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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
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, October 21, 2024

3:00 PM

Fortieth Regular Meeting

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

Megan L. Marshall, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on October 14, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive was not present. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the health insurance renewal negotiations went well. They were able to go from a 28% increase renewal rate to less than 15% increase. He thanked the County Legislature for agreeing to use a different approach through self funding. This will have a significant impact for the County and for the associates.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked if the deductibles for associates will increase. Mr. Schulte responded that there will be an increase of approximately 14.8%.

Mr. Abarca said he has been made aware that more Board of Equalization

letters are being mailed out indicating taxpayers no longer have any recourse with the State Tax Commission. He is trying to understand the letter as he has not seen a copy. Troy Schulte said he is not aware of any correspondence from the Board of Equalization. He said he will check into it and get back to the County Legislature.

Manuel Abarca IV asked for an update on the State of Emergency put into place due to the cyber attack that occurred in April 2024. Mr. Schulte said the State of Emergency has not been technically lifted. He said they have completed the necessary changes. He suggested having a closed session so the County Legislature can receive an update. But for all intents and purposes it is done.

Mr. Abarca asked for an update on stadium negotiations. Mr. Schulte said there was none.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, said it is his understanding that BOE is working on commercial appeals and not moving forward with residential appeals. Troy Schulte said the BOE's approach is to resolve commercial appeals and vacant land which will take them through the end of the calendar year; anything that is not the subject of the ongoing litigation and not impacted by the STC order. Mr. Smith asked if the plan is to not hear any residential appeals while the STC appeal is pending. Mr. Schulte said no it was to work through the 1,000 commercial appeals, there are several hundred residential appeals, so it was a prioritization. The Board of Equalization wanted to avoid the potential issue of taxpayers inquiring about their refund or rollback. Mr. Smith said the last update received indicated there were less than 10,000 residential appeals outstanding with another 1,000 opened in 2024. Mr. Schulte said there are 8,500 residential appeals remaining. Mr. Smith said there are 9,500 residential appeals outstanding that are not being heard. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said the STC has stopped hearing Jackson County taxpayer appeals. Mr. Smith said he figured the letters Mr. Abarca was referring to were sent by the STC stating they have suspended activity because they issued an order that supersedes the need for appeals. Mr. Abarca asked if there is advice if the residential issues are not resolved by the end of this tax year. Mr. Schulte said if a taxpayer's appeal was resolved by October 11th, Jackson County will be able to process the refund and adjust the billing. If the appeal is still pending, the 2023 tax is still due and will be reflected on the 2024 tax bill.

DaRon McGee, County Legislator, asked for an update on Royals and Chiefs negotiations. Troy Schulte said to his knowledge there has been no conversation with the Royals and there has been a confidentiality agreement signed with the Chiefs. Mr. McGee asked if Mr. Schulte was concerned about it based on recent comments by Clark Hunt. Mr. Schulte said he considered the comments fairly positive. He said he is not involved in all of

the conversations with the teams because the County Executive is very involved in this process. Mr. McGee asked Mr. Covinsky if he is involved in negotiations as legal counsel. Bryan Covinsky said he was involved in setting up the Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA). Manuel Abarca IV asked who signed the NDA. Mr. Schulte said either the County Executive or Chief of Staff signed the NDA. Mr. Abarca said he asked who signed it because the County Executive is elected but the Chief of Staff is appointed by the County Executive. He would like to know who is negotiating, is it the County Executive or the Chief of Staff. Mr. Covinsky said he is hesitant to answer because all he did was draft the NDA but he is sure they will share that information at the appropriate time. He believes a closed session is necessary to discuss this matter. Mr. Abarca asked if the public deserves to know who is negotiating on behalf of Jackson County with the two major sports teams. Megan L. Marshall asked that a closed session be scheduled to discuss this matter and review the NDA.

Resolutions #21777 and #21778 were adopted at this time. See page 11 for details.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5865](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

[5885](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to perfect Ordinance #5885. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5885](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #5885, renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for a term of 50 years for the continuous operation of a 125-foot radio transmission tower. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5886](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to perfect Ordinance #5886. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5886](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #5886, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.89± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5887](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect Ordinance #5887. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5887](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #5887, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.05± acre tract from District RE (Residential Estates) to District AG (Agricultural). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5888](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to perfect Ordinance #5888. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5888](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #5888, vacating of Lots 1 & 2, Major Meadows, a subdivision in Jackson County, and revert the zoning back to District AG (Agricultural) to create 10.05± acre tract. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5891](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to perfect Ordinance #5891. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5891](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5891, appropriating \$26,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 General Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office Hazard 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 for the acceptance and expenditure of such grant funds. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5892](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to perfect Ordinance #5892. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5892](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Ordinance #5892, appropriating \$44,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5893](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to perfect Ordinance #5893. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5893](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5893, appropriating \$283,841.00 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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[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.

(Legislature As A Whole - 12th Meeting)

[21736](#)

A RESOLUTION implementing an allocation methodology for the eventual distribution of approximately \$70.4 million in remaining Jackson County American Rescue Plan Act funds by the end of 2024.

(Budget Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[21742](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Floor Amendment dated October 21, 2024 for Resolution #21742, to insert the phrase "and Community Solutions." in the heading; to insert paragraph 4 on page 1 to read "WHEREAS, funding for Jackson County Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Community Solutions shall come from the Marijuana Tax Fund; and," The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

Discussion regarding Resolution #21742.

[21742](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt the Floor Amendment dated October 21, 2024 for Resolution #21742, expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the creation of a Jackson County Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Community Solutions. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(APPROVED)

[21746](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chair of the County Legislature to execute a two-year lease agreement, with two-year options to extend, for lease of office space for use by the Jackson County Legislature and Jackson County Clerk's Office with Lex, LLC, of Independence, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-019, at a monthly cost to the County of \$5,309.50 and in the amount of \$63,714.00 annually.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21752](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of construction management at risk services for use by various County Departments to McCown Gordon, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 24-051.
(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21762](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21763](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21764](#) A RESOLUTION implementing an allocation methodology for the eventual distribution of approximately \$70.4 million in remaining Jackson County American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds by the end of 2024.
(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[21765](#) Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21766](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$49,500.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing a contract to cover the cost of consultation and proposal services to Colette Holt & Associates Law Firm of San Antonio, TX, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$49,500.00.
(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[21768](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[21762](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of two international trucks for use by the Public Works Department to Viking-Cives Midwest of Morley, MO, under the terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract No. 062222-VCM, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$226,846.00

(ADOPTED)

[21763](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of ten Stalker DSR 2-Antenna dash mount radar units for use by the Sheriff's Office to Applied Concepts, Inc. of Richardson, TX, under the terms and conditions of NASPO ValuePoint State of Washington Contract No. 24823, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$31,923.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21765](#) A RESOLUTION 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.

(ADOPTED)

[21768](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing a twelve-month extension to the 2021 Justice Assistance grant awarded by the United States Department of Justice, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #21762, #21763, #21765 and #21768 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Discussion regarding the Floor Substitute dated October 21, 2024 for Resolution #21769.

[21769](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to approve the Corrected Floor Substitute dated October 21, 2024 for Resolution #21769, with the amount corrected at the top of page 3 to read "58,200,000" per the County Counselor. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Jalen Anderson

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(APPROVED)

Discussion.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey to call for the question to end discussion. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 4 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

Discussion.

[21769](#)

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt the Corrected Floor Substitute dated October 21, 2024 for Resolution #21769, implementing an allocation methodology for the eventual distribution of approximately \$70.4 million in remaining Jackson County American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds by the end of 2024. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Jalen Anderson

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

- [21770](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of bulk salt and deicer for use by the Public Works Department to Central Salt, LLC, of Lyons, KS and Hutchinson Salt Co of Baxter, KS, under the terms and conditions of Mid-America Regional Council Contract No. 112, an existing competitively bid contract.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)
- [21771](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the Blue River Greenway Restoration Project, at no cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [21772](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of drug and alcohol testing for use by various County departments, to Test Smartly Labs of Overland Park, KS, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-039.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [21773](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of on-call architectural services for use by various County departments to SFS Architecture, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 23-080.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [21774](#) Awarding a month-to-month contract for the furnishing of temporary mental health services to inmates at the Jackson County Detention Center to Advanced Correctional Healthcare of Peoria, IL, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 23-014 at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$460,290.00 for the remainder of 2024.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)
- [21775](#) 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 Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [21776](#) Authorizing a six-month extension to the term and supply contract for the furnishing of fuel products and related services for use by various County departments to Frazier Oil & L.P. Gas Co., Inc., of Gower, Missouri, awarded under the terms and conditions of City of Kansas City, Missouri Contract No. EV1848, an existing government contract.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21777](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21777, recognizing Paseo Baptist Church for their contribution to the community. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21778](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21778, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City, MO. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Megan L. Marshall said items under Unfinished Business include: BOE correspondence, State of Emergency regarding cyber attack, Non-Disclosure Agreements and Resolution #21746 regarding the lease at 201 W. Lexington in Independence, Missouri.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said last week Legislator Smith asked for information from the County Counselor regarding the lease agreement. Sean E. Smith said he asked for specific enforcement provisions in the contract for the repairs needed at the building that have been discussed for quite some time. He wanted to make sure the contract had some teeth in it so if the landlord did not follow through then the County would be in position to do something. Megan L. Marshall asked the Administration for an answer to the question posed by Legislator Smith. Mr. Schulte said they received a boiler plate lease from the landlord, but after conversations with Karen Giudici, Legislative Aide to Jeanie Lauer, he understands now they want a 5 year lease. He said they can negotiate if improvements are not made by a specified date then it will be subject to non payment. Mr. Smith suggests instead of non payment to make it a reduced payment.

14 NEW BUSINESS

DaRon McGee said he appreciated the cooperation of his colleagues namely, Sean Smith, Manuel Abarca, Venessa Huskey and Donna Peyton for their work on the ARPA legislation that was adopted today. He looks forward to working with the Administration to complete this task.

Megan L. Marshall thanked Legislator McGee and said it was definitely a step in the right direction pending more conversations.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 28, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.