



# Jackson County Missouri

Jackson County Courthouse  
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## Meeting Minutes Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee

*Sean E. Smith (6th) Chairman,  
Donna Peyton (2nd AL),  
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

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Monday, September 8, 2025

12:30 PM

Eastern Jackson County Courthouse  
Independence, Missouri

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**Present** 4 - Sean E. Smith, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Jeanie Lauer

### ORDINANCES IN COMMITTEE

[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.

**Attachments:** [RLA](#)  
[5997 Fin Accountability](#)  
[5997 UNSIGNED](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to no recommendation Ordinance No. 5997. The motion passed by voice vote.

[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.

**Attachments:** [6001 Signed](#)  
[RLA](#)

An amendment to the legislation was discussed on the requirement to change the verbiage from 'equal' to 'equitable' and which language was on the ballot. As sponsor of the legislation, Manuel Abarca IV clarified that the intention was for funds to be distributed equally. He gave an example of the county's legislative fifth district not having as many non-profit groups advocating as those in the inner city, but should still be entitled to equal disbursement for seniors.

Jalen Anderson referred to the Senior Services board that would manage these funds and be expected to properly research the needs of the county as a whole.

It was emphasized that this is enacting legislation and more discussion is needed.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to hold Ordinance No. 6001. The motion passed by voice vote.

[6017](#) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Jackson County Counselor's Office to pursue litigation or other legal strategies on behalf of the Jackson County Legislature in the event that redistricting of the 5th Congressional District occurs, for the purpose of opposing such redistricting.

**Attachments:** [6017 NA 2025 Opposing 5th Congressional District Redistricting](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to recommend for perfection Ordinance No. 6017. The motion passed by voice vote. Jeanie Lauer voted in opposition. Sean Smith abstained.

**RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**