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Donna Peyton (2nd AL) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),
Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer (5th)
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse
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Monday, December 1, 2025

3:00 PM

Forty-seventh 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 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV,
Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Absent 1 - Megan L. 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 Jeanie Lauer to
approve the journal of the previous meeting held on November 20, 2025.
The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive was present and gave the following report:

Due to the inclement weather today, all Jackson County facilities closed at
2:00 PM. He also reported weather preparation and ongoing actions.

The Christmas In the Sky event, a yearly event sponsored by the Parks +
Rec Department was a success and was attended by thousands of people.
He thanked the legislators who were in attendance - Chairman DaRon
McGee, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith.

The Christmas In the Park display is open and free to the public until
December 31, 2025.

He announced A Christmas Celebration at Missouri Town will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

The unofficial budget was submitted to the legislators last week both electronically and printed. His office has received feedback, is currently addressing those items and plans to have the official budget submitted by the end of the week.

To view details, use the link below and select the video for the December 1, 2025 legislative meeting. <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5967](#) Repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR SEAN E. SMITH. CONCURRED BY MANUEL ABARCA IV AND JEANIE LAUER)

[6007](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5542., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of unlicensed gambling devices with severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 15th Perfection)

[6026](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 17.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to waive the reading of Ordinances #6027, #6028, #6036, #6037, #6038 and #6039. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

[6027](#) AN ORDINANCE vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved right of way within Breezy Meadows, a subdivision in Jackson County.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

[6028](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.13± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

[6036](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6037](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 36.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6038](#) AN ORDINANCE requesting a renewal of a conditional use permit (CUP) in District RE (Residential Estates) for continuous operation of a bed and breakfast subject to specified conditions, as to a 0.48± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6039](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 20.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #6026, #6027, #6028, #6036, #6037, #6038 and #6039 on Monday, December 8, 2025 in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area. The original public hearing scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2025 was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

[6040](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$133,835.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a six-month extension of the VOCA Grant awarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

(Anti-Crime Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6042](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$90,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of additional grant funds received by the Family Court Division from the State of Missouri Department of Social Services Division of Youth Services.

(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6043](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$102,600.00 within the 2025 General Fund and awarding a twelve-month contract, with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of recruitment services for use by the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center to Changing Technologies, Inc. of Washington, DC under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-027.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [22014](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of disaster recovery services for use countywide to 21st Enterprise, LLC aka ServPro of Lee's Summit, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) Contract No. 19-7242-C3R2.
(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Meeting)
- [22087](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a Flex Wing rotary cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$32,487.00.
(Land Use Committee - 5th. Meeting)
- [22098](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for a lease of three Wide-Area Mowers, two Zero-Turn Mowers, a utility tractor, and brush cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC and Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance Contract No. 112624-DAC, existing competitively bid government contracts, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$115,585.00.
(Land Use Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [22099](#) A RESOLUTION honoring the Northeast High School Vikings Boys' Soccer Team.
(Legislature As A Whole - 4th. Meeting)
- [22103](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$636,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Park Fund for construction services provided by Hartline Construction of Kansas City, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.
(Public Works Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22104](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22104, declaring certain County-owned equipment as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

[22105](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22105, awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of resale fishing equipment, products, and supplies for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Wholesale Fishing Tackle, LLC of Joplin, MO under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-042. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

[22106](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22106, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of grass seed for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Advanced Turf Solutions of Riverside, MO, and Swipe Resources, LLC of Burke, VA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-043. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

[22107](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract extension for the furnishing of employee cafeteria plan administration for use countywide to Application Software, Inc. (ASI Flex), of Columbia, MO.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22115](#)

A RESOLUTION expressing the opposition of the Jackson County Legislature to the reopening of the CoreCivic-owned facility in Leavenworth, Kansas as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6044](#) To adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[6045](#) Setting the 2026 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[6046](#) Appropriating \$810,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Health Fund, appropriating \$400,000.00 from the 2025 Inmate Security Fund, and transferring \$50,000.00 from the 2025 General Fund to cover increased costs for medical, medication, and food services for use by the Jackson County Detention Center.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[6047](#) Transferring and appropriating \$935,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund for improvements to Little Blue Trace/Rock Island Trail.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[6048](#) Appropriating \$950,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund and awarding a contract for the furnishing of construction services to Terry Snelling of Independence, MO for the Rock Island Trail Greenwood Connector, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-034 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$1,914,489.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22116](#) Honoring the retirement of the Honorable Judge J. Dale Youngs.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22117](#) Transferring \$7,155.00 within the 2025 Inmate Security Fund and awarding a twelve month contract with two twelve-month options to extend to Precision Dynamics Corp, dba PDC IDenticard of Valencia, CA, for clincher identification wristbands and supportive equipment for use by the Jackson County Detention Center, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$7,155.00, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22118](#) Transferring \$120,000.00 within the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to cover ankle bracelet monitoring service fees for use by the Jackson County Detention Center.
(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[22119](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22119, authorizing the County Executive to amend a cooperative agreement with Legal Aid of Western Missouri, which provides assistance and services to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$35,000.00 under Request for Proposals 25-039. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 3 - Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

The County Legislature will have public hearing regarding Ordinances #6044 (2026 annual budget) and #6045 (2026 tentative tax levy) on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to change the location of the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on December 8th from Independence to Kansas City, Missouri. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 3 - Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to schedule a legislative meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 3 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area in order to pass the budget and tentative tax levy ordinances. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 3 - Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.