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*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)*

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

1:00 PM

Forty-fifth 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 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on November 22, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, expressed his congratulations to Jean Peters Baker, Prosecuting Attorney, on her work regarding freeing Kevin Strickland. He said he appreciates the ruling of the judge vacating the conviction. This was the first time a Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney has argued for the release of an inmate. It was a good day for justice to be served.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5570](#) AN ORDINANCE 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, 2022.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

[5571](#) AN ORDINANCE setting the 2022 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20820](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$65,595.00 within the 2021 Inmate Security Fund to provide for necessary security enhancements at the Jackson County Detention Center from an existing County term and supply vendor.
(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[20821](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature that Jackson County reverse all prior voluntary reductions of property tax rates.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20823](#) Requesting the County Administration issue the Request for Qualifications for Design-Build firms interested in bidding on the design and construction of the new Jackson County Detention Center project as soon as possible.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said this has been a project in the works for about four years. The County is really close to having this completed. The Hardwick Law Firm has completed the needed resolution and it appears to be ready.

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said we are excited to move this

forward and have the request for qualifications distributed and move on to the next stage. Dan Tarwater III said the Administration is still working on a few things with Collette Holt. Those will continue to be worked on. Everyone has given this their blessing to move forward.

Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said the Administration had Barb Casamento, Purchasing Administrator review the RFQ and it has been sent to Collette Holt to review the minority and women-owned business (MBE/WBE) goals. Collette Holt has concerns with the language and a response from her will not be available until next week after Thanksgiving.

Barb Casamento said she reviewed the RFQ, made a few changes, and sent the RFQ back to the Administration. She did not believe the RFQ needed much more work. It needs a few edits and should be ready to distribute. The few things removed were changed in consultation with the owner's group.

Dan Tarwater III said Resolution #20823 will be held until Monday to get these issues resolved.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked about the purpose of the resolution. She asked if the resolution is necessary if it is asking for something that is already being accomplished. Dan Tarwater III said if everything is ready to go on Monday, then the resolution will not be needed. Sylvya Stevenson said Monday is the date they expect to hear from Collette Holt, but there is no guarantee everything will be ready to go on Monday. There is a letter in the County Counselor's Office regarding the language on the RFQ relating to MBE/WBE and veteran's goals. Dan Tarwater III said the timeline indicates that the RFQ should be posted on November 29, 2021.

Frank White, Jr., said, when this started everyone was working together on this large project. Now it seems like we are trying to separate and force a timeline that is not applicable. The County asked Collette Holt to look at Chapter 6 and 10 language in the Jackson County Code. She's found some inequities there that are important enough to have a closed session. The Legislature should not move forward without getting her full input. There are issues to be resolved and the process should slow down enough to put everything in place and get the questions answered. We should let her do what we've hired her to do.

Theresa Cass Galvin asked about the issues. Mr. White said those were

discussed in closed session and he didn't want to discuss them in open session. Mr. White said that we owe it to ourselves and to Ms. Holt to get our questions answered before we move forward. We have to build the jail together and we must do this hand in hand.

Dan Tarwater III said they want to do these things together. He said the County wants minority participation in this project.

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said he wanted to make sure the record reflected that the purpose of the closed meeting was to discuss bid specifications regarding an upcoming sealed bid.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said he wants to make sure the County is working together. If there is something that needs to be done, they must make sure to get it accomplished.

Mr. Finley said, regarding the favorable verdict for Mr. Strickland, there are a number of programs in the County for re-entry. He is in favor of making sure that these agencies and programs are made available to Mr. Strickland. He said he had another man who had served 17 years, then had a parole problem and served another five years. He was released and Mr. Finley made sure he has access to these services. Mr. Strickland is trying to start his life over and Mr. Finley said he wants to make sure these programs are available.

Frank White, Jr., said many of these programs are through COMBAT and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Mr. White said with regards to the RFQ discussed early, he encourages the Legislators to read the letter from Ms. Holt in the County Counselor's Office. He said it is important to not make a mistake regarding this decision.

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, November 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.