations put forward by the Legislature are part of current operating procedures or will be implemented in conjunction with the department's strategic goals.*

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

*Frank White, Jr., County Executive, thanked the Legislature for their support during 2020 dealing with COVID-19. The County could not have accomplished these goals without the Legislature's support. He invited the Health Department to provide the Legislature with an update and recommendations for moving forward. Mr. White introduced Dr. Mark Steele, Executive Chief Clinical Officer for Truman Medical Centers, Bridgette Shaffer, Director of the Jackson County Health Department, and Ray Dlugolecki, Assistant Director. A copy of their presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the August 2, 2021 Legislative Meeting, located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=884577&GUID=AB2DB7E6-821D-424C-8CE0-EBB566D5DB96&Options>*

*Dan Tarwater III asked about information presented regarding the high number of COVID cases among vaccinated people and the information reported by Dr. Steele about the latest increase in cases being a 'pandemic of the unvaccinated.' Mr. Dlugolecki said the study in their report was a particular case study in Massachusetts. In our community most people presenting at the hospitals are unvaccinated. The data suggests the vaccinations are effective at protecting against serious illness and hospitalization. Ms. Shaffer said, as we move forward, the evidence suggests that adoption of a mask order in combination with other public health measures could successfully reduce the rate of community spread of the virus.*

*Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, asked about the nine deaths reported in the last week. Dr. Steele said none of these people were vaccinated and most likely had underlying health issues. Some deaths occurred among individuals in their late 40s. Ms. Galvin asked about a constituent's concern regarding a childcare facility in which one child tested positive and the entire daycare had to go into a 14-day quarantine at home. Ms. Shaffer said CDC guidance is that unvaccinated persons in close contact with a positive COVID case quarantine for 14 days. The*

*Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services requires that childcare centers follow those guidelines.*

*Ronald E. Finley thanked the team for their follow up. He asked about the Garth Brooks concert and if all attendants to that concert will be tested and have temperature screening at the event. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said the stadiums and this concert will fall under the City of Kansas City Health Department because the venues are located in the city limits. The City of Kansas City has a mask mandate order for indoor locations. This concert will be outside. There are still some unanswered questions about how the concert will be handled. Mr. Finley said he recognizes the limitations to the health officials to force individuals to get vaccinated or take other mitigating measures. He asked if the County could take action to test individuals, check temperatures or distribute masks to concert attendees. He also recommended a media campaign to recommend people get tested and vaccinated for COVID to see if the County can slow down the spread of the virus.*

*Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked about slide number 7 which shows that 20 – 24 year old range account for the highest COVID case rates. Mr. Anderson asked about the other tracking lines on the chart. Mr. Dlugolecki said the next age group is the 85 and older, followed by the 45 – 54 age range. Mr. Anderson asked about the number of houseless people that are held at Truman Medical Centers because they do not have a house. Dr. Steele said there is not a great number of these people, but there are a few. The concern is for the greater issue of not just taking care of the COVID patients but also other medical emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes etc.*

*Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked if masks and vaccinations are the key factors in reducing case rates. Ms. Shaffer agreed these are the key points in reducing COVID cases. Ms. Williams said we have no authority to force people to seek medical attention or to get tested for COVID if they have symptoms. Additionally, the number one way the virus spreads, including the Delta variant, is through respiratory droplets.*

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about the probability of a vaccinated person contracting the COVID virus. Ray Dlugolecki said there is about a 10 percent chance of a vaccinated person contracting the virus. The Delta variant is more contagious, but data is changing as the variant is studied. Ms. Lauer said the public is confused about mask guidance. Mr. Dlugolecki said choosing to not wear a mask will have ramifications on the healthcare system since hospitals may be overrun with COVID cases,*

*straining their ability to provide for other health emergencies.*

*Dan Tarwater thanked everyone for the update.*

*Jeanie Lauer asked Frank White, Jr., if he will be issuing a mask order. Mr. White said he will have a meeting on Tuesday with school superintendents and a decision will be made after the meeting.*

*Dan Tarwater asked the Administration for a copy of the draft facilities report. Brian Gaddie said there were two other groups, the courts and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office that were consulted about the report since they are the two entities that occupy the greatest square footage in the building. He said the report is being finalized and will be distributed soon. Mr. Tarwater repeated, the Legislature requests a copy of the draft report. Ms. Lauer said the Legislature would use information contained in the report to make the best decisions, for example, the public defender's lease discussed in committee. Caleb Clifford said he is not sure if this report will have an impact on the decision involving the public defender's lease. The facility study is a long-term vision for the facility. Mr. White said the Administration wants to finalize the report before releasing it to the public. Until it is finished it is not a full report. Mr. White said the Administration is not withholding any information in the report.*

*Jalen Anderson said he is frustrated when the Legislature is asked to approve funds for facility improvements that reference the facility study, when they have not yet seen the facility report.*

*Theresa Cass Galvin asked that if reports are distributed to other departments, even if it must be classified as confidential, the Legislature be included in that distribution. Tony Miller, County Legislator, said if something is distributed that is not final, associates expect to get reprimanded. At some point the Legislature must trust staff to do their job.*

**6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

*None.*

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

*None.*

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[20718](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a nine-year lease with Arghom, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, for office space for the State of Missouri Public Defender's Children's Defense Team, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$21,115.00 for 2021.  
*(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 3rd. Meeting)*

[20727](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20728](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20729](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[20727](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain vehicles and equipment items within various County departments as surplus and unusable personal property and authorizing their disposal by way of auction.  
(ADOPTED)

[20728](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$174,250.00 within the 2021 General Fund to cover an unanticipated budgetary shortfall within the Jackson County Family Court's natural gas account.  
(ADOPTED)

[20729](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor 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. CC210416003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$34,968.00.  
(ADOPTED)

*Resolutions #20727, #20728 and #20729 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Scott Burnett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**[5526](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Charlie Franklin to perfect Ordinance #5526. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5526](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Ordinance #5526, appropriating \$7,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, representing a reimbursement for overtime salaries received by the Jackson County Drug Task Force from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

(ADOPTED)

**11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**[20730](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of truck-mounted equipment, parts, service, and installation for use by various County departments to American Equipment Company of Kansas City, Kansas, under the terms and conditions of the City of Kansas City, Missouri Contract No. EV2260-1, an existing government contract.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[20731](#)

Awarding a thirty-six month contract for the furnishing of POTS telephone line services for use by Parks + Rec Department to AT&T of Kansas City, MO, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost in 2021 not to exceed \$10,560.00.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[20732](#)

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #20732, recognizing ArtsTech's Youth Health Ambassadors for their efforts to educate our community about the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

(ADOPTED)

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**21-23

I hereby make the following appointment to the Mid-Continent Library Board of Trustees.

Susan Wilson is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Steve Roling, for a term to expire June 30, 2024. A copy of Ms. Wilson's resume is attached.

21-24

Pursuant to article X, section 2 of the 2010 Jackson County Charter, I hereby make the following appointment to the Ethics, Human Relations, and Citizen Complaints Commission:

Davin Gordon is appointed as a District 1 member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Rafaela Garcia, for a term to expire June 4, 2023. A copy of Mr. Gordon's resume is attached.

21-25

Pursuant to section 706.1, Jackson County Code, 1984, I hereby promulgate the following amendment to Rule 9 of the Jackson County Personnel Rules for Jackson County associates. The amendment shall be effective immediately.

Rule 9.16 is amended to read as follows:

Section 9.16 - Bereavement Leave

A full-time associate with prior approval of the Appointing Authority shall be granted time off with bereavement leave not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours for a death in associates immediate family. In the event the services are to be conducted outside of a four hundred (400) mile radius, an additional sixteen (16) hours off with pay will be granted. Proof of travel maybe required.

Immediate family is defined as the associate's spouse, domestic partner, children (including step and adopted children), mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sisters, half-sisters, stepsisters, brothers, half-brothers, step brothers and domestic partner's parents, grandparents, stepparents, grandchildren, an adult who stood in loco in parentis to the associate during childhood, or a relative living in the same household.

Associates are allowed one regular scheduled day off, not to exceed 12 hours for bereavement leave in the event of death of the associate's brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, or spouse's grandparent.

Associates are allowed up to four hours of bereavement leave to attend the

funeral of a fellow associate or retiree of the county, provided such absence from duty will not interfere with normal operations of the department.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Jalen Anderson said he hopes as we move forward, he hopes the County can look at using federal funds for the eastern part of the County. He expressed his full support for the Administration's efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

Theresa Cass Galvin said she appreciates the report from the Compliance Review Office on the new Compliance Portal. Crissy Wooderson, Legislative Auditor, said in September 202 the new Compliance Portal went live. This system was online and paperless. The Compliance Portal was created in conjunction with the Compliance Office, Budget Office, and the Purchasing Department. This new process ensures that the affirmative action policies are followed, and vendors' taxes are paid and streamlines the application process. Because of this new system, the County has collected over \$1,900,000 in outstanding taxes. Ms. Wooderson recognized Jaime Guillen, Chief Compliance Review Officer, Katie Bartle, Chief Deputy Auditor – Compliance, Ikeela Alford, Assistant Compliance Review Officer, Karey Schulze, Office Administrator for Collections, Shannon Ohms, Business Personal Property Supervisor, and Barb Casamento, Purchasing Supervisor for their assistance with this process.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 9, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*